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**The Gauteng Liquor Board Issues Various Sanctions Against Licences of Non-Compliant Outlets**

The Gauteng Liquor Board (GLB) is committed to maintaining the integrity of liquor trading in the community and ensuring a harmonious co-existence between licensed establishments and the neighbourhoods they operate within. In line with this commitment, the Board recently convened hearings to address concerns related to several liquor outlets that do not comply with their licence conditions.

After careful consideration, the Board has made the following resolutions regarding non-compliant outlets:

**GRANCOR in BEDWORTH, VANDERBIJLPARK**

On June 30, 2023, the Board addressed the matter of GRANCOR. The licence holder was found to be in violation of licence conditions by playing loud music at their premises, causing disruptions to the surrounding area. After thorough discussions, the Board has made the following determinations:

- The pool club licence has been revoked due to contravention of section 58 of the Gauteng Liquor Act.
- The application for a new tavern liquor licence has been declined based on proliferation concerns. The applicant has been operating illegally since 2019, and the application does not align with section 30(3) of the Act due to the proximity of public transport and a school within 150 meters.

**MORARA'S TAVERN in RANDFONTEIN**

The Board conducted a hearing on August 10, 2023, regarding MORARA'S TAVERN. The licence holder was found to be in contravention of licence conditions, including playing loud music, inadequate parking facilities, and improper behaviour on the premises. Following thorough deliberations, the Board has resolved to take the following steps:

- The Tavern Liquor Licence will be suspended for a duration of three (3) months, beginning on August 17, 2023. During this period, the licence holder is expected

to rectify issues pertaining to loud music, parking facilities, and restroom amenities.

### **INTERSECTIONS in BEDWORTH, VANDERBIJLPARK**

A hearing held on June 22, 2023, addressed the matter of INTERSECTIONS. The licence holder was found to be playing loud music at their premises, causing disturbance to the community. Following careful deliberation, the Board has determined the following actions:

- A fine of R200,000.00 is imposed, payable within six months,
- The Board mandates that INTERSECTIONS cease playing loud music at their premises, and
- Continued non-compliance leading to noise disturbances could result in the revocation of the liquor licence.

### **NAMAKWADUIF SPORTS BAR – BIRCH ACRES in KEMPTON PARK**

The Board held a Hearing on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June 2023, and has found that the licence holder to be in contravention of the licence conditions at the licensed premises and causing nuisance to residents.

- After deliberations, the Board resolved to withdraw the liquor licence with effect from the 31st of July 2023.

The Board is established in terms of section 2 of the Gauteng Liquor Act 2 of 2003 (the Act) and is responsible for, among others, the control of the retail sale and supply of liquor within the Gauteng Province, as well as to provide for general matters such as enforcement procedures.

The Board's responsibilities further include monitoring and enforcing compliance with the provisions of the Act, and that is performed by the inspectors, who are appointed by the Member of the Executive Council (MEC) responsible for Economic Development in Gauteng, in terms of Section 108 of the Act. The inspectors are empowered in terms of sections 105, 109 and 119 to conduct inspections, investigations, monitor compliance and report on compliance (or otherwise) by liquor traders.

On the other hand, sections 10 and 106 of the Act empower the Board to issue a notice/ summon any relevant person and conduct hearings/ inquiries on any matter, that relates to the regulation of the retail sale and supply of liquor in Gauteng.

Additionally, section 107 of the Act empowers the Board to either amend the conditions of a liquor license, suspend or revoke the licence and/ or issue a fine not exceeding R200 000.00, or imprisonment for a period of 10 years, or both, against any person or licensee who has been found guilty of contravening the provisions of the Act, including licence conditions.

Through various Liquor Traders Associations in the province, GLB consistently and continuously conduct workshops to inform and educate traders about numerous issues ranging from responsible trading, compliance and adherence to municipal by-laws. These are conducted to ensure that withdrawal and revoking of the licence is considered as a last resort as opposed to revoking without prior warning.

Members of the community are encouraged to report non-compliance on email [Liquor.Queries@gauteng.gov.za](mailto:Liquor.Queries@gauteng.gov.za) or send a WhatsApp to 082 497 3254 or 060 532 4027.

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