

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Office of the Chief Financial Officer Office of Lottery and Gaming



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ORDER

Order Number:

21-S-015

Subject:

Order Denying an Application for a Class B Sports Wagering License

Submitted by Handle 19, Inc.

Issue Date:

January 28, 2021

Effective Date:

January 28, 2021

Authority:

D.C. Official Code §§ 36-601.06, 621.05, and 621.06; and 30 DCMR §

2102 and 2107

Amends:

N/A

Supersedes:

N/A

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

- (1) On May 22, 2020, Handle 19, Inc. ("Handle 19") submitted an application for a Class B Sports Wagering Operator License to the Office of Lottery and Gaming (OLG) under application number SW20CLB0004. The non-refundable application fee was paid on June 15, 2020.
- (2) The proposed location for the Class B Sports Wagering facility is 319 Pennsylvania Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20003.
- (3) The application and supporting documentation were reviewed by the OLG's Regulation and Oversight Division and a due diligence background investigation was conducted on both Handle 19 and its Individual Qualifiers.
- (4) Based upon the information contained in the application and the results of the due diligence background investigation, on January 4, 2021, the OLG's Director of the Regulation and Oversight Division issued a Memorandum recommending the application be denied ("Recommendation Memorandum") after determining Handle 19 did not meet the requirements for licensure due to investigative findings related its Individual Qualifiers.
- (5) After a review of the Recommendation Memorandum, the Executive Director agrees with and adopts the Recommendation Memorandum in full. The Recommendation Memorandum is attached hereto as Attachment A and is incorporated into and made a part of this Order for all purposes.

ORDER

- (6) Based upon the foregoing, it is **ORDERED** that Handle 19's application for a Class B operator's license is **DENIED**.
- (7) It is further **ORDERED** that Attachment A to this Order shall only be sent to Shane August as the designated contact person for Handle 19 and not be released to the public because Attachment A contains information that is confidential under D.C. Official Code § 36–621.05(d).
- (8) It is further **ORDERED** that Handle 19 may withdraw its application within fifteen (15) business days after the receipt of this Order. If the application is withdrawn, the application status shall be changed from denied to withdrawn. Withdrawal of the application does not entitle Handle 19 to a refund of its non-refundable application fee. Any new sports wagering license application submitted by Handle 19 would require a new application fee.
- (9) It is further **ORDERED** that, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 36–621.06(c)(4)(A) and 30 DCMR 2102.7, the application fee submitted by Handle 19 is non-refundable and shall not be returned to Handle 19.

ISSUED this 28th day of January, 2021



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Pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 36–621.14 and 30 DCMR § 2135, the Applicant may appeal this application denial by requesting a hearing before the Office of Lottery and Gaming. Any hearing request must be filed with the Office of Lottery and Gaming's Office of the General Counsel within fifteen (15) business days after the receipt of this Order. If a hearing is requested, the General Counsel of the Office of the Chief Financial Officer will designate a Hearing Examiner to conduct the hearing and make proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law. See 30 DCMR § 2135 for additional requirements pertaining to requesting a hearing.

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ATTACHMENT A

(Attachment A Contains Information that is Confidential Under D.C. Official Code § 36-621.05(d))