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## **Cannabis/Liquor License Committee Meeting**

**Date:** Tuesday, September 16, 2025  
**Time:** 8:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Community Board 8 Office  
197-15 Hillside Avenue  
Hollis, NY 11423

**Michael Hannibal, *Liquor License Committee Chair***

**Board Members:** Alan Ong and Douglas Sherman

**Excused Absence:** James Gallagher, Jr.

**Also in attendance:** Lea Toledo (Manager – AMC), Amanda Taylor (Attorney), Fariha Rahman (Student Reporter)  
Marie Adam-Ovide, District Manager

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Liquor License Committee Chair Michael Hannibal called this meeting to order at 8:03 p.m. This was followed by self-introductions of all Board Members, staff and others present.

**Purpose:**

The applicant is here to notify the Community Board of their application for the change of class from Wine, Beer and Cider License to a Full Liquor License.

**AMC**

**190-02 Horace Harding Expressway, Fresh Meadows, NY 11365.**

**Committee Chair Michael Hannibal** – We have already established what type of establishment this is and that you are expanding to serving full spirits. You also have a Certificate of Occupancy and Public Assembly permit on file with us at the office.

***Lea Toledo***

**Answer:** Yes

**Committee Chair Hannibal** – Have the hours of operation changed?

***Lea Toledo***

**Answer:** *It is pretty much the same and it depends on what movies are being shown.*

**Committee Chair Hannibal** – How do you plan on addressing underage drinking?

***Lea Toledo***

**Answer:** The staff will be taking Responsible Alcohol Training within 14 days of licensing. They will ask for valid I.D. to serve liquor. If they cannot provide that, we do not serve them liquor.

**Committee Chair Hannibal** – Do you have security? Is that for the property or also for the underage drinking?

***Lea Toledo***

**Answer:** We only have one security there each day but have extended the security coverage hours throughout the week. Security does go out to do theatre security check throughout the property to make sure there is no disturbance. We also have liquor compliance managers to monitor the people and the alcohol.

**Committee Chair Hannibal** – I know that the theatre is usually kept clean. What about maintaining the cleanliness outside?

***Lea Toledo***

**Answer:** We have outside vendors that come in to do routine the cleaning of the carpet. There is a janitorial staff at night.

**Alan Ong** – What are your hours for serving liquor?

**Answer:** It is throughout the day except for Sunday. It is from 10 a.m. to 12:30 a.m.

**Alan Ong** – So right now, you have wine beer and cider. Is that being served in the Concession Area?

**Answer:** Yes

**Alan Ong** – How do you make sure that people who are drinking will not bring it outside when the movie is done?

**Answer:** We do have signage. We also have the Box Office and the greeter checking for that.

**Doug Sherman** - How many screens are there?

**Answer:** Seven (7) screens

**Doug Sherman** – Do you know of any other theatres in Queens that serve liquor?

Bay Terrace does as well. Same as Fresh Meadows, two years ago.

**Doug Sherman** – Are there any lessons learned?

**Answer:** I was one of the ambassadors for the roll out. I came from Diamond's in Long Island that had a bar. We just need to be consistent with training and always check I.D.s.

**Doug Sherman** – This is going to be a full liquor bar?

**Answer:** (*Amanda Taylor*) – It is not going to be a bar where you can get mixed drinks. This is based on Laws passed in 2024 at the State. They are canned drinks.

**Committee Chair Hannibal** – Any other questions or comments?

**District Manager Marie Adam-Ovide** - We have not gotten any complaints.

**Committee Chair Hannibal** – There was some skepticism a few years ago. I have not heard anything. Do you also have containers or garbage cans outside the theatre, so they don't take them out

***Lea Toledo***

**Answer:** They do not give them the can. We have the kiosk locations where the drinks are kept. We bring it over and pour it for them into a cup.

**Michael Hannibal** –  
**Do I have a motion?**

Alan Ong made a motion to approve the class change from a Wine, Beer and Cider License to a full Liquor License for American Multi-Cinema, Inc. d/b/a AMC fresh Meadows 7, LLC located at 190-02 Horace Harding Expressway, seconded by Douglas Sherman.

**Votes in favor: 3**

**Votes against: 0**

**Board Members who voted in favor:** Alan Ong, Douglas Sherman and Michael Hannibal

**Board Members who voted against:** None.

Committee Chair Hannibal handed a copy of the Q-Team to the applicant's representatives. He encouraged them to stay in contact with the 107<sup>th</sup> Precinct. He wished them the best. He also asked if they had a positive revenue stream.

Toledo stated that they have.

This meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Marie Adam-Ovide, District Manager  
September 26, 2025*

\*Student Reporter Rahman asked the Committee Members to stay, so she could ask a few questions for her school project.