Pawtucket Board of License Commissioners
October 7, 2026

A regular session of the Pawtucket Board of License Commissioners was held Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at 7:16 p.m., in the Pawtucket Municipal Annex, City Council Chambers, 1st floor, 100 Freight Street, Pawtucket, RI.

Present – President Mercer; Councilors Araujo, Coderre, Gregor, Rubio, Stachowiak and Wildenhain.

Absent – Councilors Moran and Moreno.

Chairperson Mercer presided.

THE BOARD TOOK UP THE FOLLOWING:

Previous Minutes (09/10/2026 & 09/23/2026)

THE CHAIR RECOGNIZED COUNCILOR GREGOR.

Upon motion made by Councilor Gregor, seconded by Councilor Wildenhain, the minutes of September 10, 2026, were AMENDED as follows, on a unanimous voice vote:

Page 371, fourth paragraph, was amended to read, "Councilor Gregor stated that during the ~~zoning~~ application process, ~~the ball was dropped~~ the process had failed."

The records of September 10, 2026, were APPROVED AS AMENDED.

The reading of the records of September 23, 2026, was dispensed with and the records were APPROVED as prepared by the Clerk.

Upon motion made by Councilor Araujo, seconded by Councilor Coderre, the *Consent Agenda was APPROVED, on a unanimous voice vote.

*THE FOLLOWING PETITIONS FOR LICENSES WERE APPROVED ON A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

VICTUALLING HOUSE First Class Renewal –

Luzitania Bakery (Luzitania Bakery Inc.) 312 Barton St. LIC#VIC-24-156

VICTUALLING HOUSE First Class New –

Urban Crave Halal Grill (NNAM Partners LLC) 424 Benefit St. LIC#VIC-26-22

THE FOLLOWING BOND TO BE APPROVED, SURETY NAMED WAS ACCEPTED:

PAWN BROKER Renewal –

Fastcash Pawn & Checkcashers, Inc. & Fry Business Holdings, Inc. – Western Surety Company

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE, WHICH WAS ADVERTISED FOR A HEARING AT THIS TIME, WAS TAKEN UP:

CLASS B (VICTUALLER) New –

Caliente Mexican Grill (Lamica Lampira LLC) 295 Armistice Boulevard, LIC#LQB-26-11®

Speaking was Arlin Rodezno, 4 Albert Drive, Johnston, RI, applicant.

Mr. Rodezno stated that the business would primarily offer takeout service.

The business will be open seven days a week, with approximately seven to nine employees. The hours of operation would be from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

All employees would be TIPS certified.

Mr. Rodezno stated that he owns eight other restaurants, five of which serve alcohol.

There will be no tap system; alcohol would be sold only in bottles and cans.

There were no other speakers. The hearing was closed.

THE CHAIR RECOGNIZED COUNCILOR WILDENHAIN.

Upon motion made by Councilor Wildenhain, seconded by Councilor Araujo, the following petition for license was APPROVED on a unanimous voice vote:

CLASS B (VICTUALLER) New –

Caliente Mexican Grill (Lamica Lampira LLC) 295 Armistice Boulevard, LIC#LQB-26-11®

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION FOR LICENSE, WHICH WAS ADVERTISED FOR A HEARING AT THIS TIME, WAS TAKEN UP:

CLASS B (VICTUALLER) New –

Nevermore (Nevermore LLC) 65 Blackstone Avenue, LIC#LQB-26-12®

Speaking was Robert Deetz, 146 Warrington Street, Providence, RI, applicant.

Mr. Deetz stated that the restaurant would be a little more upscale than Hangry Kitchen. It would be a small establishment with fewer than 30 seats.

There were no other speakers. The hearing was closed.

THE CHAIR RECOGNIZED COUNCILOR WILDENHAIN.

Upon motion made by Councilor Wildenhain, seconded by Councilors Araujo and Rubio, the following petition for license was APPROVED on a unanimous voice vote:

CLASS B (VICTUALLER) New –

Nevermore (Nevermore LLC) 65 Blackstone Avenue, LIC#LQB-26-12®

THE FOLLOWING PETITION FOR A LICENSE WAS APPROVED ON A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

VICTUALLING HOUSE First Class New –

Nevermore (Nevermore LLC) 65 Blackstone Avenue, LIC#LQB-26-12

Report from Carl J. Johnson, Director of Zoning and Code Enforcement, to Pawtucket Board of License Commissioners. (Tiki's Auto Sales - Inspection Report from September 17, 2026) was READ AND ORDERED FILED.

THE SECOND UPDATE FOR THE FOLLOWING LICENSE WAS TAKEN UP:

AUTOMOBILE REPAIR SHOP AND SECOND-HAND SHOP LICENSES (CLASS A & B)
(Selling used automobiles and parts)

*Tiki's Auto Sales Annex (RZG Inc.) 772 Main St. LIC#AUT-24-68
Stipulations:
1. No mechanical repairs in the front of the building.
2. No debris in the back.
3. All work must be done inside the building.
4. All vehicles in the front are for sale only. 01/23/2013

Speaking was Roberto Garcia, 60 Hilton Street, Pawtucket, RI., license holder

Mr. Garcia stated that everything remained the same as shown in the photographs from the previous month.

There was only one car parked on the street. He did not know if it was registered.

Upon questioning from Councilor Gregor regarding the pending litigation for the rear lot of the property, Mr. Garcia stated that he did not have an update on when the trial would be held.

Attorney Milos stated that the case was still awaiting trial.

THE CHAIR RECOGNIZED COUNCILOR GREGOR.

Councilor Gregor requested that the zoning department conduct another inspection in time for the December 9, 2026, meeting.

THE FOLLOWING PETITION FOR RENEWAL WAS POSTPONED AT THE MEETINGS HELD APRIL 8, MAY 6, JUNE 10, JULY 8, AUGUST 5, AND FOLLOWING THE FORMAL HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2026, WAS AGAIN TAKEN UP:

KENNEL Renewal -

Harmony (Harmony Dog Training LLC) 65 Patterson Ave. LIC#KNL-25-2

Chair Mercer asked Amy H. Goins, Esq., attorney for Harmony Dog Training LLC, to approach the podium.

Chair Mercer asked Attorney Goins if the license holder would accept two stipulations for the license:
1. No outside use by the dogs
2. Soundproofing of the building

Attorney Goins responded that Harmony Kennel would object to any conditions on the license. She stated that the license should be approved without any conditions, as it had been 2025, and that the Board had approved the license without conditions in 2024.

THE CHAIR RECOGNIZED COUNCILOR GREGOR.

Upon motion made by Councilor Gregor, seconded by Councilor Wildenhain, the motion to DENY the Kennel license renewal for Harmony Dog Training LLC for the following reason was APPROVED on a roll call vote, as follows:

Ayes – President Mercer; Councilors Araujo, Coderre, Gregor, Rubio, Stachowiak and Wildenhain.

Noes – 0.

(1) The premises are located within 200 feet of a residential district, in violation of the locational requirement for kennels. Section 116-56(C) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Pawtucket conditions the issuance of a kennel license upon compliance with the performance standards set forth in Section 410-60(U), including Section 410-60(U)(3), which requires that a kennel be located no closer than 200 feet to a residential district.

Based on the evidence presented at the hearing, including the testimony of Carl Johnson, Director of Zoning and Code Enforcement, the Board finds that the premises at 65 Patterson Avenue are located within 200 feet of a residential district. The Board further finds that the 200-foot requirement is a condition of licensure under Chapter 116 that the Board is obligated to apply to every application, whether for an original license or a renewal.

The denial was based on the foregoing findings and reasons, following the formal hearing on September 10, 2026 and consideration of testimony, evidence, and relevant municipal ordinances.

THE CHAIR RECOGNIZED COUNCILOR GREGOR.

Upon motion made by Councilor Gregor, seconded by Councilor Stachowiak, the motion to DENY the kennel license renewal for Harmony Dog Training LLC for the following additional reason was APPROVED on a roll call vote, as follows:

Ayes – President Mercer; Councilors Araujo, Coderre, Gregor, Rubio, Stachowiak and Wildenhain.

Noes – 0.

(2) The operation of the kennel constitutes a nuisance under Sections 116-25(A), 116-59(K) and Section 286-10 of the Code of Ordinances, as cited in the Summons.

The Board heard credible testimony from residents of the surrounding neighborhood that dogs kept at the premises bark frequently and for extended periods, including in the early morning and late evening hours, and that the barking is plainly audible inside their homes.

The Board finds that the aforementioned barking along with persistent and offensive odors, produced by allowing the dogs to relieve themselves in the side yard of the premises in close proximity to neighboring residential dwellings, constitutes a nuisance within the meaning of the cited ordinances.

The denial was based on the foregoing findings and reasons, following the formal hearing on September 10, 2026 and consideration of testimony, evidence, and relevant municipal ordinances.

THE FOLLOWING PETITION FOR LICENSES WAS APPROVED ON A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE:

ENTERTAINMENT AND CLASS F (Beer & Wine) -

Petition of St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church, for license to conduct an Annual Holiday Bazaar and to sell beer and wine at 60 St. Mary Way, on Friday, November 6, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, November 7, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. until 8:30 p.m., and Sunday, November 8, 2026, from 11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. LIC#EVT-26-87

Upon motion made by Councilor Araujo, seconded by Councilor Rubio, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.