

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2023 - 14**

RESOLUTION NO. 41-2023

Title of Resolution: Appointment and Reappointments—Board of License Commissioners – Kristen Ortt, Stephen Miller – Russ Johnson.

Synopsis: A Resolution to confirm the reappointments by the County Executive of Kristen Ortt to expire June 30, 2024, Stephen Miller to expire on June 30, 2026, and the appointment of Russ Johnson to fill a vacancy to expire on June 30, 2025.

Introduced by: Council President at the request of the County Executive

Introduced and order posted on: July 18, 2023

Consideration scheduled on: August 1, 2023

By: _____
Council Manager

Notice of title of Resolution having been posted by July 18, 2023 at the County Administrative Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd, Elkton, and consideration by the County Council of Cecil County having been scheduled on August 1, 2023.

By: _____
Council Manager

Explanation: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING ORDINANCE.
~~Strike through~~ indicate matter deleted from existing ordinance.
Underlining indicates language added by amendment.
~~Double Strike through~~ indicates language deleted by amendment.

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1 **WHEREAS**, it is the policy of the State of Maryland to regulate and control the manufacture,
2 sale, distribution, transportation and storage of alcoholic beverages within the State, pursuant to
3 Section 1-101(b), Title 1, Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and

4 **WHEREAS**, it is also the policy of the State to authorize the power and authority to limit
5 economic competition by regulating the sale of alcoholic beverages in order to obtain respect and
6 obedience to law, to foster and promote temperance, to prevent deceptive business practices, and to
7 promote the general welfare of its citizens by controlling the sale and distribution of alcoholic
8 beverages; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the State authorizes the Board of License Commissioners of each county and
10 Baltimore City by regulation to limit and restrict, in accordance with a definite standard, the number of
11 licenses which they consider sufficient for any neighborhood, pursuant to Section 9-201, Title 9, Article
12 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Cecil County Board of License Commissioners shall issue all retail alcoholic
14 beverage licenses authorized under the State Alcoholic Beverage Article 2B, pursuant to Section 15-
15 12(i); and

16 **WHEREAS**, the Cecil County Board of License Commissioners may employ inspectors to
17 investigate applicants or transfers for alcoholic beverage licenses, enforce all alcoholic beverage laws
18 and investigate all violations and report them to the board, pursuant to Section 15-122(i); and

19 **WHEREAS**, the Cecil County Board of License Commissioners is comprised of three members
20 who are to be of high moral character, possess sound reputations of integrity, pursuant to Section 15-
21 104(a-1) of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Article 4, Section 412 (b) of the Charter of Cecil County, except as provided in
23 Section 412(c) or prescribed by State law or other provisions, provides that the County Executive shall
24 appoint all members of boards and commissions, subject to confirmation by the Council; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Kristen Ortt expired on June 30, 2021, Stephen Miller expired on June 30, 2023 and
26 Russ Johnson is being appointed to fill the vacancy of Bernard Chiominto who expired June 30, 2022;
27 and

28 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has reappointed Kristen Ortt to expire June 30, 2024, Stephen
29 Miller to expire on June 30, 2026 , and the appointment of Russ Johnson to fill a vacancy to expire on

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30 June 30, 2025 to serve on the Board of License Commissioners of Cecil County, to three-year terms.

31 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the County Council of Cecil County confirms
32 the reappointment by the County Executive Kristen Ortt to expire June 30, 2024, Stephen Miller to
33 expire on June 30, 2026 , and the appointment of Russ Johnson to fill a vacancy to expire on June 30,
34 2025 to the Board of License Commissioners of Cecil County, to three-year terms.

35 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall take effect on the date of its passage
36 by the County Council of Cecil County, Maryland.

INTRODUCED: July 18, 2023

ADOPTED: _____

President of the Council

ATTEST:

Council Manager