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Dear Licensee(s):


I am writing to inform you that the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for the City of Baltimore is conducting a city-wide hookah enforcement initiative. It is the intent of DHCD to eliminate illegal hookah smoking within any public business in the City.¹

If DHCD discovers illegal hookah use in a licensed liquor establishment within the City, it will revoke that location's Use and Occupancy Permit, nullifying its use as a licensed liquor establishment. Please note that revocation of a licensed liquor establishment's Use and Occupancy permit will automatically lead to a suspension of the establishment's liquor license until it comes into compliance with DHCD policy.

The Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City can only issue and maintain a liquor license at an establishment that has a valid Use and Occupancy permit in accordance with DHCD's rules and regulations.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding DHCD's policy, please contact Assistant Commissioner of Code Enforcement for DHCD, Ms. Kathleen Byrne at 410-396-4140.

Sincerely,


Albert J. Matricciani, Jr.
Chairman
Board of Liquor License Commissioners
For Baltimore City

¹ A hookah is a single or multi-stemmed instrument for vaporizing and smoking flavored tobacco (called shisha) whose vapor or smoke is passed through a water basin—often glass-based—before inhalation. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hookah>