

BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY
DOCKET – THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.
ROOM 215 – CITY HALL – 100 NORTH HOLLIDAY STREET

Please note: If you are interested in a particular case, please call (410) 396-4377 the day before these hearings to verify that a particular case is still scheduled for this date.

11:00 a.m.

I. Regular Items (New, Transfers, Expansions and Hardships):

- 1. Thomas Looney and Annmarie Langton, Gypsy Bar, LLP, T/a Gypsy Queen, 3515 Clipper Mill Road – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application for a new Class “B” Beer, Wine and Liquor restaurant license under the provisions of Alcoholic Beverages Article §12-1603(C)(II) requiring \$200,000 in capital investment in restaurant fixtures and facilities and seating capacity for a minimum of 75 people.**
- 2. Helmand Karzai, Kabobi, Inc., T/a Helmand Kabobi, 855 N. Wolfe Street, Suite D&E – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application for a new Class “B” Beer, Wine and Liquor restaurant license under the provisions of Alcoholic Beverages Article §12-1603(C)(II) requiring \$200,000 in capital investment in restaurant fixtures and facilities and seating capacity for a minimum of 75 people.**
- 3. John Poss and Laurie Davidow, 1715 Thames Street Licensee, LLC, T/a Pendry Hotel, 1715 Thames Street – Class “B (H-M)” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application for a new Class “B (H-M)” Beer, Wine and Liquor hotel license under the provisions of Alcoholic Beverages Article §12-1706(D)(2)(i) which allows the Board to issue a license for use by a hotel or motel that has: (1) at least 100 rooms; and (2) a capital investment of \$500,000; request for live entertainment, outdoor table service and off-premise catering.**
- 4. Efstathios Dosis, Kuru, Inc., T/a Jimmy’s, 801 S. Broadway – Class “D” Beer & Wine License – Application to transfer ownership and requesting delivery of alcoholic beverages.**
- 5. Yohannes Haile, Eden Solomon, and Aron Negassi, Seven Day Store, LLC, T/a Seven Day Store, 3939 Edmondson Avenue – Class “A” Beer & Wine License – Application to transfer ownership.**
- 6. Steven Stansbury, III, The One Sports Bar & Lounge, LLC, T/a Trade Name Pending, 4314-16 Curtis Avenue – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership with continuation of live entertainment.**

1:00 p.m.

II. Violations:

- 1. Elise Singer, ERS, Inc., T/a Steam Punk Alley aka Leon’s, 870 Park Avenue – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.16 Illegal Conduct – November 18, 2016 –**

On October 6, 2016 Agent John Howard had visited the establishment and conducted a routine inspection. At that time, Howard had discovered that the establishment did not have an active Trader's License for 2016. Howard instructed management to obtain one on or before October 14, 2016. Howard returned to the establishment on January 4, 2017 in response to a 311 call. While the 311 complaint was unfounded, Agent Howard conducted a compliance check of the establishment and discovered that the management could still not produce a valid 2016 Trader's License. A review by BLLC staff on January 18, 2017 found that no 2016 trader's License had been issued to ERS, Incorporated.

Violation of Rule 4.16 Illegal Conduct - January 18, 2017 – At approximately 12:44 pm, BLLC staff conducted a review of the corporate status of the entity known as "ERS, Incorporated" and found that the entity was deemed "forfeited" by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation.

2. **Orvil Miller, Unity Enterprises, LLC, T/a The Bambou, 229 N. Franklintown Road – Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 3.08(a) Sanitation and Safety – October 16, 2016** – At approximately 1:20 am, members of the Baltimore City Police Department (BCPD) and BLLC inspection staff conducted a special investigation into the operations of the establishment. At that time, Det. Greenhill of the BCPD entered the establishment and was advised that the current capacity of the facility was 687 persons. Det. Greenhill then asked to see the fire inspection documentation of the facility and discovered that the establishment was over-capacity by 38 persons.

Violation of Rule 4.16 Illegal Conduct – October 16, 2016 – At approximately 1:20 am, members of the Baltimore City Police Department (BCPD) and BLLC inspection staff conducted a special investigation into the operations of the establishment. At approximately 1:30 am, BLLC inspectors and BCPD officers observed an individual, later identified as Richard Alexander, exiting the establishment with an open "bud light" can of beer. BLLC inspectors and BCPD stopped Mr. Alexander, identified him, secured the beer can, and then emptied out its contents.

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- 3. Scott Schleupner, SCS Holdings, LLC, T/a Social Pub and Pie, 25 E. Cross Street – Violation of Rule 4.08(a) Relations with Wholesalers – January 19, 2017** – At approximately 1:15 pm, members of the Field Enforcement Division of the Comptroller of Maryland, which included Agent Pyle, were conducting a routine inspections in the area of Dock Street and Randall Street in Annapolis, Maryland. While conducting inspections, Agent Pyle noticed individuals exiting the location of 132 Dock Street, t/a Armadillos Restaurant, in Annapolis, Maryland carrying cases of Bud Light beer and loading them into the back of a waiting pick-up truck. Agent Pyle observed this activity for approximately 15 minutes. After the pick-up truck was loaded, a male entered the vehicle and drove it away from the location. Agent Pyle followed the vehicle to Baltimore City from Annapolis where it parked in the alley directly behind the establishment. At that time, Agent Pyle observed individuals begin to off-load the cases of alcohol from the vehicle and into the establishment. Upon making this observation, Agent Pyle, along with other members of the Field Enforcement Division identified themselves to the individuals and conducted an inspection. As per the inspection, Agents discovered numerous cases of alcoholic beverages located within the establishment, all of which were purchased from a wholesaler by "Armadillos Restaurant" and not the establishment. These items were seized. Further investigation by Agent Pyle revealed that the owner of "Armadillos Restaurant" purchased a number of alcoholic beverages from a wholesaler and made a verbal agreement with the licensee of the establishment to share the products in violation of BLLC Rule 4.08 (a) Relations with Wholesalers.

Violation of Alc. Bev. Art. 6-311(B)(3) Storage of Alcoholic Beverages – January 19, 2017 – At approximately 1:15 pm, members of the Field Enforcement Division of the Comptroller of Maryland, which included Agent Pyle, were conducting a routine inspections in the area of Dock Street and Randall Street in Annapolis, Maryland. While conducting inspections, Agent Pyle noticed individuals exiting the location of 132 Dock Street, t/a Armadillos Restaurant, in Annapolis, Maryland carrying cases of Bud Light beer and loading them into the back of a waiting pick-up

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- 4. Sarbjit Singh and Alicia Wines, Badwall, LLC, T/a Lombard Liquor & Bar, 1000 W. Lombard Street – Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.18(a) Alterations – December 13, 2016** – At approximately 12:30 PM, BLLC Darryl Clark arrived at the establishment to conduct a regularly scheduled routine inspection. Upon conducting his inspection, Clark observed that the entire establishment was under renovation/construction. Inspector Clark observed the construction of a new package goods section, a new walk-in refrigerator, shelving, and the construction of a lounge section in the rest of the establishment. On December 14, 2016 BLLC Chief Inspector Mark Fosler visited the establishment and made observations for himself. Chief Fosler, who was familiar with the layout of the establishment, observed that due to the renovations the package goods space had increased while the bar/tavern portion of the location had been reduced. In addition, Chief Fosler saw that additional plexi-glass/bulletproof windows had been installed in the expanded package goods section. Upon review of the file and the application of the licensee for transfer, it was determined that permission for such alterations that changed the manner in which alcoholic beverages dispensed at this establishment was neither requested from or granted by the Board.

Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(i)(4)(a) Class BD7 Licensees – December 13, 2016 – At approximately 12:30 PM, BLLC Darryl Clark arrived at the establishment to conduct a regularly scheduled routine inspection. Upon conducting his inspection, Clark observed that the entire establishment was under renovation/construction. Inspector Clark observed the construction of a new package goods section, a new walk-in refrigerator, shelving, and the construction of a lounge section in the rest of the establishment. On December 14, 2016 BLLC Chief Inspector Mark Fosler visited the establishment and made observations for himself. Chief Fosler, who was familiar with the layout of the establishment, observed that due to the renovations the package goods space had increased while the bar/tavern portion of the location had been reduced. In addition, Chief Fosler saw that additional plexi-glass/bulletproof windows had been installed in the expanded package goods section.

****Please note that times given above are approximate. Parties are encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the time noted above.***