

BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY
DOCKET – THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 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. Dharmender Ahora and Manish Singh, RHSO8, Inc., T/a Hamilton Quick Mart, 3407 Hamilton Avenue – Class “A” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership.
2. Yonas Negash, Negash, Inc., T/a Bayview Liquors, 3804 Eastern Avenue – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request for a transfer hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages Article § 12-1705(b).
3. Andrew Dunlap and Michael White, The Sobo Taco Spot, LLC, T/a Banditos, 1118 S. Charles Street, Units 110 & 111 – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request for a transfer hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages Article § 12-1705(b).

1:00 p.m.

II. Violations:

1. Eduardo Reyes, Sole Proprietorship, T/a El Rancho Blanco, 100 S. Fagley Street – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – **Violation of Rule 3.09(b) Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations – April 21, 2017** – At approximately 9:25 PM, the Social Club Task Force, which consisted of the Police Department, Health Department, and the BLLC conducted a routine inspection of this establishment. During the inspection, Ms. Jessica Speaker of the Health Department observed the following health code violations: rat droppings along and behind the bar and standing water in the basement. Due to these violations the establishment was closed until a further health inspection could be performed to ensure compliance.
2. ~~Shailja Anand, 5302 Frankford, LLC, T/a Tusker Lounge, 5302 Frankford Avenue – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – **Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times – April 26, 2017**~~ – At approximately 10:45 PM, members of the Baltimore City Police Department’s Vice Unit and members of the BLLC’s Inspection Division conducted an undercover investigation of this establishment to determine if staff would grant access to the tavern portion of the licensed premises to patrons. At this time, Det. Akinwande entered the establishment in an undercover capacity and attempted to gain access to the tavern portion of the premise. Mr. Lalit Mohan, who was the attendant present at the location, told

Akinwande "No" indication that the rear bar area was closed to customers when the detective requested entry to the tavern portion of the premise. Akinwande exited the establishment and informed members of the Vice Unit and BLLC inspection division of the violation. Members from each team entered the establishment and informed Mr. Mohan, the manager on location, of the violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii). **POSTPONED**

3. **Walid Farousi and Mike Jissri, Walfar, Inc., T/a J & J Bar & Liquors, 1801 Ramsay Street – Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating at all Times – March 30, 2017** – At approximately 10:00 PM, members of the Baltimore City Police Department's Vice Unit and members of the BLLC's Inspection Division conducted an undercover investigation of this establishment to determine if staff would grant access to the tavern portion of the licensed premises to patrons. At this time, Det. Garrett entered the establishment in an undercover capacity and attempted to gain access to the tavern portion of the premise. Mr. Donald Nelson, who was the attendant present at the location, told Garrett "No" indicating that the rear bar area was closed to customers when the detective request entry to the tavern portion of the premise. Garrett left the establishment and informed members of the Vice Unit and BLLC inspection division of the violation. Members from each team entered the establishment at approximately 10:15 PM and informed Mr. Nelson, the manager on location, of the violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii).

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