

BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

HEARING DISPOSITIONS

**THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021
WEBEX VIRTUAL HEARING
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND**

**Albert Matricciani, Jr., Chairperson
Aaron Greenfield, Commissioner
Robert E. Guye, Commissioner**

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.16, Rule 3.12, Rule 4.16, and Rule 3.12 **11:00 AM**

DVML, Inc., t/a Claddagh Pub License # LBD7 224
2918 O'Donnell Street, Baltimore MD 21224 1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant: Harris Eisenstein and Caroline Hecker

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when at approximately 7:00 p.m. on January 17, 2021 members of the BLLC arrived on the premises. Upon entering, the inspector observed three (3) patrons standing at the bar with open beers in front of them watching a football game, two with open bottles, the third had an open 32oz container with no lid. The inspector informed the manager of Mayor Scott's Executive order issued on December 12, 2020, which forbade consumption of food or beverages on premises. The manager mentioned the patrons were waiting on food, however the inspector informed the manager that patrons were prohibited from having open containers while they waited. The patrons then exited the establishment without food.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) when at approximately 7:00 p.m. on January 17, 2021 members of the BLLC arrived on the premises. Upon entering, the inspector observed three (3) patrons standing at the bar with open beers in front of them watching a football game, two with open bottles, the third had an open 32oz container with no lid. The inspector informed the manager of Mayor Scott's Executive order issued on December 12, 2020, which forbade consumption of food or beverages on premises. The manager mentioned the patrons were waiting on food, however the inspector informed the manager that patrons were prohibited from having open containers while they waited. The patrons then exited the establishment without food.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when at approximately 11:31 p.m. on February 19, 2021 members of the Social Club Task Force, which includes members of the Baltimore City Police Department, Baltimore City Housing Department, Baltimore City Fire Department, and BLLC Inspectors, responded to the establishment to conduct a joint inspection based on a recent complaint received by the BLLC that the establishment was operating in violation of Mayor Scott's Executive Order issued on January 22, 2021, which limits the maximum capacity of indoor operations to 25%. Upon arrival, inspectors

observed a large group of people gathered outside, awaiting entry into the establishment. When entering the establishment, the inspectors observed eight (8) patrons on the first floor and informed the manager of the complaint. The inspectors made their way to the 2nd floor of the establishment, where they observed approximately 200 and 250 patrons not seated, but standing closely together, unmasked, and practicing no form of social distancing. The inspector observed the fire marshal rated capacity for the 2nd floor and determined that 25% would allow for 38 persons total, per Mayor Scott's Executive Order. The inspectors informed the manager of the violation of the Mayor's Executive Order and that he was to close immediately.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) when at approximately 11:31 p.m. on February 19, 2021 members of the Social Club Task Force, which includes members of the Baltimore City Police Department, Baltimore City Housing Department, Baltimore City Fire Department, and BLLC Inspectors, responded to the establishment to conduct a joint inspection based on a recent complaint received by the BLLC that the establishment was operating in violation of Mayor Scott's Executive Order issued on January 22, 2021, which limits the maximum capacity of indoor operations to 25%. Upon arrival, inspectors observed a large group of people gathered outside, awaiting entry into the establishment. When entering the establishment, the inspectors observed eight (8) patrons on the first floor and informed the manager of the complaint. The inspectors made their way to the 2nd floor of the establishment, where they observed approximately 200 and 250 patrons not seated, but standing closely together, unmasked, and practicing no form of social distancing. The inspector observed the fire marshal rated capacity for the 2nd floor and determined that 25% would allow for 38 persons total, per Mayor Scott's Executive Order. The inspectors informed the manager of the violation of the Mayor's Executive Order and that he was to close immediately.

Corporate Standing: DVML, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of March 25, 2021.

Location Violation History: None since 2009.

Witnesses: Vivian Clarke – Owner, Paul Cuda Jr. – General Manager, Kenyatta Washington – BLLC Inspector

Disposition: The Board has voted 2-1 to dismiss Rule 4.16 and Rule 3.12 on January 17, 2021, and voted 3-0 that the licensee violated Rule 4.16 and Rule 3.12 on February 19, 2021 and imposed a fine of \$100 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.16 and Rule 3.12

11:00 AM

Club Seduction, LLC, t/a Club Seduction
6820-24 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore MD 21224

License # LB 287 (19-20)
1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when at approximately 11:59 p.m. on February 27, 2021 members of the BLLC and Baltimore City Fire Department responded

to a call from the Baltimore City Police Department regarding the establishment holding a large party. Upon arrival, the inspectors parked at the Enterprise parking lot, due to cars blocking the establishments parking lot, observing several cars within the Enterprise parking lot were patronizing the establishment. The inspectors stayed in the car observing the establishment for several minutes before making their way to the establishment. Upon entering the establishment, the inspectors headed to the 2nd floor where they observed a very large crowd, many of whom were dancing, many not wearing masks, and not practicing no form of social distancing, making it difficult to move through the establishment. The Baltimore City Fire Department estimated there were about 300 patrons on the 2nd floor. The manager was informed of the violation and was asked to produce his fire permit, but was unable to produce the document.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) when at approximately 11:59 p.m. on February 27, 2021 members of the BLLC and Baltimore City Fire Department responded to a call from the Baltimore City Police Department regarding the establishment holding a large party. Upon arrival, the inspectors parked at the Enterprise parking lot, due to cars blocking the establishments parking lot, observing several cars within the Enterprise parking lot were patronizing the establishment. The inspectors stayed in the car observing the establishment for several minutes before making their way to the establishment. Upon entering the establishment, the inspectors headed to the 2nd floor where they observed a very large crowd, many of whom were dancing, many not wearing masks, and not practicing no form of social distancing, making it difficult to move through the establishment. The Baltimore City Fire Department estimated there were about 300 patrons on the 2nd floor. The manager was informed of the violation and was asked to produce his fire permit, but was unable to produce the document.

Corporate Standing: Club Seduction, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of March 25, 2021.

Location Violation History: April 5, 2018 – Violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare), Rule 3.09(b) (Rest Rooms Facilities and Health Regulations), and Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) – Fined \$825

Witnesses: Jeremy Freeman – Licensee

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.16 and Rule 3.12 on February 21, 2021 and imposed a fine of \$100 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

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11:00 AM

D & D Arce, LLC, t/a The Twins
4020 E. Lombard Street, Baltimore MD 21224

License # LBD7 291 (19-20)
2nd Councilmanic District (McCray)

Attorney for Applicant: Stephan Fogleman

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when at approximately 11:00 p.m. on February 26, 2021 members of the Social Club Task Force, which includes members of the

Baltimore City Police Department, Baltimore City Housing Department, Baltimore City Fire Department, and BLLC Inspectors, responded to the establishment to conduct a joint inspection based on a recent complaint received by the BLLC that the establishment was operating in violation of Mayor Scott's Executive Order issued on February 22, 2021, which limits the maximum capacity of indoor operations to 25%. Upon entering the establishment, the inspectors observed and counted 66 patrons inside. When checking the fire marshal permit, 25% of maximum capacity would allow for 22 persons total, per Mayor Scott's Executive Order. The inspector made contact with the manager on duty and informed him that they were operating over capacity and then reduced their patron count to 20 at that time.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.12 (Illegal Conduct) when at approximately 11:00 p.m. on February 26, 2021 members of the Social Club Task Force, which includes members of the Baltimore City Police Department, Baltimore City Housing Department, Baltimore City Fire Department, and BLLC Inspectors, responded to the establishment to conduct a joint inspection based on a recent complaint received by the BLLC that the establishment was operating in violation of Mayor Scott's Executive Order issued on February 22, 2021, which limits the maximum capacity of indoor operations to 25%. Upon entering the establishment, the inspectors observed and counted 66 patrons inside. When checking the fire marshal permit, 25% of maximum capacity would allow for 22 persons total, per Mayor Scott's Executive Order. The inspector made contact with the manager on duty and informed him that they were operating over capacity and then reduced their patron count to 20 at that time.

Corporate Standing: D & D Arce, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of March 25, 2021.

Location Violation History: December 5, 2019 – Violation of Rule 4.05(a) (Prohibited Hours) and Rule 5.04(b) (Prohibited Hours) – Fined \$3,125, suspended 5 days

October 11, 2019 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) and Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) – Fined \$3,125

October 11, 2018 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) and Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) – Fined \$3,125

Witnesses: Daniel Arce – Licensee

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.16 and Rule 3.12 on February 26, 2021 and imposed a fine of \$100 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

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11:00 AM

Thunderettes Pleasure Club, Inc., t/a Thunderettes Pleasure Club

1322 N. Milton Avenue, Baltimore MD 21213

License # LC 032

13th Councilmanic District (Glover)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when at approximately 12:10 a.m. on February 20, 2021 members of the Social Club Task Force, which includes members of the Baltimore City Police Department, Baltimore City Housing Department, Baltimore City Fire Department, and BLLC Inspectors, responded to the establishment to conduct a joint inspection based on a recent complaint received by the BLLC that the establishment was operating in violation of Mayor Scott's Executive Order issued on January 22, 2021, which limits the maximum capacity of indoor operations to 25%. Upon entering the establishment, the inspectors observed approximately 100 patrons inside. When checking the fire marshal permit, 25% of maximum capacity would allow for 18 persons total, per Mayor Scott's Executive Order. The inspectors contacted the manager on duty and informed him of the violation of the executive order and asked the manager to close immediately.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) when at approximately 12:10 a.m. on February 20, 2021 members of the Social Club Task Force, which includes members of the Baltimore City Police Department, Baltimore City Housing Department, Baltimore City Fire Department, and BLLC Inspectors, responded to the establishment to conduct a joint inspection based on a recent complaint received by the BLLC that the establishment was operating in violation of Mayor Scott's Executive Order issued on January 22, 2021, which limits the maximum capacity of indoor operations to 25%. Upon entering the establishment, the inspectors observed approximately 100 patrons inside. When checking the fire marshal permit, 25% of maximum capacity would allow for 18 persons total, per Mayor Scott's Executive Order. The inspectors contacted the manager on duty and informed him of the violation of the executive order and asked the manager to close immediately.

Corporate Standing: Thunderettes Pleasure Club, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of March 25, 2021.

Location Violation History: October 11, 2018 – Violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) – Fined \$225

Witnesses: Raymondo Matthews, Jr. – Licensee, Walter Farley-Robinson – BLLC Inspector, Cindy-Leigh Tudhope – BLLC Inspector, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Chief Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.16 and Rule 3.12 on February 20, 2021 and imposed a fine of \$100 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.