

**BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS**

**HEARING DISPOSITIONS**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2017  
100 N. HOLLIDAY STREET, ROOM 215  
BALTIMORE, MD 21202**

**Albert Matricciani, Jr., Chairperson  
Aaron Greenfield, Commissioner  
Dana P. Moore, Commissioner**

**Regular Item – Application to Transfer Ownership 11:00 AM**

RHSO8, Inc., t/a Hamilton Quick Mart License # LA 108  
3407 Hamilton Avenue, Baltimore MD 21214 3<sup>rd</sup> Councilmanic District (Dorsey)

**Attorney for Applicant:** Melvin Kodenski

**Application to transfer ownership of a Class “A” Beer, Wine & Liquor License to Dharmender Ahora and Manish Singh.**

**Public Notice of Transfer:** Establishment was posted on June 26, 2017 and checked on July 6, 2017 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

**Corporate Standing:** RHSO8, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of July 24, 2017.

**Violations History:** None.

**Witnesses:** Melvin Kodenski – Attorney, Dharmender Ahora – Applicant, Manish Sing – Applicant, Michael Hilliard – HARBEL Community Member, Deborah Harris – Neighbor

**Disposition:** The Board has approved the transfer of the license to the applicant(s) by a 3-0 vote.

**Regular Item – Request for a 90 Day Transfer Hardship Extension 11:00 AM**

Negash, Inc., t/a Bayview Liquors License # LBD7 227  
3804 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore MD 21224 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilmanic District (Scott)

**Attorney for Applicant:** Gary Maslan

**Request for 90 day transfer hardship extension by Yonas Negash.**

**Public Notice of Transfer:** N/A

**Corporate Standing:** Negash, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of July 25, 2017.

**Violations History:** June 23, 2016 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$625

**Witnesses:** Gary Maslan – Attorney, Yonas Negash – Licensee

**Disposition:** The Board has approved the request of a 90 day transfer hardship extension to the licensee(s) by a 3-0 vote.

**Regular Item – Request for a 90 Day Transfer Hardship Extension** **11:00 AM**

The Sobo Taco Spot, LLC, t/a Banditos  
1118 S. Charles Street, Baltimore MD 21230

License # LBD7 421  
11<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District (Costello)

**Attorney for Applicant:** Peter Prevas

**Request for 90 day transfer hardship extension by Andrew Dunlap and Michael White.**

**Public Notice of Transfer:** N/A

**Corporate Standing:** The Sobo Taco Spot, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of July 25, 2017.

**Violations History:** July 20, 2017 – Violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare), Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) and Rule 3.02 (Cooperation) – Fined \$6,000 and suspended 14 days. Filed appeal on July 28, 2017 – in progress  
August 7, 2014 – Violation of Rule 4.05(1) – Fined \$625

**Witnesses:** Peter Prevas – Attorney, Andrew Dunlap – Licensee, Michael White – Licensee, Brittany Tegeler – Contractor for the expansion

**Disposition:** The Board has approved the request of a 90 day transfer hardship extension to the licensee(s) by a 3-0 vote.

**Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.09(b)** **1:00 PM**

Sole Proprietorship, t/a El Rancho Blanco  
100 S. Fagley Street, Baltimore MD 21224

License # LBD7 122  
2<sup>nd</sup> Councilmanic District (Scott)

**Attorney for Applicant:** N/A

**Alleged violation of Rule 3.09(b) (Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations) when at approximately 9:25 p.m. on April 21, 2017 members of the BLLC and Baltimore City Police Department, and Baltimore City Health Department conducted a routine inspection of the establishment when they observed rat droppings along and behind the bar along with standing water in the basement.**

**Corporate Standing:** N/A

**Violations History:** July 21, 2016 – Violation of Rule 5.08(a) (Sanitation and Safety) – Fined \$225  
July 17, 2014 – Violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) – Suspended for 4 months. Filed appeal, Court affirmed Boards Decision on June 17, 2015

**Witnesses:** Priscilla Irizarry – Wife of Licensee and co-manager, Detective Greenhill – Baltimore City Police Officer, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Inspector, Jessica Speaker – Baltimore City Health Department Inspector

**Disposition:** The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.09(b) on April 21, 2017 and imposed a fine of \$1,000 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days. The Board also voted to suspend the license for 7 days, commencing immediately.

**Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii)** **1:00 PM**

5302 Frankford, LLC, t/a Tusker Lounge  
5302 Frankford Avenue, Baltimore MD 21206

License # LBD7 218  
2<sup>nd</sup> Councilmanic District (Scott)

**Attorney for Applicant:** N/A

**Alleged violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating at all Times) when at approximately 10:45 p.m. on April 26, 2017 members of the BLLC and Baltimore City Police Department conducted an undercover investigation to determine if they would be granted access to the tavern portion of the establishment. When an officer went into the establishment, they could not enter the tavern portion; the manager on duty denied them access.**

**Corporate Standing:** 5302 Frankford, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of July 25, 2017.

**Violations History:** January 21, 2016 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) – Fined \$625

**Witnesses:** N/A

**Disposition:** This matter has been postponed for a future hearing date.

**Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii)**

**1:00 PM**

Walfar, Inc., t/a J & J Bar & Liquors

License # LBD7 426

1801 Ramsay Street, Baltimore MD 21223

9<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District (Bullock)

**Attorney for Applicant:** Melvin Kodenski

**Alleged violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating at all Times) when at approximately 10:00 p.m. on March 30, 2017 members of the BLLC and Baltimore City Police Department conducted an undercover investigation to determine if they would be granted access to the tavern portion of the establishment. When an officer went into the establishment, they could not enter the tavern portion; the manager on duty denied them access.**

**Corporate Standing:** Walfar, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of July 25, 2017.

**Violations History:** None.

**Witnesses:** Melvin Kodenski – Attorney, Walid Frousi – Licensee, Detective Greenhill – Baltimore City Police Officer, Mark Fosler – BLLC Chief Inspector, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Inspector

**Disposition:** The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.20(c)(ii) on March 30, 2017 and imposed a fine of \$400 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

**Violations Docket – Violation of Alc. Bev. Art § 6-313(a)(2)**

**1:00 PM**

JC Star, LLC, t/a Red Fox Liquors

License # LBD7 410

2733-35 Pennsylvania Avenue, Baltimore MD 21217

7<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District (Pinkett)

**Attorney for Applicant:** N/A

**Alleged violation of Alc. Bev. Art § 6-313(a)(2) (Tampering with alcoholic beverage container) when at approximately 12:13 p.m. on June 5, 2017 members of the Maryland State Comptroller’s Office conducted a routine inspection of the establishment when they observed that the alcohol on display was discolored and had a faint odor of alcohol. Upon**

**taking 17 bottles of liquor to the Controller's laboratory for testing, the results showed that 4 of the bottles had been tampered with.**

**Corporate Standing:** JC Star, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of July 25, 2017.

**Violations History:** April 24, 2017 – Protest of Renewal – 3-0 vote to renew

**Witnesses:** N/A

**Disposition:** This matter has been postponed for a future hearing date.