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## **BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY ADOPTS REGULATIONS REQUIRING VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS FOR CLASS A, A-2, A-7, LICENSES**

**Baltimore, MD** – On Tuesday, December 1, 2020 the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City (BLLC) adopted regulations requiring surveillance systems for Class A, Class A-2, and Class A-7 Licenses, as authorized by Alcoholic Beverages Article 12-1804.2 (c). The statutory authority for these required regulations derives from the work of Maryland State Senator Antonio Hayes (40<sup>th</sup> District) during the 2019 Legislative Session of the MD General Assembly.

These regulations detail the authority of the BLLC to require affected licensed establishments to install digital surveillance cameras on the exterior and interior of their premises, maintain video recordings to be accessed upon request by the Baltimore City Police Department, post conspicuous notification to the public that they are subject to 24-hour video surveillance when on-premises, register their digital surveillance cameras with the City of Baltimore, and subject them to annual verification by the BLLC. Additionally, there is provision for a temporary waiver process to license holders who purchased and installed non-compliant equipment systems for one year, after January 1, 2021.

Chairman Albert J. Matricciani, Jr. commented, "We would like to thank of all of our partners and stakeholders for their work in developing these regulations. In particular, we thank Senator Antonio Hayes for his legislative direction. Through continued cooperation with all involved, these regulations will serve to create safer environments for communities and businesses."

Commissioner Aaron J. Greenfield added, “I applaud the work of BLLC staff, the Baltimore Police Department, and representatives of our licensed establishments for collaborating on implementation of the requirements. This cooperation supports all of our work to make government better and more inclusive.”

Commissioner Robert E. Guye noted, “As the newest member of this Board, I am encouraged by this work to create safer communities through partnership with government at many levels.”

To access a copy of the regulations, please go to our website at [lb.baltimorecity.gov](http://lb.baltimorecity.gov). Please view our website for additional information regarding agency matters: [lb.baltimorecity.gov](http://lb.baltimorecity.gov). Additional questions or concerns about this matter should be directed to Thomas R. Akras Deputy Executive Secretary at 410-396-4377 or

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