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**BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY
WAIVES FEES FOR 2020 LICENSE RENEWAL**

Baltimore, MD – On Tuesday, December 8, 2020 the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City (BLLC) under the authority granted to it through Executive Order 20-06-19-01, voted unanimously to waive in total all annual renewal alcoholic beverage license fees for the 2020-2021 license period. This action was taken after consultation with the offices of Mayor Bernard C. “Jack” Young and City Council President Brandon Scott. Further, the Board will lift its suspension of the 2019-2020 license year on December 12, 2020. This will end the 2019-2020 license renewal period effective December 31, 2020.

The typical range of license fees, depending on class and what the license offers, is from \$82.50 to \$3,000, generally covering from Private Clubs to Restaurants. The waiver also covers hotels, arenas, and the casinos which range from \$6500 to \$15,000. The only cost to licensees for this license period will be a \$50 processing fee. Overall, the BLLC will waive approximately \$1.5 Million in fees with this decision.

Chairman Albert J. Matricciani stated “The Board understands the immense financial stress our licensees are encountering during these increasingly difficult times for the hospitality industry. We hope that these fee waivers will relieve at least a bit of that burden, to allow licensees to focus on operations and employees. We thank the Mayor and Council President for their cooperation and assistance in waiving these fees and getting our license renewal process back on track.”

Commissioner Aaron J. Greenfield added, “We are pleased to see all levels of government coming together to help our licensees continue to survive. We appreciate the continued efforts and patience of all stakeholders in this process.”

Commissioner Robert E. Guye remarked "I'm proud to be a part of this Board as we adapt to new circumstances with the best interest of the public, private, and government sectors in mind."

For this year **only**, there will be no penalty for a late application. The renewal application, FAQ sheet, and other applicable renewal documents can also be found on our website: <http://lb.baltimorecity.gov/renewal>. Please view our website for additional information regarding agency matters: 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 Thomas.Akras@baltimorecity.gov.

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