

BLLC Community Connection

A Community Engagement Newsletter from the Baltimore City Liquor Board

April 2019

On Your Screens



Screenshot of April 18, 2019 Protest of Renewal Hearing on CharmTV's YouTube channel.

The Liquor Board holds public hearings on a range of topics such as the issuance of new licenses, renewal or transfer of existing licenses, violations for sales to minors, illegal operations, and other special cases. Citizens may attend hearings at City Hall, 100 N Holliday St., Room 215 and observe the proceedings. If you can't make it to a hearing, there are other ways to follow along, as listed below:

CharmTV

Hearings are broadcast live on CharmTV, channel 25 and 1085 on Comcast on your television.

Live Streaming

Hearings are streamed live on CharmTV's website, found at <http://charmtv.tv/>

Archived Hearings

All hearings dating back to July 26, 2014, are available online on the CharmTV Citizens' Hub through YouTube, which can be found [here](#).

We encourage you to attend a hearing in person or follow us on your choice of media.

Online Liquor License Library

Did you know that you can search the BLLC online library for all documents related to a license? Documents such as renewal applications, hearing decision transcripts, and applications for transfer or new licenses are available online for review.

Visit the library page for instructions. The BLLC online library is located at: <https://ilb.baltimorecity.gov/liquor-license-online-library>

Hearing Docket – Case Details

To view more details on a docketed case listed in the hearing schedule, remember to view the full docket, usually listed as Part 1 or Part 2, as seen in the example below:

Hearing Schedules

Title	Modified Date	Size
May 2, 2019	04/18/2019	43.78 KB
April 25, 2019 - Protests	04/11/2019	58.19 KB
April 25, 2019 - Part 2	04/11/2019	3.45 MB

Community Questions

Each month our Community Liaison receives questions from neighborhood associations and business organizations across the City. In March, the BLLC visited 8 community associations, engaged with 167 people, and answered 25 questions from citizens on a wide range of topics. The BLLC also provided a special presentation at Council Member Pinkett's 7th District Connect workshop. In addition, the Community Liaison and BLLC Executive staff and agents also attended multiple Mayor's VRI walks in areas such as Coldstream-Homestead-Montebello and Franklin Square, using these occasions to collaborate with other City agencies on targeted areas of concern. A common question posed to the BLLC is how can community leaders and members remain informed of Liquor Board actions, hearings, and hearing results, or how does a concerned party find out about upcoming applications for new licenses or transfers in their area? All BLLC notices about transfers, new licenses, and hearings are listed on our website at <https://ilb.baltimorecity.gov/>. To be added to our email list-serv and receive announcements as the information is updated, please email Ms. Kimberly Kerns at Kimberly.Kerns2@baltimorecity.gov, and provide your name, email address, and any affiliation.

Don't forget: License renewal time is here! If a licensee has submitted their renewal application and been approved for a renewal license, they can pick up their license for the 2019-2020 license year starting April 23rd.

Fun Fact: The legal drinking age in Maryland was lowered for a brief time starting in 1974 to 18 for beer and wine, but still 21 for liquor. It was reinstated to 21 for all alcohol in 1982 and remains 21 today.