

# BLLC Community Connection

A Community Engagement Newsletter from the Baltimore City Liquor Board

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## 2024 Renewal Reminder

The Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City (BLLC) reminds all stakeholders about the 2024 License Renewal period. In order for a licensed establishment to operate legally, it is imperative that renewals be processed and a new license be picked up and displayed on premises by May 1st.

**ANY LICENSEE NOT DISPLAYING A VALID LICENSE ON OR AFTER MAY 1ST WILL BE POSTERED BY BLLC INSPECTORS AS CLOSED TO ALCOHOL SALES UNTIL THE RENEWAL PROCESS IS COMPLETED.**

## BLLC Proposed 2024 Rules and Regulations

On Monday, March 18th, 2024, The Board announced the publication of its proposed 2024 Alcoholic Beverages Rules and Regulations as well as its 2024 Adult Entertainment Rules and Regulations, and formally opened the 30 days public comment as required by both state and local law.

The public may submit comments on both sets of draft Rules and Regulations to [BLLC Email](#). At 11:59 pm on April 17th, 2024, the BLLC will close the comment period to the public and review all suggested amendments, modifications, and additions to the proposed Rules and Regulations. **Upon receipt and review of the comments regarding the proposed Rules and Regulations, the Board will make a determination as to the final version of its proposed Rules and Regulations to be adopted at the April 18th hearing of the Board. [Read the full Press Release here.](#)**

## BLLC and Baltimore City Sheriff Partner on Joint Operations for BD7 Tavern Initiative

The BLLC would like to thank Sheriff Sam Cogen and the Baltimore City Sheriff's office for continued support and collaboration on important initiatives. During the first few months of 2024, the agencies are running a joint operation to address concerns related to BD7 licenses not fully operating the tavern portion of the business. The resulting violations from the first wave of operations were held in the BLLC hearings on April 4<sup>th</sup>. In these operations, BLLC Inspections staff and Sheriff's deputies entered BD7 licenses to verify if the tavern was open and operating. Those who were not operating legally came before the Board for a hearing to determine violations. At the hearing, BLLC staff provided licensees with information on converting a BD7 license to an A-7 license, which would convert to off-premises sales 7 days a week from 10am to midnight.



Above: Sheriff Sam Cogen and Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis before the Board, and standing with Executive Secretary Douglas Paige, plus BLLC Inspections staff with Sheriff's Deputies.

## BLLC at Orioles Opening Day

The BLLC Inspection division was present for the March 28<sup>th</sup> Orioles Opening Day at Camden Yards, as well as monitoring nearby bars and restaurants that traditionally play host to Orioles fans. **Did you know?** Camden Yards is a licensed establishment and will be routinely monitored by inspectors to make sure the stadium is in compliance with BLLC Rules and Regulations. We encourage all Orioles fans to enjoy this season safely!



Above: Opening Day festivities, center - BLLC Agent Chase, Inspectors Brown and Nazir.