

BLLC Community Connection

A Community Engagement Newsletter from the Baltimore City Liquor Board

February 2023

2023 License Renewal

On March 1, 2023, the alcoholic beverages license renewal process for the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City (BLLC) begins. As per State law, the license renewal season ends on March 31, 2023. Renewal letters, 2023 Renewal Applications, and a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) sheet have been sent out to all alcoholic beverage licensees. The BLLC Website offers information and assistance on the renewal process, including the following documents:

[-Renewal Letter to Licensees 2023](#)

[-Frequently Asked Questions for Renewal 2023](#)

[-Application for Renewal 2023](#)

[-* Food Form Class "B" 46th District 2023](#)

[-* Class "A" BWL Camera Affidavit](#)

[-License Fee List 2023](#)

Staying Up to Date with BLLC

If you do not currently receive BLLC emails when Hearing Schedules are published, please be sure to [send your email to Kimberly Kerns](#), BLLC Executive Assistant, and ask to be added to the distribution list.

Community Association Updates

If your community organization has a change in leadership or contact info, please let us know. Also, we would like to remind community associations or other stakeholder groups that Community Liaison Matt Achhammer is available for presentations.

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Educational Opportunity for Licensees

The BLLC would like to make licensees aware of an educational training opportunity, free training sessions for bar owners and managers: Session 1 on Liquor Law Enforcement (March 28, 10-11AM); Session 2 on Insurance Claims (April 4, 10-11AM); and Session 3 on Bar Revenue (April 11, 10-11AM). This free 3-hour training will provide practical guidance on how to reduce over-service, increase profits, and decrease liability. Trainings are presented by Greg Hanour.

Participants who complete a session will also receive a \$50 Gift Card.

To register: [2023 Bar Training](#)

MANAGING A BAR
How to Increase Profits & Decrease Liability

FREE ONLINE MARYLAND-CERTIFIED TRAINING FOR BAR OWNERS & MANAGERS

SESSION 1 | MARCH 28, 10-11AM
Liquor Law Enforcement
How to protect your license

SESSION 2 | APRIL 4, 10-11AM
Insurance Claims
How to guard against lawsuits

SESSION 3 | APRIL 11, 10-11AM
Bar Revenue
How to increase sales, profits, and tips (and prevent theft)

Earn a \$50 gift card for each completed session!
Register for a session:
bit.ly/bartraining2023

THE MARYLAND COLLABORATIVE
TO REDUCE COLLEGE DRINKING AND RELATED PROBLEMS

Protest of Renewal Information

The BLLC has created a [presentation about the Protest of Renewal process](#).

Additionally, the following resources may be helpful:

- Past Protest of Renewal hearings are archived on [Charm City TV's Citizens' Hub](#)
- [This archive](#) will correspond with the dockets for each hearing, in April of each year.

Some important notes and a brief summary of the Protest of Renewal process:

- The protest must be received by the BLLC or be postmarked by March 31, 2023.
- The protest of renewal must be signed by 10 individual signatories within immediate vicinity of the establishment. These cannot be license holders or applicants for a license.
- At the public hearing, parties must present a case in a two- phase process:

---Phase one: The protest must be based on a specific complaint (violations, etc., excluding zoning issues) within the previous license year.

---Phase two: The Board will consider other evidence and must determine that there is "substantial evidence" that merits non-renewal of the license.

[More information can be found on the BLLC website "Protests" page.](#)