

BLLC Community Connection

A Community Engagement Newsletter from the Baltimore City Liquor Board

June 2020

COVID-19 June Update

For the latest information, [view the COVID-19 section of our website](#).

Office closed to General Public

Please remember: The BLLC requests that all applications, correspondence, and related materials be **mailed in to the office at 1 North Charles St., Suite 1500, Baltimore, MD, 21201**. Phone lines will remain open from 8:30am to 4:30pm each day, though no one will be available in person at the offices.

Reminder - Operations of Licensed Establishments:

To see the list of BLLC **additional guidance** in Baltimore City concerning carry out and delivery procedures for alcoholic beverage service, [please click here](#).

Reminder - Extensions of time periods:

To see a copy of the BLLC's Press Release, [click here](#).

Virtual Hearings:

The BLLC held its first virtual hearing on May 7, 2020, available for [viewing on CharmTv](#). The next hearing will be held on June 25th, [click here for more information](#).



Virtual Hearing Primer

Planning to attend an upcoming hearing? Find instructions and tips in our WebEx Primer, [here](#).

BLLC Waives Fees for Outdoor Extensions

On Thursday, June 11, 2020 the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City (BLLC) voted unanimously to waive fees for Temporary Outdoor Permit Extensions after being granted the authority to do so by Governor Lawrence J. Hogan through his issuance of Executive Order 20-06-11-01. This action was a direct result of efforts by multiple levels of government in the past weeks. On June 1, 2020, Baltimore City Mayor Bernard C. "Jack" Young requested officially that Governor Hogan grant the BLLC the authority to waive fees associated with Temporary Outdoor Permit Extensions.

Upon the Board's decision to waive fees, the BLLC sent both a letter to our licensees informing them of the Board's decisions and guidance documents that outlined the application process for obtaining temporary outdoor permit extensions. Please note that the Board's decision to waive fees related to Temporary Outdoor Permit Extensions is in effect as long as Executive Order 20-06-11-01 remains in place.

[Governor's Executive Order](#)

[BLLC Press Release](#)

[BLLC Guidance Documents on Temporary Outdoor Extensions](#)

BLLC Inspections Division Out in the City

The BLLC Inspection Division continues to engage in enforcement efforts throughout the City during the outbreak of COVID-19. Inspection Division members take necessary precautions to remain safe and healthy while working. Such measures include practicing social distancing when conducting inspections, wearing personal protective equipment, responding to 311 complaints, and conducting special enforcement initiatives.



Members of the BLLC Inspections Division in Fell's Point on June 12th.

Recently, the Inspection Division conducted a special enforcement initiative in Fell's Point and Federal Hill. During this initiative the BLLC visited licensees, conducted inspections to ensure they were in compliance with applicable laws and Executive Orders, and provided information concerning best operational practices in light of the outbreak of COVID-19. Overall, the agency has issued only a few violations concerning compliance with applicable laws and Executive Orders during the COVID-19 outbreak. In general, licensees are operating in compliance with the law by practicing social distancing to ensure the safety of their staff and the general public.

Citizens are reminded to submit complaints to the BLLC through the 311 System (Phone dial 3-1-1, [online](#), or [download the app](#)). Please provide as much information as possible as well as contact information for follow-up, if appropriate. If there is an immediate threat to public safety, please call 911 for the Baltimore Police.

Virtual Community Association Meetings? *Is your organization switching to virtual meetings and would like BLLC to attend or present? Email Community Liaison Matt Achhammer with details: matt.achhammer@baltimorecity.gov*