

BLLC Community Connection

A Community Engagement Newsletter from the Baltimore City Liquor Board

September 2020

COVID-19 September Update

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

Office Remains 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:

BLLC publishes updated guidance documents with each new Mayoral Executive Order that affects operations. To see the most up to date guidance, 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. All hearings are available for [viewing on CharmTV](#). The next hearing will be October 1, [click here for more information](#).



Virtual Hearing Primer

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

Rules and Regulations for Class A, A-2, A-7 Licenses – Surveillance Cameras

During the Maryland General Assembly 2020 Session, Senate Bill 69 became law, which required certain Class A, A-2, and A-7 license holders to install surveillance systems within their establishments. The law also required the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City (BLLC), in conjunction with the Baltimore City Police Department, to create Rules and Regulations for these new requirements. On September 22, 2020, the BLLC released a draft copy of the Rules and Regulations required under Senate Bill 69. These *Rules and Regulations are now available for a public comment period of 30 days*. Comments should be directed by email to Thomas.Akras@baltimorecity.gov, or by mail to BLLC offices.

These Rules and Regulations detail the authority of the BLLC to:

- Require affected licensed establishments to install digital surveillance cameras on the exterior and interior of their premises.
- Maintain video recordings to be accessed upon request by the Baltimore City Police Department.
- Post conspicuous notification to the public that they are subject to 24-hour video surveillance when on-premises.
- Register their digital surveillance cameras with the City of Baltimore.
- Subject them to annual verification by the BLLC.
- Provide a temporary waiver process to affected license holders.

State Senator Antonio Hayes of the 40th Legislative District, sponsor of SB69, remarked of the legislation, "I thank the Baltimore City Police Department, BLLC, licensees, and community representatives for their work on this piece of legislation. I applaud the continued collaboration by these stakeholders on drafting the rules and regulations required by SB69, which seeks to create safer environments where businesses and communities may thrive."

To see a copy of Senate Bill 69, please click [here](#). To review a copy of the draft rules and regulations, please click [here](#). To review a copy of a signage example and affidavit of compliance, which are required by the Rules and Regulations please click [here](#), and [here](#)."



Community Liaison for Virtual Meetings

The BLLC Community Liaison Matt Achhammer is still actively attending Community Association meetings as much as possible. Please let Matt know if you would like him to attend your meetings to provide updates, answer questions, or address specific concerns. Contact Matt by email, matt.achhammer@baltimorecity.gov, or cell phone 410-241-6525.