

BLLC Community Connection

A Community Engagement Newsletter from the Baltimore City Liquor Board

September 2021

COVID-19 September Update

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

Office Remains Closed to General Public

Currently, 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. **A new drop box for documents will be coming by October 1.**

COVID-19 Restrictions

On August 6, 2021, the BLLC released guidance for Baltimore City's licensed establishments concerning the Baltimore City Health Department's updated Order as it establishes an indoor mask mandate. To see a copy of the Health Department's Order, please click [here](#). To see a copy of the BLLC's guidance, please click [here](#). Aside from the masking requirement, both Governor Hogan and Mayor Scott have lifted nearly all COVID-19 restrictions. Normal operations have now resumed, and licensees should be aware of any efforts they must make to be current with licensing and permits.

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 September 30th, 2021, [click here for more information](#).

BLLC Welcomes New Commissioner

On September 15, 2021, the newly appointed BLLC Commissioner Edward Reisinger was sworn in during a ceremony conducted by the Clerk of the Circuit Court, the Honorable Marilyn Bentley. Commissioner Reisinger will serve with current Commissioner Aaron J. Greenfield, Esq. and Alternate Commissioner Harvey E. Jones, under the direction of the Chair of the Board the Honorable Albert J. Matricciani, Jr.

Commissioner Reisinger brings with him a history of public service and dedication to Baltimore, and a wealth of experience in many different areas of government and business. He most recently served as Council Member for the 10th District in Baltimore City, from 1995 to 2020, and as Vice President of the City Council from 2007 to 2016. He had also previously served as Council Member in then Council District 6 from 1990-92.



From 2016 to 2020, he was the Council Representative to the Baltimore City Planning Commission, weighing in on zoning and other matters before the Commission. Commissioner Reisinger was also a small business owner of a family-owned tavern in Morrell Park for 14 years. Remarking on his appointment, Commissioner Reisinger said, "I thank Mayor Brandon Scott for this opportunity. It is an honor and pleasure to serve on the Liquor Board. As a former tavern owner and a City Council Member for 28 years, I have seen all sides of the issues. I look forward to serving the Citizens of Baltimore once again."

Community Questions

Each month our Community Liaison visits with associations across the City and receives many different questions about our operations. One popular question recently has been about one-day licenses, which are now being issued again after having been suspended due to the COVID-19 crisis. *One day licenses are issued for non-profit groups and associations and must be applied for at least (10) ten days prior to the event.* More information on these types of licenses and the application process can be found [on our website](#) and below:

- **One Day License – Frequently Asked Question Sheet** [\[PDF\]](#)
- **One Day License Application Form** [\[PDF\]](#)
- **One Day – Non- Profit Beer Festival Application Form** [\[PDF\]](#)