

BLLC Community Connection

A Community Engagement Newsletter from the Baltimore City Liquor Board

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BLLC Cannabis Guidance

On August 25, 2023, the BLLC issued a guidance document for licensees and the general public to answer questions about newly enacted cannabis legislation.

The guidance reminds licensees that:

- Licensees must not allow cannabis use on their premises.
- Licensed establishments cannot sell cannabis in any form.
- Licensed establishments may not provide cannabis in any form (hookah, vapes, rolling papers, etc.)
- The public can submit alleged violations using 311.

[Please see the document for more details on the guidance](#), and direct any further questions to Deputy Executive Secretary Nicholas Blendy, Nicholas.Blendy3@baltimorecity.gov.

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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Fall Festivals and Halloween

Following a Summer full of festivals, with Artscape just last weekend, there's still more to come! BLLC Inspectors will be out and about at fall festivals such as Fell's Point Fun Fest (October 6-8), and at Halloween events, including two pub crawls planned for the Federal Hill and Fell's Point areas. BLLC Inspectors will work with other City partners to monitor all events, perform compliance checks, and make sure all festivities are operating properly and safely.



Using 311 to Contact the Liquor Board

The BLLC encourages citizens to submit complaints for licensed liquor establishments using the 311 system. These complaints may include, but are not limited to, concerns such as: noise, overcrowding, operating beyond allowed hours, general disturbances. Other criminal concerns such as loitering, prostitution, and drug dealing should be directed to 911 and the BPD. *In the case of an immediate threat to public safety, call 911.*

You can access 311 by phone (dial 3-1-1), online ([Click here](#)), or by using the app ([Click here to download](#)). **After 10 pm, the phone line does not accept calls, but you can use the online form or the app 24 hours a day.**

Please note the following as they apply to BLLC and 311:

- Our agents take each request seriously. They would be happy to talk to you to get more information, and if this is the case, **please don't forget to include your phone number and/or email when filing your complaint.**
- Our inspectors will file a response for each 311 complaint received. You must call in to 3-1-1 to retrieve this response.
- Timing:** We advise community members to enter 311 complaints in a timely fashion at or as close to the time of occurrence as possible.
- Two important reminders:** Keep a record of your SR# (Service Request #) and make sure the complaint is directed to the Liquor Board (select directly if online or app, verify if on phone).



Liquor License/Adult Entertainment Complaint

Use this service request to report a liquor license violation or adult entertainment concern to the Liquor Board. Issues may include: trash, loud music, operating without license, smoking inside, operating after hours, sales/admittance to minors, noise, front door open, etc. The Liquor Board will investigate and take action as deemed necessary.