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BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY ISSUES PROPOSED 2024 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND ADULT ENTERTAINMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Baltimore, MD –MD Code, Alc. Bev. & Can. Art. 12-210(d) requires the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City (“Board”) to review its regulations to ensure that the alcohol regulations comply with the current policies and practices of the Board; and federal, State, and local law. On Monday, March 18th, 2024, The Board announced the publication of its proposed 2024 Alcoholic Beverages Rules and Regulations as well as its 2024 Adult Entertainment Rules and Regulations. They formally opened the 30 days public comment as required by both state and local law.

The Alcoholic Beverages Rules and Regulations, based on and guided by State law, were previously posted for 30 days in August of 2023. The current version reflects any feedback incorporated during that initial comment period and can be found at:

<https://llb.baltimorecity.gov/sites/default/files/Draft%20Alcohol%20Beverages%202024%20Rules.pdf>.

The Adult Entertainment Rules and Regulations are required by Baltimore City Code, and therefore the draft rules were published in the Code of Baltimore Regulations Annotated Register (COBRA) on Friday, March 15, 2024. They can be accessed at this link:

<https://legislativereference.baltimorecity.gov/cobra-register>

The public may submit comments on both sets of draft Rules and Regulations by email to BLLC@baltimorecity.gov. At 11:59 pm on April 17th, 2024, the BLLC will close the comment period to the public and review all suggested amendments, modifications, and additions to the proposed rules and regulations. Upon receipt and review of the comments regarding the proposed Rules and Regulations, the Board will make a determination as to the final version of its proposed rules and regulations to be adopted at the Board hearing on April 18th, 10:30a.m.

Board Chair Albert J. Matricciani, Jr., announced: “The Board thanks the BLLC Staff for their continued work on this important effort. Having a clear and current set of Rules and Regulations ensures that both licensees and interested community members can effectively participate in the processes before the Board. Moreover, it allows licensees to understand the expectations under which they are to operate their business. We greatly appreciate that one of Deputy Executive Secretary Michelle Wirzberger’s first tasks was updating these Rules and Regulations to align with COBRA and adapt to changing legal requirements. We look forward to adopting both sets of updated Rules and Regulations very soon.”

If you have questions on this matter, please contact Deputy Executive Secretary Michelle Wirzberger at 410-396-4377, or michelle.wirzberger@baltimorecity.gov.

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