

BLLC Community Connection

A Community Engagement Newsletter from the Baltimore City Liquor Board

February 2022

COVID-19 February 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 is available for documents, [please click here for more information](#).**

COVID-19 Restrictions

REMINDER: In light of the resurgence in COVID-19 cases, and Mayor Brandon M. Scott's message regarding the continued importance of following the mask mandate, the BLLC has issued a reminder to our stakeholders and specifically our licensed establishments that the masking order remains in place. **The BLLC requests that all applicable licensees continue to adhere to the mask mandate guidelines to ensure compliance with the mask mandate.**

[-Copy of the Health Dept. Order](#)

[-Copy of the BLLC's guidance](#)

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 February 17th, 2022, [click here for more information](#).

2022 CIAA Tournament in Baltimore

The BLLC would like to remind the public and our licensees about the upcoming [CIAA Tournament to be held in Baltimore from February 22-26, 2022](#).



2022 License Renewal

Every year license holders are required to submit a renewal application in order to continue operating for the new license year. The renewal period is from March 1 – March 31. New licenses are issued for the license year which starts on May 1 and ends April 30 of each year. Renewal letters, 2022 Renewal Applications, and a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) sheet have been sent out to all alcoholic beverage licensees. The renewal documents can be found below and on the [BLLC's Renewal Webpage](#).

- [Renewal Letter to Licensees 2022](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions for Renewal 2022](#)
 - [Application for Renewal 2022](#)
 - [License Fee List 2022](#)
 - [Food Form Class "B" 46th District 2022](#)
 - [Class "A" BWL Camera Affidavit](#)
 - [Vendor Renewal Form 2022](#)
- [Request for Previous Year Application Form](#)

Community Questions – Protests of Renewal

The BLLC has created a [presentation about the Protest of Renewal process](#).

Additionally, the following resources may be helpful:

- Previous years' Protest of Renewal hearings are archived on Charm City TV's Citizens' Hub, located here: <https://bit.ly/3HWHdze>
- This archive will correspond with the dockets for each hearing, in April of each year, found here: <https://llb.baltimorecity.gov/hearings-schedule/archives>

Some important notes and a brief summary of the Protest of Renewal process:

- The protest must be received by the BLLC or be postmarked by March 31, 2022.
- The protest of renewal must be signed by 10 individual signatories within immediate vicinity of the establishment. These cannot be license holders or applicants for a license.
- At the public hearing, parties must present a case in a two phase process:
 - Phase one: The protest must be based on a specific complaint (violations, etc., excluding zoning issues) within the previous license year.
 - Phase two: The Board will consider other evidence and must determine that there is "substantial evidence" that merits non-renewal of the license.