

BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

HEARING DISPOSITIONS

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019
100 N. HOLLIDAY STREET, ROOM 215
BALTIMORE, MD 21202**

**Albert Matricciani, Jr., Chairperson
Aaron Greenfield, Commissioner
Elizabeth A. Hafey, Commissioner**

Regular Item – Application for New Class “B” License 11:00 AM

Z & Y Corporation, t/a Koba Korean Charcoal Grill License # N/A (new)
510 E. Belvedere Avenue, Baltimore MD 21212 4th Councilmanic District (Henry)

Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Application for a new Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor restaurant license requesting outdoor table service and off-premise catering to Gui Yun Zhang and Min Chang Kwak.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on November 8, 2019 and checked on November 18, 2019 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Z & Y Corporation is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of November 19, 2019.

Location Violation History: N/A; new license.

Witnesses: Melvin Kodenski – Attorney, Alex Wang – Manager

Disposition: The Board has approved the application of the license to the applicant(s) by a 3-0 vote.

Regular Item – Application for New Class “B” License 11:00 AM

Market Arcade Holding, LLC, t/a North Avenue Market License # N/A (new)
30 W. North Avenue, Baltimore MD 21201 12th Councilmanic District (Stokes)

Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Application for a new Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor restaurant license requesting live entertainment, outdoor table service, and off-premise catering to Nicole Folks and James Mayhew.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on November 8, 2019 and checked on November 19, 2019 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support for the new Class “B” license were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Market Arcade Holding, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of November 19, 2019.

Location Violation History: N/A; new license.

Witnesses: Melvin Kodenski – Attorney, Matthew Steinberg – Manager, Councilman Stokes – 12th District (in support)

Disposition: The Board has approved the application of the license to the applicant(s) by a 3-0 vote.

Regular Item – Application to Transfer Ownership

11:00 AM

New Maceo’s, LLC, t/a Maceo’s

License # LB 220

1924-26 N. Monroe Street, Baltimore MD 21217

7th Councilmanic District (Pinkett)

Attorney for Applicant: Stephan Fogleman

Application to transfer ownership of a Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License to Juanita Bass and Melanie Johnson.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on November 13, 2019 and checked on November 25, 2019 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: New Maceo’s, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of November 19, 2019.

Location Violation History: February 1, 2018 – Violation of Rule 4.14(a) (Live entertainment without Authorization) – Fined \$375
November 9, 2017 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$625

Witnesses: Stephan Fogleman – Attorney, Juanita Bass – Applicant, Melanie Johnson – Applicant

Disposition: The Board has approved the transfer of the license to the applicant(s) by a 3-0 vote.

Regular Item – Application to Transfer Ownership

11:00 AM

Club Seduction, LLC, t/a Club Seduction

License # LB 287

6820-24 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore MD 21224

1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Application to transfer ownership of a Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License with continuation of live entertainment to Jeremy Freeman.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on November 8, 2019 and checked on November 18, 2019 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Club Seduction, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of November 19, 2019.

Location Violation History: April 5, 2018 – Violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare), Rule 3.09(b) (Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations), and Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) – Fined \$875

Witnesses: Melvin Kodenski – Attorney, Jeremy Freeman – Applicant

Disposition: The Board has approved the transfer of the license to the applicant(s) by a 3-0 vote.

Regular Item – Application to Transfer Location **11:00 AM**

Wineco, LLC, t/a Bin 604 Wine Sellers License # LBD7 067
711 S. Central Avenue, Suite 200, Baltimore MD 21202 1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant: Caroline Hecker

Application to transfer location of a Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License presently located at 1001 Fleet Street to 711 S. Central Avenue, Suite 200 requesting delivery of alcoholic beverages to Clarke Freeman and Jennifer St. Germain.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on November 10, 2019 and checked on November 19, 2019 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Wineco, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of November 19, 2019.

Location Violation History: N/A; new location

Witnesses: Caroline Hecker – Attorney, Justin Williams – Co-Council, Clarke Foreman – Licensee, Jennifer St. Germain – Licensee

Disposition: The Board has approved the transfer of the license to the applicant(s) by a 3-0 vote.

Regular Item – Request for a 90-Day Transfer Hardship Extension **11:00 AM**

5800 York Rd, LLC, t/a Murphy’s Neighborhood Bar & Grill
5800 York Road, Baltimore MD 21212 License # LBD7 346
4th Councilmanic District (Henry)

Attorney for Applicant: Peter Prevas

Request for a 90-day transfer hardship extension by Justin Frank, Andrew Kaye, and Tyler Frank.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: 5800 York Road, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of November 19, 2019.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Peter Prevas – Attorney, Justin Frank – Applicant

Disposition: The Board has approved the request of a 90-day transfer hardship extension to the licensee(s) by a 3-0 vote.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.05(a) and Rule 4.05(b) **1:00 PM**

T & J Jeong, Inc., t/a Jong Kak Restaurant License # LB 190
2001-03 Maryland Avenue, Baltimore MD 21218 12th Councilmanic District (Stokes)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 4.05(a) (Prohibited Hours) when at approximately 3:15 a.m. on September 21, 2019 members of the BLLC responded to the establishment and proceeded to conduct a covert investigation into allegations that the establishment operated beyond its allowable hours of operation. Upon arriving at the location, the inspector observed both interior and exterior lights operational as well as patrons exiting and entering the

establishment. The inspector began their undercover investigation by requesting a table to eat and while being seated, observed numerous individuals at other tables consuming alcoholic beverages, as well as being able to request alcoholic beverages for their table. While the registers were being closed out at approximately 3:45 a.m., the patrons were allowed to stay on the premises until 4:00 a.m.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.05(b) (Prohibited Hours) when at approximately 3:15 a.m. on September 21, 2019 members of the BLLC responded to the establishment and proceeded to conduct a covert investigation into allegations that the establishment operated beyond its allowable hours of operation. Upon arriving at the location, the inspector observed both interior and exterior lights operational as well as patrons exiting and entering the establishment. The inspector began their undercover investigation by requesting a table to eat and while being seated, observed numerous individuals at other tables consuming alcoholic beverages, as well as being able to request alcoholic beverages for their table. While the registers were being closed out at approximately 3:45 a.m., the patrons were allowed to stay on the premises until 4:00 a.m.

Corporate Standing: T & J Jeong, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of November 19, 2019.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Suk Min Jeong – Son of licensee, Ji Suck Jeong – Licensee, David Kim – Alcohol Awareness Instructor, Andy Perez – BLLC Agent Inspector, Thomas Akras – BLLC Deputy Executive Secretary, Tony Brown – Charles Village Benefits District, Dana Broadnax – John Hopkins University Student Council’s Office

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.05(a) and Rule 4.05(b) on September 21, 2019 and imposed a fine of \$200 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii), Rule 3.09(a), and Rule 4.16 **1:00 PM**

2300 W Baltimore St, LLC, t/a Club 2300 License # LBD7 380
2300 W. Baltimore Street, Baltimore MD 21223 9th Councilmanic District (Bullock)

Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Alleged violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times) when at approximately 10:30 p.m. on October 11, 2019 members of the Social Club Task Force, consisting off members of the Baltimore City Police Department, Baltimore City Fire Department, Baltimore City Housing Department, and BLLC inspectors, conducted a joint inspection of the establishment. Upon inspection, inspectors made the following observations: the three-compartmental sink was not set up, there were several personal items on the bar and within the seating area that prevented patrons from being served alcoholic beverages, the rear door was locked and blocked, and the women’s bathroom was nailed shut.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.09(a) (Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations) when at approximately 10:30 p.m. on October 11, 2019 members of the Social Club Task Force, consisting off members of the Baltimore City Police Department, Baltimore City Fire Department, Baltimore City Housing Department, and BLLC inspectors, conducted a joint inspection of the establishment. Upon inspection, inspectors made the following observations: the three-compartmental sink was not set up, there were several personal items on the bar and within the seating area that prevented patrons from being served alcoholic beverages, the rear door was locked and blocked, and the women’s bathroom was nailed shut.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when at approximately 10:30 p.m. on October 11, 2019 members of the Social Club Task Force, consisting off members of the Baltimore City Police Department, Baltimore City Fire Department, Baltimore City Housing Department, and BLLC inspectors, conducted a joint inspection of the establishment. Upon inspection, inspectors made the following observations: the three-compartmental sink was not set up, there were several personal items on the bar and within the seating area that prevented patrons from being served alcoholic beverages, the rear door was locked and blocked, and the women’s bathroom was nailed shut.

Corporate Standing: 2300 W Baltimore St, LLC is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of November 19, 2019.

Location Violation History: May 23, 2019 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$1,625
April 18, 2019 – Protest of Renewal – Voted 3-0 to renew
March 14, 2019 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors), Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times), and Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times) – Fined \$3,125 & suspended 3 days
November 1, 2018 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$1,125
July 12, 2018 – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times) – Fined \$625
September 7, 2017 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$1,625
July 20, 2017 – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times), Rule 3.09(a) (Restroom Facilities and Health Regulations), and Rule 3.09(b) (Restroom Facilities and Health Regulations) – Fined \$1,475

Witnesses: N/A

Disposition: This matter has been postponed for a future hearing date.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.01(a)

1:00 PM

New Q's Liquors and Tavern, Inc., t/a Q's Liquors & Tavern
2521 E. Monument Street, Baltimore MD 21205

License # LBD7 133
13th Councilmanic District (Sneed)

Attorney for Applicant: Stephan Fogleman

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 9:10 p.m. on October 24, 2019 members of the Baltimore City Police Department & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Baltimore City Police Cadet entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages they ordered.

Corporate Standing: New Q's Liquors and Tavern, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of November 18, 2019.

Location Violation History: March 1, 2018 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$625

Witnesses: Stephen Fogleman – Attorney, Miae Han – Licensee, Min Hyuang Kim – Bartender, Detective Gatto – Baltimore City Police Officer, Cadet Brown – Baltimore City Police Cadet, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Agent Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01(a) on October 24, 2019 and imposed a fine of \$1,500 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.01(a)

1:00 PM

Lee L & M, Inc., t/a L & M Liquors
1148 E. North Avenue, Baltimore MD 21202

License # LA 102
12th Councilmanic District (Stokes)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 10:25 p.m. on October 24, 2019 members of the Baltimore City Police Department & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Baltimore City Police Cadet entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages they ordered.

Corporate Standing: Lee L & M, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of November 18, 2019.

Location Violation History: July 11, 2019 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$2,125 & suspended 2 days
November 8, 2018 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$1,625
March 1, 2018 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$875

Witnesses: Kak Jun Lee – Licensee, Hak Kyong Lee – Server, Detective Greenhill – Baltimore City Police Officer, Cadet Brown – Baltimore City Police Cadet, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Agent Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01(a) on October 24, 2019 and imposed a fine of \$3,000 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days. The Board also voted to suspend the license for 3 days, commencing immediately.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.05(a) and Rule 4.05(b) 1:00 PM

Compadres-1, LLC, t/a El Antro License # LBD7 291
4020 E. Lombard Street, Baltimore MD 21224 2nd Councilmanic District (Scott)

Attorney for Applicant: Stephan Fogleman

Alleged violation of Rule 4.05(a) (Prohibited Hours) when at approximately 1:55 a.m. on November 9, 2019 members of the Baltimore City Police Department responded to the establishment to conduct an investigation into allegations that the establishment operated beyond its allowable hours of operation. At approximately 2:00 a.m., the officer observed patrons entering and exiting the establishment, walking about within the establishment, and the lights within the establishment were operational. At approximately 2:05 a.m., the officer entered the establishment and observed about 40 patrons with mixed drinks or bottles of beer. As the officer was making their observations, the establishment began clearing the establishment of patrons and clearing tables and bar area of alcoholic beverages, they also observed that the front door/main entrance of the establishment was locked.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.05(b) (Prohibited Hours) when at approximately 1:55 a.m. on November 9, 2019 members of the Baltimore City Police Department responded to the establishment to conduct an investigation into allegations that the establishment operated beyond its allowable hours of operation. At approximately 2:00 a.m., the officer observed patrons entering and exiting the establishment, walking about within the establishment, and the lights within the establishment were operational. At approximately 2:05 a.m., the officer entered the establishment and observed about 40 patrons with mixed drinks or bottles of beer. As the officer was making their observations, the establishment began clearing the establishment of patrons and clearing tables and bar area of alcoholic beverages, they also observed that the front door/main entrance of the establishment was locked.

Corporate Standing: Compadres-1, LLC is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of November 19, 2019.

Location Violation History: October 11, 2019 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) and Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) – Fined \$3,125
October 11, 2018 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) and Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) – Fined \$3,125

Witnesses: Stephan Fogleman – Attorney, Rory Yanes – Licensee, Francesco Maudenado – Manager, Detective Gatto – Baltimore City Police Officer

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.05(a) and Rule 4.05(b) on November 9, 2019 and imposed a fine of \$3,000 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days. The Board also voted to suspend the license for 5 days, commencing immediately.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) and Rule 3.02

1:00 PM

Mimi Liquors, Inc., t/a Mimi's Discount Liquors

License # LA 140

2607-09 Greenmount Avenue, Baltimore MD 21218

14th Councilmanic District (Clarke)

Attorney for Applicant:

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 10:40 p.m. on October 24, 2019 members of the Baltimore City Police Department & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Baltimore City Police Cadet entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages they ordered. The officers and inspectors entered the establishment to issue the violation, retrieve the marked currency and return the alcoholic beverage, but the bartender did not immediately produce the marked currency and attempted to obfuscate the task force's attempts by hiding the bill on his person. After repeated efforts, the task force was able to retrieve the currency.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.02 (Cooperation) when at approximately 10:40 p.m. on October 24, 2019 members of the Baltimore City Police Department & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Baltimore City Police Cadet entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages they ordered. The officers and inspectors entered the establishment to issue the violation, retrieve the marked currency and return the alcoholic beverage, but the bartender did not immediately produce the marked currency and attempted to obfuscate the task force's attempts by hiding the bill on his person. After repeated efforts, the task force was able to retrieve the currency.

Corporate Standing: Mimi Liquors, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of November 18, 2019.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Jason Chang – Manager, Detective Gatto – Baltimore City Police Officer, Cadet Sneed – Baltimore City Police Cadet, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Agent Inspector, Tony Brown – Charles Village Benefits District, Miller Roberts – Hardwood Community Association President

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01(a) and Rule 3.02 on October 24, 2019 and imposed a fine of \$1,250 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.12 and Rule 4.16

1:00 PM

Sole Proprietorship, t/a Melba's Place

License # LBD7 113

3126 Greenmount Avenue, Baltimore MD 21218

14th Councilmanic District (Clarke)

Attorney for Applicant: Frank Boston

Alleged violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) when at approximately 1:05 a.m. on July 9, 2019 members of the Baltimore City Police Department were conducting routine patrol when they arrived at the establishment. The officer observed several patrons outside of the establishment socializing. At this time, the officer observed a female arguing outside with one of the establishment's security officers, who was prohibited from reentering the establishment. The two females began to fight each other with closed fists in front of the doorway of the establishment. The security guard attempted to stop the altercation, but when the females began to attack the security guard, the guard produced a baton and strike both females in the face several times before running into the establishment.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when at approximately 1:05 a.m. on July 9, 2019 members of the Baltimore City Police Department were conducting routine patrol when they arrived at the establishment. The officer observed several patrons outside of the establishment socializing. At this time, the officer observed a female arguing outside with one of the establishment's security officers, who was prohibited from reentering the establishment. The two females began to fight each other with closed fists in front of the doorway of the establishment. The security guard attempted to stop the altercation, but when the females began to attack the security guard, the guard produced a baton and strike both females in the face several times before running into the establishment.

Corporate Standing: N/A

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Frank Boston – Attorney, Matthew Bradley – Licensee, Ricky Allen Pierce – Security Officer, Officer Jones – Baltimore City Police Officer, Raymond McDonald – Manager, Tony Brown – Charles Village Benefits District

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.12 and Rule 4.16 on July 9, 2019 and imposed no fine and waived the administrative fee of \$125, no fine assessed.