

BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

HEARING DISPOSITIONS

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2018
100 N. HOLLIDAY STREET, ROOM 215
BALTIMORE, MD 21202**

**Albert Matricciani, Jr., Chairperson
Elizabeth A. Hafey, Commissioner
Harvey Jones, Commissioner**

Regular Item – Application for New Class “D” Beer Brewery License 11:00 AM
Suspended Brewing Company, LLC, t/a Suspended Brewing Company
912 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore MD 21230 License # N/A (new)
10th Councilmanic District (Reisinger)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Application for a new Class “D” Beer brewery license with delivery of alcoholic beverages to Yasmin Karimian, Joseph Schwartz, and George Himonas.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on January 11, 2018 and checked on January 22, 2018 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Suspended Brewing Company, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of January 31, 2018.

Location Violation History: N/A; new license.

Witnesses: Yasmin Karimian – Applicant, Joseph Schwartz – Applicant, George Himonas – Applicant

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
Doobyhan Underground, Inc., t/a Trade Name Pending License # N/A (new)
1203 W. Mt. Royal Avenue, Baltimore MD 21217 11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Applicant: Anastasia Thomas

Application for a new Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor restaurant license with live entertainment, outdoor table service, off-premise catering, and delivery of alcoholic beverages to Jennifer Han and Paulette Winder.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on January 11, 2018 and checked on January 22, 2018 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. One letter of support was received. There were no letters of communication opposing the transfer.

Corporate Standing: Doobyhan Underground, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of January 20, 2018.

Location Violation History: N/A; new license.

Witnesses: Jennifer Han – Applicant, Philip Han – Applicant’s Husband

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

Blackwall Hitch Baltimore, LLC, t/a Blackwall Hitch
111 Market Place, Baltimore MD 21202

License # N/A (new)
11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Applicant: Caroline Hecker

Application for a new Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor restaurant license with live entertainment, outdoor table service, and off-premise catering to Kristin Fink and Margaret Murphy.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on January 11, 2018 and checked on January 22, 2018 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Blackwall Hitch Baltimore, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of January 31, 2018.

Location Violation History: N/A; new license.

Witnesses: Caroline Hecker – Attorney, Justin Williams – Co-Council, Kristin Fink – Applicant, Margaret Murphy – Applicant, Derek Fink – Operations Manager

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 and Location

11:00 AM

Urban Axes Baltimore, LLC, t/a Urban Axes
1 N. Haven Street, Baltimore MD 21224

License # LBD7 418
2nd Councilmanic District (Scott)

Attorney for Applicant: Justin Williams

Application to transfer ownership and location of a Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License presently located at 1515-17 E. Clement Street to 1 N. Haven Street to Krista Paton and Sabrina Turner.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on January 29, 2018 and checked on February 9, 2018 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. One letter of support was received. There were no letters of communication opposing the transfer.

Corporate Standing: Urban Axes Baltimore, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of January 31, 2018.

Location Violation History: N/A; new location.

Witnesses: Justin Williams – Attorney, Krista Paton – Applicant, Sabrina Turner – Applicant

Disposition: The Board (Commissioner Hafey recuses herself from this decision) approved the transfer of the license to the applicant(s) by a 2-0 vote.

Regular Item – Application to Transfer Ownership

11:00 AM

The Nook, LLC, t/a The Nook

License # WB 005

801 W. Baltimore Street, Baltimore MD 21201

9th Councilmanic District (Bullock)

Attorney for Applicant: Caroline Hecker

Application to transfer ownership of a Class “B” Beer & Wine License with continuation of outdoor table service to Lindsay Henry and Mary Voneiff.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on January 11, 2018 and checked on January 22, 2018 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: The Nook, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of January 31, 2018.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Caroline Hecker – Attorney, Lindsay Henry – Applicant, Mary Voneiff – Applicant

Disposition: The Board (Commissioner Hafey recuses herself from this decision) approved the transfer of the license to the applicant(s) by a 2-0 vote.

Regular Item – Request for a 180 Day Hardship Extension

11:00 AM

Secured Creditor, t/a Palmere’s

License # LBD7 415

1018 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore MD 21224

1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant: Barry Canaras/Melvin Kodenski

Request for a 180 day hardship extension by Richard DeSantis.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: N/A

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Melvin Kodenski – Attorney, Harvey Jones – Secured Creditor

Disposition: The Board has approved the request of a 180 day hardship extension to the licensee(s) by a 3-0 vote.

Regular Item – Request for a 180 Day Hardship Extension

11:00 AM

V&A Mini Market, Inc., t/a Mark’s Deli

License # WA 002

1301 Bayard Street, Baltimore MD 21230

10th Councilmanic District (Reisinger)

Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Request for a 180 day hardship extension by Yu-Feng Jiang and Hong-Quin Shi.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: V&A Mini Market, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of January 31, 2018.

Location Violation History: None since 2004.

Witnesses: Melvin Kodenski – Attorney, Majid Hussain – Interested Party

Disposition: The Board has approved the request of a 180 day 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

UZO, LLC, t/a Goodfellas Lounge
4919 Belair Road, Baltimore MD 21206

License # LB 300
2nd Councilmanic District (Scott)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 4.05(a) (Prohibited hours) when at approximately 2:30 a.m. on December 3, 2017 members of the Baltimore City Police Department and Department of Housing and Community Development conducted a special investigation at the location in response to complaints that the establishment was operating after hours. Upon entering the location, officials observed people inside the establishment consuming alcoholic beverages in addition to patrons leaving the establishment with a half-consumed bottle of beer.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.05(b) (Prohibited hours) when at approximately 2:30 a.m. on December 3, 2017 members of the Baltimore City Police Department and Department of Housing and Community Development conducted a special investigation at the location in response to complaints that the establishment was operating after hours. Upon entering the location, officials observed people inside the establishment consuming alcoholic beverages in addition to patrons leaving the establishment with a half-consumed bottle of beer.

Corporate Standing: UZO, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of January 28, 2018.

Location Violation History: September 28, 2017 – Violation of Rule 4.05(a) (Prohibited Hours), Rule 4.05(b) (Prohibited Hours), Rule 3.02 (Cooperation), and Rule 3.09(b) (RestRoom Facilities and Health Regulations) – Fined \$625

April 27, 2017 – Protest of Renewal – Voted to renew with 2-1 vote

Witnesses: N/A

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

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.08(a) and Rule 3.09(b)

1:00 PM

Two Louey’s Cantina, LLC, t/a Two Louey’s Cantina Bar & Grill
200 S. Haven Street, Baltimore MD 21224

License # LB 115
2nd Councilmanic District (Scott)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 3.08(a) (Sanitation and Safety) when at approximately 8:20 p.m. on January 5, 2018 members of the Baltimore City Police Department, Department of Housing and Community Development, Baltimore City Health Department, Baltimore City Fire Marshall’s Office, and the BLLC conducted an inspection of the establishment. Upon entering the establishment, officials observed that there were kerosene heaters proving heat throughout the establishment, along with new plumbing added without permits and ceiling tiles that needed to be replaced throughout the establishments.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.09(b) (Restroom Facilities and Health Regulations) when at approximately 8:20 p.m. on January 5, 2018 members of the Baltimore City Police

Department, Department of Housing and Community Development, Baltimore City Health Department, Baltimore City Fire Marshall's Office, and the BLLC conducted an inspection of the establishment. Upon entering, officials observed that the kitchen area was dirty, heavy mouse and insect infestation was present, and there was debris around the furnace area.

Corporate Standing: Two Louey's Cantina, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of January 28, 2018.

Location Violation History: October 8, 2015 – Violation of Rule 3.03(c) (Employee Records), Rule 4.02 (Inebriates and Addicts), and Rule 3.12 (Public Welfare – Dismissed) – Fined \$1,125

Witnesses: Licensee – FTA, Jessica Speaker – Director of Environmental Inspection Services; Baltimore City Health Department, Thomas Waugh – Chief Inspector of Special Investigation Unit; Baltimore City Housing and Community Development, Detective Greenhill – Baltimore City Police Officer, Del Homes – Baltimore City Fire Marshall's Office Inspector, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Agent Inspector, Andy Perez – BLLC Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.08(a) and Rule 3.09(b) on January 5, 2018 and imposed a fine of \$2,000 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days. The Board also voted to suspend the license until the establishment has been cleared by the Baltimore City Health Department, commencing immediately.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.08(a) and Rule 4.16

1:00 PM

La Rumba, LLC, t/a La Rumba

License # LBD7 435

1650-54 E. Pratt Street, Baltimore MD 21231

12th Councilmanic District (Stokes)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 3.08(a) (Sanitation and Safety) when at approximately 8:45 p.m. on December 15, 2017 members of the Baltimore City Police Department, Department of Housing and Community Development, Baltimore City Health Department, Baltimore City Fire Marshall's Office, and the BLLC conducted an inspection of the establishment due to a complaint filed by BGE. Upon arrival, officials observed that a second bar was in the process of being renovated and noted that the proper permits were neither applied nor issued. Further investigation revealed that the establishment was illegally obtaining power from a separate source.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when at approximately 5:00 p.m. on January 28, 2018 members of the BLLC conducted a review of the corporate status of the entity and found that the entity was deemed "forfeited" by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation.

Corporate Standing: La Rumba, LLC is a forfeited Maryland corporation not in good standing as of January 28, 2018.

Location Violation History: October 19, 2017 – Violation of Rule 4.08(a) (General Welfare) – Fined \$3,125 and suspended for 14 days.

August 11, 2016 – Violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) – Fined \$1,625 & suspended for 10 days.

July 14, 2016 – Violation of Rule 3.15 (General Welfare) – Fined \$625 & suspended for 5 days.

March 10, 2016 – Violation of Rule 3.09(b) (Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations), Rule 3.02 (Cooperation), Rule 3.12 (Public Welfare), and Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) – Fined \$2,125 & suspended for 60 days

September 24, 2015 – Violation of Rule 3.05 (Lighting), Rule 3.06 (Sanitation and Safety), Rule 3.07 (Restroom Facilities), and Rule 4.18 (Illegal Conduct) – Fined \$875

Witnesses: N/A

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

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.08(a)

1:00 PM

Elite Lounge, LLC, t/a Elite Lounge
1571 Ridgely Street, Baltimore MD 21230

License # LD 042
10th Councilmanic District (Reisinger)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 3.08(a) (Sanitation and Safety) when at approximately 10:00 p.m. on December 15, 2017 members of the Baltimore City Police Department, Department of Housing and Community Development, Baltimore City Health Department, Baltimore City Fire Marshall's Office, and the BLLC conducted an inspection of the establishment due to a complaint filed by BGE. Upon arrival, officers observed that the establishment was illegal obtaining power from a separate source.

Corporate Standing: Elite Lounge, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of January 28, 2018.

Location Violation History: May 11, 2017 – Violation of Rule 3.08 (Sanitation and Safety) and Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) – Fined \$625 & suspended for 1 week.

Witnesses: N/A

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

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii)

1:00 PM

Arik, Inc., t/a Whispers
1807-11 Baker Street, Baltimore MD 21217

License # LBD7 411
11th Councilmanic District (Pinkett)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times) when at approximately 12:03 a.m. on October 27, 2017 members of the BLLC and Baltimore City Police Department conducted an undercover investigation to see if they could gain access to the tavern portion of the establishment. When officers went into the establishment, they could not enter the tavern portion, that is was currently closed.

February 15, 2018

Corporate Standing: Arik, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of January 4, 2018.

Location Violation History: June 29, 2017 – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times) – Fined \$475
April 20, 2017 – Protest of renewal – Voted to renew (3-0 vote)

Witnesses: Ashley Kim – Licensee, Taek Kim – Employee/Licensee’s Husband, Detective Greenhill – Baltimore City Police Officer, Andy Perez – BLLC Inspector, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Agent Inspector, Terri Chase – BLLC Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.20(c)(ii) on October 27, 2017 and imposed a fine of \$1,000 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.