

BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

HEARING DISPOSITIONS

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024
100 N. HOLLIDAY STREET, ROOM 215
BALTIMORE, MD 21202**

**Albert Matricciani, Jr., Chairperson
Edward Reisinger, Commissioner
Granville Templeton, Commissioner**

Violations Docket – Violation of AB Rule 4.01(a) and AE Rule 3.05(a) 10:30 AM

Baltimore Sports Bar, LLC, t/a The Penthouse Club License # LBD7 260 / AE 001
615 Fallsway, Baltimore MD 21202 12th Councilmanic District (Stokes)

Attorney for Licensee(s): N/A

Alleged violation of AB Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors – Furnishing) when at approximately 8:54 p.m. on October 19, 2023 members of the Baltimore City Sherriff’s Office Special Operations Unit & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Sherriff Cadet(s) entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages they ordered.

Alleged violation of AE Rule 3.05(a) (Incorporation of Liquor License Rules and Regulations to Applicable Licensees) when at approximately 8:54 p.m. on October 19, 2023 members of the Baltimore City Sherriff’s Office Special Operations Unit & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Sherriff Cadet(s) entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages they ordered.

Corporate Standing: Baltimore Sports Bar, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of December 28, 2023.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Andrew Saller – Licensee, Charles Rolling – Licensee, Rosalba Jordan – BLLC Inspector, Cindy-Leigh Tudhope – BLLC Inspector, Cadet Weitzman – Sherrif Cadet

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated AB Rule 4.01(a) and AE Rule 3.05(a) on October 19, 2023 and imposed a fine of \$600 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) 10:30 AM

Pirog & Marshall, Inc., t/a Nobles Bar & Grill License # LBD7 103
1024 S. Charles Street, Baltimore MD 21230 11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Lillian McElroy

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors – Selling) when at approximately 6:55 p.m. on October 19, 2023 members of the Baltimore City Sherriff’s Office Special

Operations Unit & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Sherriff Cadet(s) entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages they ordered.

Corporate Standing: Pirog & Marshall, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of December 28, 2023.

Location Violation History: July 27, 2023 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$625
November 4, 2021 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$625

Witnesses: Nicholas Marshall – Licensee, Daniel Pirog – Licensee, Cindy-Leigh Tudhope – BLLC Inspector, Rosalba Jordan – BLLC Inspector, Cadet Weitzman – Sherrif Cadet

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01(a) on October 19, 2023 and imposed a fine of \$1,000 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.12 and Rule 3.02

10:30 AM

The Avenue K&B, LLC, t/a The Avenue Kitchen and Bar License # LB 012
911 W. 36th Street, Baltimore MD 21211 14th Councilmanic District (Ramos)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Stephan Fogleman

Alleged violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) when at approximately 11:00 p.m. on October 26, 2023 members of the BLLC responded to a 311 complaint for disturbing the peace. Upon arrival, the inspectors observed an outdoor party taking place on the temporary outdoor table service area. Over 100 patrons were observed in this area, some of which were not seated at the tables and consuming alcoholic beverages in this outdoor area, and loud music could be heard from over a block away. The inspectors made contact with the night manager and made them aware that the reason of their visit was because of a noise complaint. The night manager offered to turn down the music, but the inspector advised her of other issued that were observed and violations were going to be issued. At that point, the manger informed the inspectors that the part was ending. The inspector explained that the temporary service space must stop operating at 11:00 p.m. as one of the restrictions on the temp permit and that all patrons must be seated to be served. By 11:45 p.m., the music was turned off and patrons began to leave the establishment, however several patrons were observed leaving the establishment with glassware containing what appeared to be alcoholic beverages. Also, bar personnel were observed handing out shots to remaining patrons on the temporary outdoor table service area.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.02 (Cooperation) when at approximately 11:00 p.m. on October 26, 2023 members of the BLLC responded to a 311 complaint for disturbing the peace. Upon arrival, the inspectors observed an outdoor party taking place on the temporary outdoor table service area. Over 100 patrons were observed in this area, some of which were not seated at the tables and consuming alcoholic beverages in this outdoor area, and loud music could be heard from over a block away. The inspectors made contact with the

night manager and made them aware that the reason of their visit was because of a noise complaint. The night manager offered to turn down the music, but the inspector advised her of other issues that were observed and violations were going to be issued. At that point, the manager informed the inspectors that the party was ending. The inspector explained that the temporary service space must stop operating at 11:00 p.m. as one of the restrictions on the temp permit and that all patrons must be seated to be served. By 11:45 p.m., the music was turned off and patrons began to leave the establishment, however several patrons were observed leaving the establishment with glassware containing what appeared to be alcoholic beverages. Also, bar personnel were observed handing out shots to remaining patrons on the temporary outdoor table service area.

Corporate Standing: The Avenue K&B, LLC is a forfeited Maryland corporation not in good standing as of December 28, 2023.

Location Violation History: April 13, 2023 – Violation of Rule 4.17 (Storage) – Fined \$275

Witnesses: Brian Lawrence – Licensee, Andy Perez – BLLC Agent Inspector, Cindy-Leigh Tudhope – BLLC Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.12 and Rule 3.02 on October 26, 2023 and imposed a fine of \$600 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.12 and Rule 3.02

10:30 AM

El Oasis Restaurant Y Discotec, Inc., t/a El Oasis Restaurant Y Discotec

3919-21 Eastern Avenue , Baltimore MD 21224

License # LBD7 204

1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Licensee(s): N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare – Disturbing the Peace) when at approximately 12:40 a.m. on November 18, 2023 members of the BLLC responded to a 311 call complaint for loud music and disturbing the peace. Upon arrival to the establishment, the inspector assessed that the music playing in the establishment could be heard on the 3800 block of Eastern Avenue, which is 1 block south of the establishment. The inspector made contact with the licensee and explained the reason for the visit and indicated that these types of complaints have been received multiple times in the past and that several warnings have been issued to the establishment. The licensee stated they were not aware of the problem and that the previous manager failed to communicate these issues with them. The inspector mentioned that they would issue one last warning if the licensee lowered the volume and maintain the music at the reduced volume. The licensee agreed to reduce the volume, however, as soon as the inspector stepped outside of the building, they noticed that the music volume was turned back up to the original level that prompted the complaint. The inspector informed the licensee that a violation was going to be issued and the licensee indicated that the disc jockey had increased the volume without their consent.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.02 (Cooperation) when at approximately 12:40 a.m. on November 18, 2023 members of the BLLC responded to a 311 call complaint for loud music and disturbing the peace. Upon arrival to the establishment, the inspector assessed that the music playing in the establishment could be heard on the 3800 block of Eastern Avenue, which is 1 block south of the establishment. The inspector made contact with the licensee and explained the reason for the visit and indicated that these types of complaints have been received multiple times in the past and that several warnings have been issued to the establishment. The licensee stated they were not aware of the problem and that the previous manager failed to communicate these issues with them. The inspector mentioned that they would issue one last warning if the licensee lowered the volume and maintain the music at the reduced volume. The licensee agreed to reduce the volume, however, as soon as the inspector stepped outside of the building, they noticed that the music volume was turned back up to the original level that prompted the complaint. The inspector informed the licensee that a violation was going to be issued and the licensee indicated that the disc jockey had increased the volume without their consent.

Corporate Standing: El Oasis Restaurant Y Discotec, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of February 8, 2024.

Location Violation History: None since 2019.

Witnesses: Alejo J. Martinez – Licensee, David Garza – Baltimore Development Corporation, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Chief Inspector, Andy Perez – BLLC Agent Inspector, Regina Brown – BLLC Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.12 and Rule 3.02 on November 18, 2023 and imposed a fine of \$4,000 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) and Rule 3.03(c) 10:30 AM
BSRR, LLC, t/a Clubhouse Bar & Grill License # LBD7 270
4217 Erdman Avenue, Baltimore MD 21213 13th Councilmanic District (Glover)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Stephan Fogleman

Alleged violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Prohibited Activities by License Type: Class BD7 Licenses: Tavern Open and Operating at all Times) when at approximately 7:11 p.m. on December 4, 2023 members of the BLLC responded to a 311 call where the complainant indicates that they were denied access to the bar area. On the same date at approximately 8:10 p.m., the inspector conducted an undercover investigation of this establishment to determine if staff would allow patrons to access the tavern portion of the licensed premises. At that time, the inspector entered the establishment and asked the individual operating the packed goods window, if the bar was open. The individual replied that the bar was closed due to not having a bartender, which denied the inspector access to the bar. The inspector identified themselves that they were a BLLC inspector conducting a BD7 operations check on the establishment. While conducting their inspection, the inspector

asked the individual for their ID and they mentioned they did not have one on them, so the inspector asked if the employee records were available to reviewed, and the individual mentioned they did not know.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.03(c) (Records – Employee Records) when at approximately 7:11 p.m. on December 4, 2023 members of the BLLC responded to a 311 call where the complainant indicates that they were denied access to the bar area. On the same date at approximately 8:10 p.m., the inspector conducted an undercover investigation of this establishment to determine if staff would allow patrons to access the tavern portion of the licensed premises. At that time, the inspector entered the establishment and asked the individual operating the packed goods window, if the bar was open. The individual replied that the bar was closed due to not having a bartender, which denied the inspector access to the bar. The inspector identified themselves that they were a BLLC inspector conducting a BD7 operations check on the establishment. While conducting their inspection, the inspector asked the individual for their ID and they mentioned they did not have one on them, so the inspector asked if the employee records were available to reviewed, and the individual mentioned they did not know.

Corporate Standing: BSRR, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of February 8, 2024.

Location Violation History: June 6, 2022 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$625

Witnesses: Ramsharan Chhetry – Licensee, Andy Perez – BLLC Agent Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.20(c)(ii) and Rule 3.03(c) on December 4, 2023 and imposed a fine of \$400 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of AB Rule 4.05(b), AE Rule 3.05(a), AE Rule 3.01(a), AB Rule 3.03(a), Rule 3.03(d)(ii), AB Rule 3.12, and AE Rule 3.05(a)

10:30 AM

Four One Four, LLC, t/a Downtown Lounge
414-16 E. Baltimore Street , Baltimore MD 21202

License # LBD7 330 / AE 022
11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Stephan Fogleman

Alleged violation of AB Rule 4.05(b) (Prohibited Hours) when at approximately 2:20 a.m. on January 21, 2024 members of the BLLC were on duty and monitoring activity on the 400 block of East Baltimore Street when they observed several individuals entering the establishment known as Downtown Lounge, operating as “Aces” located at 414-16 E. Baltimore Street. The patrons opened the front door and entered the establishment after walking past the cub’s security staff. The inspector entered the location at approximately 2:23 a.m., once inside they observed approximately a bartender actively preparing and serving alcoholic drinks for customers at the bar, and approximately 35 customers inside the location drinking what appeared to be alcohol. In the rear of the establishment, they

observed 2 females on stage performing adult entertainment, both dancers were wearing bottom underwear and no tops. The inspector asked security who the manager on duty was and there seemed to be confusion as to who was in charge. After waiting several minutes for a manager to be identified, the inspector instructed the security staff to cease all beverage service, stop the adult entertainment performance, turn off the music, and instruction all patrons to exit the location in an orderly manner. Staff complied and the establishment was cleared out within approximately 10 minutes.

Alleged violation of AE Rule 3.05(a) (Incorporation of Liquor License Rules and Regulations to Applicable Licensees) when at approximately 2:20 a.m. on January 21, 2024 members of the BLLC were on duty and monitoring activity on the 400 block of East Baltimore Street when they observed several individuals entering the establishment known as Downtown Lounge, operating as “Aces” located at 414-16 E. Baltimore Street. The patrons opened the front door and entered the establishment after walking past the cub’s security staff. The inspector entered the location at approximately 2:23 a.m., once inside they observed approximately a bartender actively preparing and serving alcoholic drinks for customers at the bar, and approximately 35 customers inside the location drinking what appeared to be alcohol. In the rear of the establishment, they observed 2 females on stage performing adult entertainment, both dancers were wearing bottom underwear and no tops. The inspector asked security who the manager on duty was and there seemed to be confusion as to who was in charge. After waiting several minutes for a manager to be identified, the inspector instructed the security staff to cease all beverage service, stop the adult entertainment performance, turn off the music, and instruction all patrons to exit the location in an orderly manner. Staff complied and the establishment was cleared out within approximately 10 minutes.

Alleged violation of AE Rule 3.01(a) (Hours of Operation) when at approximately 2:20 a.m. on January 21, 2024 members of the BLLC were on duty and monitoring activity on the 400 block of East Baltimore Street when they observed several individuals entering the establishment known as Downtown Lounge, operating as “Aces” located at 414-16 E. Baltimore Street. The patrons opened the front door and entered the establishment after walking past the cub’s security staff. The inspector entered the location at approximately 2:23 a.m., once inside they observed approximately a bartender actively preparing and serving alcoholic drinks for customers at the bar, and approximately 35 customers inside the location drinking what appeared to be alcohol. In the rear of the establishment, they observed 2 females on stage performing adult entertainment, both dancers were wearing bottom underwear and no tops. The inspector asked security who the manager on duty was and there seemed to be confusion as to who was in charge. After waiting several minutes for a manager to be identified, the inspector instructed the security staff to cease all beverage service, stop the adult entertainment performance, turn off the music, and instruction all patrons to exit the location in an orderly manner. Staff complied and the establishment was cleared out within approximately 10 minutes.

Alleged violation of AB Rule 3.03(a) (Records – Alcohol Beverage Invoices) when at approximately 11:20 p.m. on January 26, 2024 members of the BLLC arrived at the establishment to conduct a routine inspection. Upon entering, the inspectors observed multiple individuals smoking cigarettes and charcoal hookah throughout the establishment. The inspector made contact with the manager on duty and asked to see all licenses to perform a full routine inspection. The manager was unable to produce any alcoholic beverages invoices to inspectors and the establishment had an expired 2022 Trader’s License. The manager was informed that there was to be no smoking inside and immediately complied.

Alleged violation of AB Rule 3.03(d)(ii) (Records – Expired Trader’s License) when at approximately 11:20 p.m. on January 26, 2024 members of the BLLC arrived at the establishment to conduct a routine inspection. Upon entering, the inspectors observed multiple individuals smoking cigarettes and charcoal hookah throughout the establishment. The inspector made contact with the manager on duty and asked to see all licenses to perform a full routine inspection. The manager was unable to produce any alcoholic beverages invoices to inspectors and the establishment had an expired 2022 Trader’s License. The manager was informed that there was to be no smoking inside and immediately complied.

Alleged violation of AB Rule 3.12 (General Welfare – Smoking on Premises) when at approximately 11:20 p.m. on January 26, 2024 members of the BLLC arrived at the establishment to conduct a routine inspection. Upon entering, the inspectors observed multiple individuals smoking cigarettes and charcoal hookah throughout the establishment. The inspector made contact with the manager on duty and asked to see all licenses to perform a full routine inspection. The manager was unable to produce any alcoholic beverages invoices to inspectors and the establishment had an expired 2022 Trader’s License. The manager was informed that there was to be no smoking inside and immediately complied.

Alleged violation of AE Rule 3.05(a) (Incorporation of Liquor License Rules and regulations to Applicable Licensees) when at approximately 11:20 p.m. on January 26, 2024 members of the BLLC arrived at the establishment to conduct a routine inspection. Upon entering, the inspectors observed multiple individuals smoking cigarettes and charcoal hookah throughout the establishment. The inspector made contact with the manager on duty and asked to see all licenses to perform a full routine inspection. The manager was unable to produce any alcoholic beverages invoices to inspectors and the establishment had an expired 2022 Trader’s License. The manager was informed that there was to be no smoking inside and immediately complied.

Corporate Standing: Four One Four, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of February 8, 2024.

Location Violation History: None since 2018.

Witnesses: N/A

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

Violations Docket – Violation of AB Rule 3.12, AB Rule 3.02, AE Rule 3.10(a),

AE Rule 3.05(a), AB Rule 4.16, and AE Rule 3.05(a) 10:30 AM

New 2 O’Clock Club, Inc., t/a 2 O’Clock Club

License # LBD7 313 / AE 008

414-16 E. Baltimore Street, Baltimore MD 21202

11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Stephan Fogleman

Alleged violation of AB Rule 3.12 (General Welfare – Smoking on Premises) when at approximately 11:00 p.m. on January 26, 2024 members of the BLLC arrived at the establishment to complete a routine inspection of the establishment. Upon entering the establishment, the inspectors immediately smelled cigarette smoke and observed there to be a haze of smoke inside the establishment. They then observed the following: an individual rolling a cigarette near the bottom of the steps, charcoal hookah being smoked near the bar area, and multiple individuals including a dancer were smoking inside. The inspectors made contact with the manager on duty and informed them that smoking was not permitted inside the establishment. The manager failed to address the infractions and shrugged at the inspectors. The inspectors asked to see the establishment’s Liquor and Adult Entertainment licenses and was informed they were in the back-office area. Upon entering the office, the manager was seen holding a cigarette. The inspector informed the manager again that there was to be no smoking inside. The manager ignored the inspector, handed them the licenses and proceeded to blow smoke directly into the inspector’s face. After informing the manager that they would be cited for several violations due to this conduct, they proceeded to conduct a routine inspection. Upon entering the dressing room, the inspectors observed the tiles on the floor to be loose and/or missing and the floor area was extremely dirty, along with being cluttered with clothes, shoes, and bags scattered throughout the small space. An individual was observed smoking inside the dressing room and cigarette butts and trash were on the floor area. After the inspection was completed, the inspectors observed smoking still taking place inside the establishment and informed the manager that they were immediately required all patrons and staff to stop smoking. The manager shrugged again and asked what the inspectors wanted him to do about it. The manager was informed that the inspectors would not be leaving until he complied with their orders. The manager instructed the DJ to announce that there was to be no smoking inside the establishment and instructed security to enforce it.

Alleged violation of AB Rule 3.02 (Cooperation) when at approximately 11:00 p.m. on January 26, 2024 members of the BLLC arrived at the establishment to complete a routine inspection of the establishment. Upon entering the establishment, the inspectors immediately smelled cigarette smoke and observed there to be a haze of smoke inside the establishment. They then observed the following: an individual rolling a cigarette near the bottom of the steps, charcoal hookah being smoked near the bar area, and multiple individuals including a dancer were smoking inside. The inspectors made contact with the

manager on duty and informed them that smoking was not permitted inside the establishment. The manager failed to address the infractions and shrugged at the inspectors. The inspectors asked to see the establishment's Liquor and Adult Entertainment licenses and was informed they were in the back-office area. Upon entering the office, the manager was seen holding a cigarette. The inspector informed the manager again that there was to be no smoking inside. The manager ignored the inspector, handed them the licenses and proceeded to blow smoke directly into the inspector's face. After informing the manager that they would be cited for several violations due to this conduct, they proceeded to conduct a routine inspection. Upon entering the dressing room, the inspectors observed the tiles on the floor to be loose and/or missing and the floor area was extremely dirty, along with being cluttered with clothes, shoes, and bags scattered throughout the small space. An individual was observed smoking inside the dressing room and cigarette butts and trash were on the floor area. After the inspection was completed, the inspectors observed smoking still taking place inside the establishment and informed the manager that they were immediately required all patrons and staff to stop smoking. The manager shrugged again and asked what the inspectors wanted him to do about it. The manager was informed that the inspectors would not be leaving until he complied with their orders. The manager instructed the DJ to announce that there was to be no smoking inside the establishment and instructed security to enforce it.

Alleged violation of AE Rule 3.10(a) (Sanitation and Safety – Unsanitary Dressing Rooms) when at approximately 11:00 p.m. on January 26, 2024 members of the BLLC arrived at the establishment to complete a routine inspection of the establishment. Upon entering the establishment, the inspectors immediately smelled cigarette smoke and observed there to be a haze of smoke inside the establishment. They then observed the following: an individual rolling a cigarette near the bottom of the steps, charcoal hookah being smoked near the bar area, and multiple individuals including a dancer were smoking inside. The inspectors made contact with the manager on duty and informed them that smoking was not permitted inside the establishment. The manager failed to address the infractions and shrugged at the inspectors. The inspectors asked to see the establishment's Liquor and Adult Entertainment licenses and was informed they were in the back-office area. Upon entering the office, the manager was seen holding a cigarette. The inspector informed the manager again that there was to be no smoking inside. The manager ignored the inspector, handed them the licenses and proceeded to blow smoke directly into the inspector's face. After informing the manager that they would be cited for several violations due to this conduct, they proceeded to conduct a routine inspection. Upon entering the dressing room, the inspectors observed the tiles on the floor to be loose and/or missing and the floor area was extremely dirty, along with being cluttered with clothes, shoes, and bags scattered throughout the small space. An individual was observed smoking inside the dressing room and cigarette butts and trash were on the floor area. After the inspection was completed, the inspectors observed smoking still taking place inside the establishment and informed

the manager that they were immediately required all patrons and staff to stop smoking. The manager shrugged again and asked what the inspectors wanted him to do about it. The manager was informed that the inspectors would not be leaving until he complied with their orders. The manager instructed the DJ to announce that there was to be no smoking inside the establishment and instructed security to enforce it.

Alleged violation of AE Rule 3.05(a) (Incorporation of Liquor License Rules and Regulations to Applicable Licensees) when at approximately 11:00 p.m. on January 26, 2024 members of the BLLC arrived at the establishment to complete a routine inspection of the establishment. Upon entering the establishment, the inspectors immediately smelled cigarette smoke and observed there to be a haze of smoke inside the establishment. They then observed the following: an individual rolling a cigarette near the bottom of the steps, charcoal hookah being smoked near the bar area, and multiple individuals including a dancer were smoking inside. The inspectors made contact with the manager on duty and informed them that smoking was not permitted inside the establishment. The manager failed to address the infractions and shrugged at the inspectors. The inspectors asked to see the establishment's Liquor and Adult Entertainment licenses and was informed they were in the back-office area. Upon entering the office, the manager was seen holding a cigarette. The inspector informed the manager again that there was to be no smoking inside. The manager ignored the inspector, handed them the licenses and proceeded to blow smoke directly into the inspector's face. After informing the manager that they would be cited for several violations due to this conduct, they proceeded to conduct a routine inspection. Upon entering the dressing room, the inspectors observed the tiles on the floor to be loose and/or missing and the floor area was extremely dirty, along with being cluttered with clothes, shoes, and bags scattered throughout the small space. An individual was observed smoking inside the dressing room and cigarette butts and trash were on the floor area. After the inspection was completed, the inspectors observed smoking still taking place inside the establishment and informed the manager that they were immediately required all patrons and staff to stop smoking. The manager shrugged again and asked what the inspectors wanted him to do about it. The manager was informed that the inspectors would not be leaving until he complied with their orders. The manager instructed the DJ to announce that there was to be no smoking inside the establishment and instructed security to enforce it.

Alleged violation of AB Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct – No Patrons Under the Age of 21) when at approximately 10:00 p.m. on February 2, 2024 members of the BLLC joined the Social Club Task Force consisting of staff from the Baltimore City Fire and Baltimore City Housing Departments as they conducted fire permit checks on the 400 block of East Baltimore Street. The inspector entered the establishment to assist with Fire Marshal with their inspection but exited the establishment shortly thereafter to wait for the Fire Marshal to complete their inspection. The inspector observed a group of 5 females approach the door and observed security checking identification of the group. The

inspector observed one individual hand the bouncer what appeared to be a vertical ID indicating that the individual is under 21 years of age. The inspectors also overheard security informing the group that they would let them enter after the Task Force left and that there was a \$20 cover charge to enter, one individual in the group mentioned that they had “\$100 in Cash App”. When the Task Force completed their inspection of the establishment, the inspectors remained at the establishment to see if the underage group of females would be permitted to enter the establishment. After approximately 5 minutes, the inspector observed the group being allowed inside. The inspectors then proceeded back into the establishment and identified the group of presumed underage patrons sitting on the side benches against the wall facing the stage and bar. The inspector asked to see their ID and upon inspection it was observed that three of the five individuals were under the age of 21. The inspectors made contact with the manager and informed them that the establishment would be receiving a violation.

Alleged violation of AE Rule 3.05(a) (Incorporation of Liquor License Rules and Regulations to Applicable Licensees) when at approximately 10:00 p.m. on February 2, 2024 members of the BLLC joined the Social Club Task Force consisting of staff from the Baltimore City Fire and Baltimore City Housing Departments as they conducted fire permit checks on the 400 block of East Baltimore Street. The inspector entered the establishment to assist with Fire Marshal with their inspection but exited the establishment shortly thereafter to wait for the Fire Marshall to complete their inspection. The inspector observed a group of 5 females approach the door and observed security checking identification of the group. The inspector observed one individual hand the bouncer what appeared to be a vertical ID indicating that the individual is under 21 years of age. The inspectors also overheard security informing the group that they would let them enter after the Task Force left and that there was a \$20 cover charge to enter, one individual in the group mentioned that they had “\$100 in Cash App”. When the Task Force completed their inspection of the establishment, the inspectors remained at the establishment to see if the underage group of females would be permitted to enter the establishment. After approximately 5 minutes, the inspector observed the group being allowed inside. The inspectors then proceeded back into the establishment and identified the group of presumed underage patrons sitting on the side benches against the wall facing the stage and bar. The inspector asked to see their ID and upon inspection it was observed that three of the five individuals were under the age of 21. The inspectors made contact with the manager and informed them that the establishment would be receiving a violation.

Corporate Standing: New 2 O’Clock Club, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of February 8, 2024.

Location Violation History: None since 2012.

Witnesses: Christopher Scott – Manager, Cindy-Leigh Tudhope – BLLC Inspector, Regina Brown – BLLC Inspector, Andy Perez – BLLC Agent Inspector, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Chief Inspector

February 22, 2024

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule AB Rule 3.12, AB Rule 3.02, AE Rule 3.10(a), AE Rule 3.05(a) on January 26, 2024 and AB Rule 4.16, and AE Rule 3.05(a) on February 2, 2024 and imposed the administrative fee of \$125, payable within 30 days. The Board voted to suspend the licenses for 3 days, commencing immediately.