

**BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS**

**HEARING DISPOSITIONS**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2017  
100 N. HOLLIDAY STREET, ROOM 215  
BALTIMORE, MD 21202**

**Albert Matricciani, Jr., Chairperson  
Aaron Greenfield, Commissioner  
Dana P. Moore, Commissioner**

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

Truth Lounge, LLC, t/a Truth Lounge License # LBD7 448  
4507-09 Belair Road, Baltimore MD 21206 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilmanic District (Scott)

**Attorney for Applicant:** Shawn Harby

**Application to transfer ownership of a Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License and requesting live entertainment to Darryl Strange.**

**Public Notice of Transfer:** Establishment was posted on November 22, 2016 and checked on December 2, 2016 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. Various letters of opposition was received. There were no letters of communication supporting the transfer.

**Corporate Standing:** Truth Lounge, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of December 9, 2016.

**Violations History:** August 2, 2012 – Violation of Rule 4.18 (Corporation not in Good Standing) – Paid \$125 in lieu of hearing

**Witnesses:** Darryl Strange – Applicant, Abraham Hurdle – Attorney, Margie Dieter – Community Member, Brian Dieter – Community Member, Irma Beasley – Community Member, Sandra Davis – Community Member

**Disposition:** The Board has postponed their decision on the transfer of the license to the licensee(s) – Will continue on January 19, 2017.

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

City Line Food, Inc., t/a Trade Name Pending License # LBD7 056  
6506-10 Belair Road, Baltimore MD 21206 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilmanic District (Scott)

**Attorney for Applicant:** Robert Taylor

**Application to transfer ownership of a Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License with continuation of live entertainment and outdoor table service and requesting to add off-premise catering and delivery of alcoholic beverages to Christopher Sheffert, Concetta Scotto-Sheffert, and Michael Sabracos.**

**Public Notice of Transfer:** Establishment was posted on November 22, 2016 and checked on December 5, 2016 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

**Corporate Standing:** City Line Food, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of December 9, 2016.

**Violations History:** September 19, 2013 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$625

September 27, 2012 – Violation of Rule 4.18 (Corporation not in Good Standing) – Paid \$125 in lieu of hearing

**Witnesses:** Christopher Sheffert – Applicant, Concetta Scotto-Sheffert – Applicant, Robert Taylor – Attorney, Lance O’Hara – Former Licensee

**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**

Has-Jas Corporation, t/a Hamilton Liquors  
5418-20 Harford Road, Baltimore MD 21214

License # LA 202  
3<sup>rd</sup> Councilmanic District (Dorsey)

**Attorney for Applicant:** Melvin Kodenski

**Application to transfer ownership of a Class “A” Beer, Wine & Liquor License to Harman Arneja, Gurmohan Arnega, and Ronald Sanders.**

**Public Notice of Transfer:** Establishment was posted on November 22, 2016 and checked on December 5, 2016 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

**Corporate Standing:** Has-Jas Corporation is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of December 9, 2016.

**Violations History:** None since 2008.

**Witnesses:** Harman Arneja – Applicant, Gurmohan Arnega – Applicant, Ronald Sanders – Applicant, Abraham Hurdle – Attorney

**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 and Expand Premises**

**11:00 AM**

The Sobo Taco Spot, LLC, t/a Banditos  
1118 S. Charles Street, Baltimore MD 21230

License # LBD7 427  
11<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District (Costello)

**Attorney for Applicant:** Peter Prevas

**Application to transfer ownership of a Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License and expand premise to include 1118 S. Charles Street, Unit 101 for business to Andrew Dunlap and Michael White.**

**Public Notice of Transfer:** Establishment was posted on November 23, 2016 and checked on December 3, 2016 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

**Corporate Standing:** The Sobo Taco Spot, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of December 9, 2016.

**Violations History:** Protest of Renewal filed for 2015-2016 year – dismissed

August 7, 2014 – Violation of Rule 4.05(a) (Prohibited Hours) – Fined \$625

**Witnesses:** Andrew Dunlap – Applicant, Michael White – Applicant, Peter Prevas – Attorney, Ali Ahnadina – Landlord, Pamela Trangenstein – Student, Henry Valeri – Student, Elizabeth Mount – Executive Director of Downtown Family Alliance, Brook McDonald – Federal Hill Neighborhood Association, Ivan Janrosz – Federal Hill Neighborhood Association

**Disposition:** The Board has approved the transfer of the license to the applicant(s) by a 2-1 vote. (Matricciani & Greenfield – in support, Moore – not in support)

**Regular Item – Request for a 180 Day Hardship Extension**

**11:00 AM**

Four One Four, LLC, t/a Kings and Diamonds  
414-16 E. Baltimore Street, Baltimore MD 21202

License # LBD7 385 & AE 028  
11<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District (Costello)

**Attorney for Applicant:** N/A

**Request for 180 day hardship extension by Mustafa Jackson and Roberto Silva.**

**Public Notice of Transfer:** N/A

**Corporate Standing:** Four One Four, LLC is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of December 9, 2016.

**Violations History:** January 14, 2016 – Violation of Rule 4.17(a), Rule 9, Rule 4.17 and Rule 9 – Fined \$2,125

August 7, 2014 – Violation of AE Rule 2 and AE Rule 8 – Dismissed

September 27, 2012 – Violation of Rule 4.18 – Paid \$125 in lieu of hearing

**Witnesses:** Mustafa Jackson – Licensee, Roberto Silva – Licensee, Kenneth Jackson – Corporate Member

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

**Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.09(b)**

**1:00 PM**

Weidog, LLC, t/a Playbook  
6700 German Hill Road, Baltimore MD 21222

License # LBD7 255  
1<sup>st</sup> Councilmanic District (Cohen)

**Attorney for Applicant:** Peter Prevas

**Alleged violation of Rule 3.09(b) (Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations) when at approximately 10:00 p.m. on September 23, 2016 members of the Baltimore City Health Department, Baltimore City Police Department and BLLC conducted a joint investigation into the establishment when the Health Department observed hot and cold holdings temperature violations, bare hands handling food and improper hand washing. As a result, the establishment was closed for the evening.**

**Corporate Standing:** Weidog, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of December 13, 2016.

**Violations History:** March 3, 2016 – Violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) and Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors – dismissed) – Fined \$1,125

Protest of Renewal for 2015-2016 year – dismissed

October 23, 2014 – Violation of Rule 4.18 (Illegal Conduct), Rule 3.02

(Cooperation), Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor), Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) and Rule 3.12 (Public Welfare) – Fined \$3,125

December 12, 2013 – Violation of Rule 4.18 (General Welfare) – Fined \$1,625

November 7, 2013 – Violation of Rule 4.05(a) (Prohibited Hours) and Rule 4.18 (Illegal Conduct) – dismissed

Protest of Renewal for 2013-2014 year – dismissed but suspended for 4 weeks in June 2013.

January 31, 2013 – Violation of Rule 3.12 (Public Welfare – dismissed), Article 2B § 12-108(d) (Underage Possession – dismissed), Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors – dismissed), Article 2B § 10-505 (License not Displayed) and Rule 4.18 (Illegal Conduct) – Fined \$1,575

Protest of Renewal for 2012-2013 year – dismissed but fined \$2,000

**Witnesses:** Carlos Bulnes –Manager/Operator, Peter Prevas – Attorney, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Inspector, Patricia Vials – Health Department Inspector

**Disposition:** By a 2-0 vote (Chairman Matricciani recluses himself from this decision), the Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.09(b) on September 23, 2016 and imposed a fine of \$2,500 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

**Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.05 (a) and (b), Rule 3.02, Rule 2.13, and Rule 3.12** **1:00 PM**

Jano Ethiopian Restaurant & Lounge, LLC, t/a Jano Ethiopia License # LB 188  
34 S. Eutaw Street, Baltimore MD 21201 11<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District (Costello)

**Attorney for Applicant:** Roland Harris

**Alleged violation of Rule 4.05 (a) and (b) (Prohibited Hours) when at approximately at 2:30 a.m. on October 30, 2016 members of the BLLC conducted a special investigation when they entered the establishment posing as patrons and attempted to order an alcoholic beverage and the bartender informed that they were closed but the licensee instructed the bartender to serve them.**

**Alleged violation of Rule 3.02 (Cooperation) when at approximately at 2:40 a.m. on October 30, 2016 members of the BLLC conducted a special investigation when other inspectors were denied entry to the establishment to assist the inspectors already inside while being verbally assaulted by the licensee.**

**Alleged violation of Rule 2.13 (Inspections) when at approximately at 2:40 a.m. on October 30, 2016 members of the BLLC conducted a special investigation when inspectors were denied entry to the establishment to finish up their inspection.**

**Alleged violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) when at approximately at 2:40 a.m. on October 30, 2016 members of the BLLC conducted a special investigation when inspectors were denied entry to the establishment and called the Baltimore City Police Department's Central District for support.**

**Corporate Standing:** Jano Ethiopian Restaurant and Lounge, LLC is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of November 11, 2016.

**Violations History:** June 30, 2016 – Violation of Rule 4.05(a) (Prohibited Hours) – Fined \$225

**Witnesses:** Fikremariam Worku – Licensee, Roland Harris – Attorney, Keith Boone – Witness, Mark Fosler – BLLC Chief Inspector, Darryl Clark – BLLC Inspector, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Inspector, John Howard – BLLC Inspector

**Disposition:** The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.05 (a) and (b), Rule 3.02, Rule 2.13 and Rule 3.12 on October 30, 2016 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 for 3 days, commencing immediately.