

BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

HEARING DISPOSITIONS

**THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2022
100 N. HOLLIDAY STREET, ROOM 215
BALTIMORE, MD 21202**

**Albert Matricciani, Jr., Chairperson
Aaron Greenfield, Commissioner
Edward Reisinger, Commissioner**

Regular Item – Application for New Class “BD7” License 10:30 AM

2120 Charles Operating, LLC, t/a Trade Name Pending License # N/A (new)
2120 N. Charles Street, Baltimore MD 21218 12th Councilmanic District (Stokes)

Attorney for Applicant: Abraham Hurdle

Application for a new Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor license requesting live entertainment, off-premises catering, and delivery of alcoholic beverages to Matthew R. Moses.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on June 10, 2022 and checked on June 21, 2022 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: 2120 Charles Operating, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of July 13, 2022.

Location Violation History: N/A; new license.

Witnesses: Matthew Moses – Applicant, Kelly Cross – Old Goucher Community Association President

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 10:30 AM

Om Shiva, Inc., t/a Club Paradise Liquor License # A-7 010
1300-02 Laurens Street, Baltimore MD 21217 7th Councilmanic District (Torrence)

Attorney for Applicant: Bruce Kurlander

Application to transfer ownership of a Class “A-7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License to Larry Sink and Uday Pansara.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on July 11, 2022 and checked on July 20, 2022 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Om Shiva, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of July 13, 2022.

Location Violation History: August 8, 2019 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) –

Fined \$475

Witnesses: Larry Sink – Applicant, Uday Pansara – Applicant

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

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.01(a)

10:30 AM

Fisherman’s Wharf Inner Harbor, Inc., t/a Mo’s Fisherman’s Wharf
219 President Street, Baltimore MD 21202

License # LB 239

1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant:

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 9:00 p.m. on April 27, 2022 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: Fisherman’s Wharf Inner Harbor, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of July 14, 2022.

Location Violation History: April 28, 2022 – Protest of Renewal – Voted to Renew (3-0 vote)
March 1, 2018 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) –
Fined \$475

Witnesses: N/A

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

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.05 and Rule 4.16

10:30 AM

Sri Balaji, Inc., t/a Portside Tavern & Lounge
2821-23 O’Donnell Street, Baltimore MD 21224

License # LBD7 246

1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 4.05 (Prohibited Hours) when at approximately 2:40 a.m. on June 5, 2022 members of the BLLC conducted an investigation to see if establishments were operating after hours permitted by their BLLC issued liquor license. When the inspectors arrived at the establishment, the establishment appeared to be closed as the exterior doors were closed and lights were off. Upon further investigation, the inspectors heard music emanating from the second floor of the establishment. When the inspector attempted to enter the establishment, but all doors were locked. When a bouncer came to the door, they stated the establishment was closed, but the inspectors identified themselves and instructed the bouncer to open the door and the inspectors made their way to the second floor where they observed approximately 20 individuals seated throughout consuming alcoholic beverages along with several actively lit charcoal hookahs. The inspector made contact with the operator and inquired why the establishment was open and operating after 2 a.m. The operator mentioned the establishment was closed and that they were cleaning for the night. The inspector asked about the individuals sitting around actively consuming alcoholic beverages if the establishment was closed, but the operator stated those were their

friends that had stayed past a party that was held earlier that evening. The inspector instructed the operator to clear the building of all patrons and only bar staff could remain. At this time a violation was issued. As the inspectors were leaving the establishment at approximately 3:00 a.m., they encountered several individuals arriving and attempting to gain entry to the establishment, which the inspectors informed these persons that the establishment was closed.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when at approximately 2:40 a.m. on June 5, 2022 members of the BLLC conducted an investigation to see if establishments were operating after hours permitted by their BLLC issued liquor license. When the inspectors arrived at the establishment, the establishment appeared to be closed as the exterior doors were closed and lights were off. Upon further investigation, the inspectors heard music emanating from the second floor of the establishment. When the inspector attempted to enter the establishment, but all doors were locked. When a bouncer came to the door, they stated the establishment was closed, but the inspectors identified themselves and instructed the bouncer to open the door and the inspectors made their way to the second floor where they observed approximately 20 individuals seated throughout consuming alcoholic beverages along with several actively lit charcoal hookahs. The inspector made contact with the operator and inquired why the establishment was open and operating after 2 a.m. The operator mentioned the establishment was closed and that they were cleaning for the night. The inspector asked about the individuals sitting around actively consuming alcoholic beverages if the establishment was closed, but the operator stated those were their friends that had stayed past a party that was held earlier that evening. The inspector instructed the operator to clear the building of all patrons and only bar staff could remain. At this time a violation was issued. As the inspectors were leaving the establishment at approximately 3:00 a.m., they encountered several individuals arriving and attempting to gain entry to the establishment, which the inspectors informed these persons that the establishment was closed.

Corporate Standing: Sri Balaji, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of July 14, 2022.

Location Violation History: March 24, 2022 – Violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) – Fined \$275

Witnesses: Mohan Thapa – Manager, Andy Perez – BLLC Agent Inspector, Walter Farley-Robinson – BLLC Inspector, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Chief Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.05 and Rule 4.16 on June 5, 2022, but did not impose a fine and waived the administrative fee of \$125. The Board voted to suspend the license indefinitely, commencing immediately, pending licensee action.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.08(a) and Rule 3.06(b)

10:30 AM

Contract Purchaser, t/a Trinacria Café
111 W. Centre Street, Baltimore MD 21201

License # LB 236
11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Applicant: Abraham Hurdle

Alleged violation of Rule 3.08(a) (Sanitation and Safety) when on June 5, 2022 members of the Baltimore City Police Department, Baltimore City Housing Department, Baltimore City Fire Department, Baltimore City Health Department, and the BLLC conducted a joint inspection of the establishment. The inspector contacted the manager to view all permits as they were not displayed on the wall or visible to the inspectors. The manager could only supply an expired copy of their liquor license and a fire inspection letter that stated they needed to apply for a permit. Upon further review, it was determined that the establishment had yet to apply for a fire permit of building permits, and also the health permit was not up to date. The inspectors further observed the rear exit was completely blocked off with boxes and other miscellaneous items and locked with a keypad lock. The manager was asked to close the establishment until they could get up-to-date with all permits voluntarily, or they would be shut down by the Fire Marshall. The manager was also informed that they were exceeding the permitted outdoor table capacity by one table and four chairs.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.06(b) (Signs and Hours of Operations) when on June 5, 2022 members of the Baltimore City Police Department, Baltimore City Housing Department, Baltimore City Fire Department, Baltimore City Health Department, and the BLLC conducted a joint inspection of the establishment. The inspector contacted the manager to view all permits as they were not displayed on the wall or visible to the inspectors. The manager could only supply an expired copy of their liquor license and a fire inspection letter that stated they needed to apply for a permit. Upon further review, it was determined that the establishment had yet to apply for a fire permit of building permits, and also the health permit was not up to date. The inspectors further observed the rear exit was completely blocked off with boxes and other miscellaneous items and locked with a keypad lock. The manager was asked to close the establishment until they could get up-to-date with all permits voluntarily, or they would be shut down by the Fire Marshall. The manager was also informed that they were exceeding the permitted outdoor table capacity by one table and four chairs.

Corporate Standing: N/A

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Michael Fiseha – Licensee/Contract Purchaser, Cindy-Leigh Tudhope – BLLC Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.08(a) and Rule 3.06(b) on June 5, 2022 and imposed a fine of \$100 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.05

10:30 AM

Two Loueys Cantina, LLC, t/a Two Loueys Cantina Bar & Grill
200 S. Haven Street, Baltimore MD 21224

License # LB 143
2nd Councilmanic District (McCray)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Abraham Hurdle

Alleged violation of Rule 4.05 (Prohibited Hours) when at approximately 2:00 a.m. on June 5, 2022 members of the BLLC conducted an investigation to see if establishments were operating after hours permitted by their BLLC issued liquor license. When the inspectors arrived outside of the establishment, they remained inside their vehicle to observe the establishment. After a few minutes, the inspectors observed patrons exiting the establishment, but at approximately 2:15 a.m., the inspectors observed a physical altercation taking place outside of the establishment. After the altercation, the inspectors then observed patrons going back inside the establishment. The inspectors entered the establishment at approximately 2:20 a.m. and witnessed approximately 20 patrons inside and some people were observed with alcoholic beverages in their hand. The manager asked all patrons to leave and explained to the inspectors that he was pepper sprayed during the altercation. The inspectors informed the manager of the violation.

Corporate Standing: Two Loueys Cantina, LLC is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of July 14, 2022.

Location Violation History: May 23, 2019 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$1,625

Witnesses: Stephan Fogleman – Attorney for buyer, Sunil Sharma – Manager, Luis George – Licensee, Walter Farley-Robinson – BLLC Inspector, Andy Perez – BLLC Agent Inspector, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Chief Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.05 on June 5, 2022 and imposed a fine of \$100 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.07(a), Rule 4.14, and Rule 3.12

10:30 AM

New Berger's, Inc., t/a Berger's Tavern
5523 Belair Road, Baltimore MD 21206

License # LBD7 355
2nd Councilmanic District (McCray)

Attorney for Licensee(s): N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 4.07(a) (Open Containers and Illegal Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages) when at approximately 1:50 p.m. on June 19, 2022 a 311 complaint was received for the establishment alleging the disturbing of peace, loud music, front door open, and within the complaint stated that the establishment was having an outdoor function in which they were welling and handling food outdoors and blasting very loud music. At approximately 5:45 p.m., members of the BLLC responded to the 311 call, arrived and parked their car across the street from the establishment and could hear music at an extremely high volume coming from the establishment's tavern side. The inspector observed people standing at a side door smoking and drinking bottles of beer and what

appeared to be other alcoholic beverages. The inspector observed multiple people exiting the same side door carrying beer and glasses of what appeared to be other alcohol and walking to the lot behind the establishment where canopy tents were set up with chairs and tables, observing approximately 20 individuals within that outdoor area. The inspector entered the establishment and observed what appeared to be a disc jockey (DJ) playing music out of large amplified speakers. The inspector contacted the manager and made them aware of the 311 complaint. The manager mentioned the that licensee stated they could have live entertainment. The inspector then informed the manager of the people drinking outside and the music was being played at a volume that was disturbing the peace and the license did not permit outdoor seating or live entertainment.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.14 (Live Entertainment without Authorization) when at approximately 1:50 p.m. on June 19, 2022 a 311 complaint was received for the establishment alleging the disturbing of peace, loud music, front door open, and within the complaint stated that the establishment was having an outdoor function in which they were welling and handling food outdoors and blasting very loud music. At approximately 5:45 p.m., members of the BLLC responded to the 311 call, arrived and parked their car across the street from the establishment and could hear music at an extremely high volume coming from the establishment's tavern side. The inspector observed people standing at a side door smoking and drinking bottles of beer and what appeared to be other alcoholic beverages. The inspector observed multiple people exiting the same side door carrying beer and glasses of what appeared to be other alcohol and walking to the lot behind the establishment where canopy tents were set up with chairs and tables, observing approximately 20 individuals within that outdoor area. The inspector entered the establishment and observed what appeared to be a disc jockey (DJ) playing music out of large amplified speakers. The inspector contacted the manager and made them aware of the 311 complaint. The manager mentioned the that licensee stated they could have live entertainment. The inspector then informed the manager of the people drinking outside and the music was being played at a volume that was disturbing the peace and the license did not permit outdoor seating or live entertainment.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) when at approximately 1:50 p.m. on June 19, 2022 a 311 complaint was received for the establishment alleging the disturbing of peace, loud music, front door open, and within the complaint stated that the establishment was having an outdoor function in which they were welling and handling food outdoors and blasting very loud music. At approximately 5:45 p.m., members of the BLLC responded to the 311 call, arrived and parked their car across the street from the establishment and could hear music at an extremely high volume coming from the establishment's tavern side. The inspector observed people standing at a side door smoking and drinking bottles of beer and what appeared to be other alcoholic beverages. The inspector observed multiple people exiting the same side door carrying beer and glasses of what appeared to be other alcohol and walking to the lot behind the establishment where

canopy tents were set up with chairs and tables, observing approximately 20 individuals within that outdoor area. The inspector entered the establishment and observed what appeared to be a disc jockey (DJ) playing music out of large amplified speakers. The inspector contacted the manager and made them aware of the 311 complaint. The manager mentioned that the licensee stated they could have live entertainment. The inspector then informed the manager of the people drinking outside and the music was being played at a volume that was disturbing the peace and the license did not permit outdoor seating or live entertainment.

Corporate Standing: New Berger's, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of July 14, 2022.

Location Violation History: April 7, 2022 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$375

Witnesses: Licensees – FTA (Failure to Appear), Cindy-Leigh Tudhope – BLLC Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.07(a), Rule 4.14, and Rule 3.12 on June 19, 2022 and imposed a fine of \$3,000 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.08

10:30 AM

SBD Group, LLC, t/a Liquor House & Bar
3 E. North Avenue, Baltimore MD 21202

License # LBD7 022
12th Councilmanic District (Stokes)

Attorney for Applicant: Jay Yoo

Alleged violation of Rule 3.08 (Sanitation and Safety) when at approximately 7:28 p.m. on June 15, 2022 members of the BLLC was in the area of the establishment and observed what appeared to be recycling and trashed placed on the corner of the intersection of North Avenue and Charles Street around a municipal trash can located on the sidewalk. The inspector took a photograph of the trash so as to follow up at a later date to see if the trash was removed from the area due to the trash can being in close proximity to a liquor licensed establishment and some of the cardboard appeared to be beer alcoholic beverage boxes. On June 16, 2022 at approximately 10:16 p.m., the inspector along with another BLLC inspector and Baltimore City Police Officers returned to the establishment to follow up on the trash observed the prior day. The inspector observed the trash was still there. Upon further investigation, the inspector was able to attribute several of the liquor boxes to the establishment by identifying delivery labels with the addressee of Liquor House Bar (the establishment). The inspector contacted the manager about the trash, and the manager stated they were unaware of the scheduled pick up and was unaware they were not allowed to leave trash and recycling out for collection for multiple days. The inspector provided a written violation for the trash and recycling, and also provided a verbal warning about not having the tavern open and operating at all times when selling package goods for off-premises consumption.

July 28, 2022

Corporate Standing: SBD Group, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of July 14, 2022.

Location Violation History: None since 2011.

Witnesses: Cindy-Leigh Tudhope – BLLC Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.08 on June 16, 2022 and imposed a fine of \$200 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.