

BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

HEARING DISPOSITIONS

**THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2019
100 N. HOLLIDAY STREET, ROOM 215
BALTIMORE, MD 21202**

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

Regular Item – Request for a 180 Day Hardship Extension 11:00 AM

Berger’s Tavern, Inc., t/a Berger’s Tavern License # LBD7 015 (2018)
5523 Belair Road, Baltimore MD 21206 2nd Councilmanic District (Scott)

Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Request for a 180 day hardship extension by Henry Berger, Jr.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: Berger’s Tavern, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of May 30, 2019.

Location Violation History: None since 2006.

Witnesses: Melvin Kodenski – Attorney, Henry Berger, Jr. – Licensee, Jeff Zeigler – Attorney for Licensee, Judy Harclerode – Trustee

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

Riverside Avenue, Inc., t/a Ludlow Market License # LBD7 343
921 E. Fort Avenue, Baltimore MD 21230 11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Applicant: Peter Prevas

Request for a 180 day hardship extension by Christopher Spann.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: Riverside Avenue, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of May 30, 2019.

Location Violation History: None since 2016.

Witnesses: Peter Prevas – Attorney

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

Sign of the Times, Inc., t/a Sign of the Times License # LBD7 348
137-39 N. Belnord Avenue, Baltimore MD 21224 1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Request for a 180 day hardship extension by Rosita I. Cassell.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: Sign of the Times, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of May 30, 2019.

Location Violation History: None since 2014.

Witnesses: James Cassell – Licensee’s Husband

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**

South Cross Street Market, LLC, t/a Nick’s Inner Harbor Seafood

Cross Street Market, Baltimore MD 21230

License # WD 026

11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Applicant: Peter Prevas

Request for a 180 day hardship extension by Kwang Hee Lee and Hyon Lee.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: South Cross Street Market, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of May 30, 2019.

Location Violation History: None since 2009.

Witnesses: Peter Prevas – Attorney, Hyon Lee – Licensee

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 90 Day Transfer Hardship Extension **11:00 AM**

Sri Balaji, Inc., t/a Portside Tavern & Lounge

2821-23 O’Donnell Street, Baltimore MD 21224

License # LBD7 388

1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Request for a 90 day transfer hardship extension by Ganesh Kunwar, Madan Wagle, and Chunne Bishwokarma.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: Sri Balaji, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of May 30, 2019.

Location Violation History: None since 2013.

Witnesses: Melvin Kodenski – Attorney, Ganesh Kunwar – Applicant

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

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

Little Chang, LLC, t/a Trade Name Pending

2322 Boston Street, Baltimore MD 21224

License # LBD7 350

1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant: Abraham Hurdle

Request for a 90 day transfer hardship extension by Ferdinand K. Hui.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: Little Chang, LLC is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of May 30, 2019.

Location Violation History: N/A; new location.

Witnesses: N/A

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

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.16 & Tax Gen’l Art. §13-1014 (a) 1:00 PM

Badwall, LLC, t/a Lombard Liquor & Bar

License # LBD7 381

1000 W. Baltimore Street, Baltimore MD 21223

9th Councilmanic District (Bullock)

Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when at approximately 10:00 a.m. on October 10, 2018 members of the Maryland State Comptroller’s Office conducted a routine inspection of the location. While conducting their inspection, the agents discovered “other tobacco products (OTP)” which include cigars, cigarillos, chewing tobacco and loose tobacco products that were displayed for sale and proceeded to ask for receipts for these items. Upon review of the receipts, the agents could not account for all the OTP that was on display and stored within the establishment, and seized all the OTP not accounted for.

Alleged violation of Tax Gen’l Art. §13-1014 (a) (Willful possession, sale or offer to sell unstamped or improperly stamped cigarettes) when at approximately 10:00 a.m. on October 10, 2018 members of the Maryland State Comptroller’s Office conducted a routine inspection of the location. While conducting their inspection, the agents discovered “other tobacco products (OTP)” which include cigars, cigarillos, chewing tobacco and loose tobacco products that were displayed for sale and proceeded to ask for receipts for these items. Upon review of the receipts, the agents could not account for all the OTP that was on display and stored within the establishment, and seized all the OTP not accounted for.

Corporate Standing: Badwall, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of January 23, 2019.

Location Violation History: January 17, 2019 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined 2,625

January 25, 2018 – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Class BD7

Licensees: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times) – Fined \$425

September 7, 2017 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$625

March 2, 2017 – Violation of Rule 4.18(a) (Alterations) and Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Class BD7 Licensees) – Fined \$225

Witnesses: Melvin Kodenski – Attorney, Sarbjit Singh – Licensee, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Agent Inspector, Jane Buccheri – Resident/Neighbor

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.16 and Tax Gen'II Art. §13-1014 (a) and on October 10, 2018 and imposed a fine of \$1,000 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

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

1:00 PM

The One Sports Bar & Lounge, LLC, t/a The One Sports Bar & Lounge

4314-16 Curtis Avenue, Baltimore MD 21226

License # LB 080 (2018)

10th Councilmanic District (Reisinger)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 3.08(b) (Sanitation and Safety) when at approximately 9:10 p.m. on March 8, 2019 members of the Baltimore City Police Department, Baltimore City Fire Department, Baltimore City Health Department, Baltimore City Housing Department, BGE, and the BLLC conducted a routine inspection. Upon inspection, fire inspectors discovered that the electrical panel within the establishment had been tampered with allowing the establishment to be powered without the use of an electrical meter. After calling BGE, a technician arrived on the scene and confirmed that the wiring in the electrical panel had been removed and illegally been rewired. The BCFD issued a “Cease & Desist” order and closed the establishment.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when at approximately 9:10 p.m. on March 8, 2019 members of the Baltimore City Police Department, Baltimore City Fire Department, Baltimore City Health Department, Baltimore City Housing Department, BGE, and the BLLC conducted a routine inspection. Upon inspection, fire inspectors discovered that the electrical panel within the establishment had been tampered with allowing the establishment to be powered without the use of an electrical meter. After calling BGE, a technician arrived on the scene and confirmed that the wiring in the electrical panel had been removed and illegally been rewired. The BCFD issued a “Cease & Desist” order and closed the establishment.

Corporate Standing: The One Sports Bar & Lounge, LLC is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of April 30, 2019.

Location Violation History: March 14, 2019 – Violation of Rule 3.08(a) (Sanitation and Safety) – Fined \$625
June 9, 2018 – Violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) – Dismissed, no fine assessed

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

Son-Son, Inc., t/a Son Son Tavern & Liquor Store

308 N. Eutaw Street, Baltimore MD 21201

License # LBD7 069

11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 3.08(a) (Sanitation & Safety) when at approximately 8:55 p.m. on April 26, 2019 members of the Baltimore City Police Department, Baltimore City Fire Department, Baltimore City Health Department, Baltimore City Housing Department, and the BLLC conducted an inspection of the establishment. Baltimore City Housing inspectors conducted a follow-up investigation to determine if violations issued to the establishment a year prior had been abated, but upon inspection, the inspectors observed the same code violations, so at that time, the inspectors reissued the housing code violations. In addition, Health Department inspectors observed a fire code violation of charcoal hookahs that appeared to have been used inside the establishment.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.09(b) (Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations) when at approximately 8:55 p.m. on April 26, 2019 members of the Baltimore City Police Department, Baltimore City Fire Department, Baltimore City Health Department, Baltimore City Housing Department, and the BLLC conducted an inspection of the establishment. Upon entering the establishment, Health Department Inspectors conducted an inspection and observed a fire code violation of charcoal hookahs that appeared to have been used inside the establishment.

Corporate Standing: Son-Son, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of May 30, 2019.

Location Violation History: February 1, 2018 – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Open and Operating at all Times) – Fined \$375

Witnesses: Gurdeep Singh – Licensee, Detective Greenhill – Baltimore City Police Officer, Inspector Holmes – Baltimore City Fire Inspector, Tom Ward – Baltimore City Health Department, Darryl Clark – BLLC Agent Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.08(a) and Rule 3.09(b) on April 26, 2019 and imposed a fine of \$500 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.09(b)

1:00 PM

Sangria, LLC, t/a Sangria
930 N. Charles Street, Baltimore MD 21201

License # LB 111
11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Applicant: Justin Williams

Alleged violation of Rule 3.09(b) (Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations) when at approximately 10:35 p.m. on April 26, 2019 members of the Baltimore City Police Department, Baltimore City Fire Department, Baltimore City Health Department, Baltimore City Housing Department, and the BLLC conducted an inspection of the establishment. Upon entering the establishment, Health Department inspectors conducted a routine inspection and observed several health code violations, such as a grease trap in the kitchen that was not hooked up properly, heavy build-up of grease that was emptying into the sump pump, and acoustical ceiling tiles within the food prep and utensil washing

area. Due to these violations, the Health Department closed the establishment for the evening.

Corporate Standing: Sangria, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of May 30, 2019.

Location Violation History: None since 2012.

Witnesses: Justin Williams – Attorney, Detective Greenhill – Baltimore City Police Officer, Charles Hemsler – Baltimore City Housing Inspector, Darryl Clark – BLLC Agent Inspector, Commander Eames – Baltimore City Fire Officer, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Agent Inspector, Tom Ward – Baltimore City Health Inspector, Denise Rohl – Baltimore City Health Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.09(b) on April 26, 2019 and imposed a fine of \$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

Mystic T & M, Inc., t/a Mystic Tavern
2949 Frederick Avenue, Baltimore MD 21223

License # LBD7 294
10th Councilmanic District (Reisinger)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) when at approximately 8:26 p.m. on February 3, 2019 members of the BLLC responded to a 311 call in reference to a complaint regarding loud music. When the agent responded to the location around 10:30 p.m. and observed the establishment, the inspector heard unreasonably loud music emanating from the establishment that affected the nearby residences. At this time, a violation was not issued to the establishment due to the large number of people congregating in and around the establishment.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when at approximately 8:26 p.m. on February 3, 2019 members of the BLLC responded to a 311 call in reference to a complaint regarding loud music. When the agent responded to the location around 10:30 p.m. and observed the establishment, the inspector heard unreasonably loud music emanating from the establishment that affected the nearby residences. At this time, a violation was not issued to the establishment due to the large number of people congregating in and around the establishment.

Corporate Standing: Mystic T & M, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of May 3, 2019.

Location Violation History: February 7, 2019 – Violation of Rule 4.05(a) (Prohibited Hours), Rule 4.05(b) (Prohibited Hours), Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct), and Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) – Fined \$2,125
November 1, 2018 – Violation of Rule 4.05(a) (Prohibited Hours) and Rule 4.05(b) (Prohibited Hours) – Fined \$725

Witnesses: Marvin Kosh – Licensee’s Husband, Andy Perez – BLLC Agent Inspector

June 13, 2019

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.12 and Rule 4.16 on February 3, 2019 and imposed a fine of \$500 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.