

BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

HEARING DISPOSITIONS

**THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2024
100 N. HOLLIDAY STREET, ROOM 215
BALTIMORE, MD 21202**

**Granville Templeton, Chairperson
Harvey Jones, Commissioner
Edward Reisinger, Commissioner**

Regular Item – Request to Reopen after 90 Days

10:30 AM

First Fatty MCH, LLC, t/a Chx Premium Kitchen
1724 Whetstone Way, Baltimore MD 21230

License # LB 310
11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Applicant(s): N/A

Request to reopen after 90 days by Kevin Francis Curley.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: First Fatty MCH, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of June 13, 2024.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Kevin Curley – Licensee

Disposition: The Board has approved the request to reopen to the licensee(s) by a 3-0 vote.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.18

10:30 AM

Admiral's of Thames, LLC, t/a Waterfront Hotel
1710 Thames Street, Baltimore MD 21231

License # LBD7 157
1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Anastasia Thomas

Date of Violation: March 16, 2024

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Summary of Violation: At approximately 4:30 p.m. on March 16, 2024 members of the BLLC were monitoring the Shamrock Crawl in the Fells Point area, when they observed the lot adjacent to the Waterfront Hotel was being used for the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages pf patrons of the aforementioned establishment. At approximately 6:30 p.m., the inspectors verified that the establishment's outdoor table service privilege did not expand into the adjacent lot. The inspectors made contact with the manager and explained that outdoor table service has not been granted to the establishment for sales and consumption of alcoholic beverages in that particular area. The manager explained that they were under the impression that they could serve patrons seated at the patio as long as the drinks came from the interior bar of the establishment and not the outdoor bar that was located in the lot.

Alleged violation of: ● Rule 4.18(a) (Alterations)

Corporate Standing: Admiral's of Thames, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of June 13, 2024.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Vasilios Tserkis – Licensee, Darin Mislán – Manager, Andy Perez – BLLC Agent Inspector, Cindy-Leigh Tudhope – BLLC Inspector. Rosalba Jordan – BLLC Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.18 on March 16, 2024 and imposed a fine of \$100 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

**Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 312, Rule 3.08(a), Rule 3.09(b) 10:30 AM
and Rule 4.16**

Castle Seafood, Inc., t/a Castle Seafood
3720 Potee Street, Baltimore MD 21225

License # LB 325
10th Councilmanic District (Porter)

Attorney for Licensee(s): N/A

Date of Violation: March 14, 2024

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Summary of Violation: At approximately 4:30 p.m. on March 14, 2024, members of the BLLC arrived at the establishment, Castle Seafood Restaurant, also known as Gargolas Lounge, with the purpose of performing an inspection of the premises. When the inspectors approached the parking area, they observed a large crowd of approximately 100 individuals lined up near the front door. Security was present but were unable to provide a count for the guests inside or the allowed capacity. When entering the establishment, the inspectors were met with a strong odor of marijuana and observed guests smoking charcoal hookah and marijuana inside when seated at tables. Inspectors proceeded to the patio area, which has a capacity of 170, and observed it was overcrowded, as well as individuals purchasing drinks from inside the establishment and bringing them out to the courtyard area. Patrons were observed standing since there was not enough seating to accommodate the large number of guests, which after a count was performed, estimated to about 250 people in the courtyard. The inspectors spoke to the licensee regarding the smoking and overcrowding they witnessed and issued a violation. The licensee agreed to discontinue the use of hookahs and address the marijuana smoking, and also directed security to stop entry at the door. While BLLC inspectors remained at the establishment, they heard commotion inside the patio area and approached a police unit in the area for assistance. When they entered the patio area, they encountered a fight, and the event was terminated.

Alleged violation of:

- Rule 3.12 (General Welfare)
- Rule 3.08(a) (Sanitation and Safety)
- Rule 3.09(b) (Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations)
- Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct)

Corporate Standing: Castle Seafood, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of June 13, 2024.

Location Violation History: November 16, 2023 – Violation of Rule 4.14(a) (Live Entertainment without Authorization), Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct), Rule 4.18 (Alterations), Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct), Rule 4.14(a)

(Live Entertainment without Authorization), and Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) – Fined \$3,125

September 7, 2024 – Violation of Rule 4.14(a) (Live Entertainment without Authorization), Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct), Rule 4.18 (Alterations), and Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) – Fined \$925

October 20, 2022 – Violation of Rule 4.05 (Prohibited Hours – Dismissed), Rule 3.08(a) (Sanitation and Safety – Dismissed), Rule 3.02 (Cooperation), Rule 3.12 (General Welfare – Dismissed), and Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) – Fined \$1,125

Witnesses: Jason Acevedo Rosario – Licensee, Rosalba Jordan – BLLC Inspector, Andy Perez – BLLC Agent Inspector, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Chief Inspector, Lieutenant Julio – Baltimore City Police Officer, Andrea Nayer – Business Owner (in opposition), Christina Bitner – Action Baybrook Member

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.12, Rule 3.08(a), Rule 3.09(b), and Rule 4.16 on March 14, 2024 and imposed a fine of \$6,000 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

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

10:30 AM

Manjit, Inc. Three, t/a The Liquor Store-Socialize
6130 Belair Road, Baltimore MD 21206

License # LBD7 107
2nd Councilmanic District (McCray)

Attorney for Licensee(s): N/A

Date of Violation: April 7, 2024

Time: 9:45 p.m.

Summary of Violation: At approximately 9:45 p.m. on April 7, 2024, members of the BLLC entered the establishment to perform a routine inspection. Upon entering the establishment, they observed a red rope in front of the tavern. They asked the employee why the tavern was roped off and the employee indicated that the tavern was open from 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and instructed them to check the establishment’s Instagram page. The employee was informed that as long as the establishment is open, the tavern has to be open.

Alleged violation of: ● Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Class BD7 and Class D Licenses: Open and Operating Tavern)

Corporate Standing: Manjit, Inc. Three is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of June 13, 2024.

Location Violation History: April 4, 2024 – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Prohibited Activities by License Type: Class BD7 Licensees Open and Operating Tavern at all Times), Rule 3.03(c) (Employee Records), Rule 3.03(d)(ii) (Trader’s License), Rule 3.09(b) (Restroom Facilities and Health Regulations) – Fined \$525

Witnesses: N/A

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

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.05(b)

10:30 AM

Shin Dae Gae, Inc., t/a Smitty's Liquors
1044 S. Charles Street, Baltimore MD 21230

License # LA 012
11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Licensee(s): N/A

Date of Violation: April 7, 2024

Time: 9:45 p.m.

Summary of Violation: At approximately 9:45 p.m. on April 7, 2024, members of the BLLC were in the Federal Hill area observing the area, when they noticed the open sign to the establishment. They checked for special Class A and Class C licenses for the day, and none had been granted for this location for this date. They entered the establishment and asked the employee to see the liquor license and asked if they were aware that the establishment was not allowed to be open on Sundays unless they have a special license. The employee advised that they were not aware of the rules and had ben open for the last couple of Sundays.

Alleged violation of: ● Rule 4.05(b) (Prohibited Hours)

Corporate Standing: Shin Dae Gae, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of June 13, 2024.

Location Violation History: None since 2008.

Witnesses: Peter Chung – Licensee, Regina Brown – BLLC Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.05(b) on April 21, 2024 and imposed a fine of \$150 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.08(a) and Rule 4.07(a)

10:30 AM

Holy Frijoles, Inc., t/a Holy Frijoles
908-12 W. 36th Street, Baltimore MD 21211

License # LB 093
14th Councilmanic District (Ramos)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Melvin Kodenski

Date of Violation: April 6, 2024

Time: 11:52 p.m.

Summary of Violation: At approximately 11:52 p.m. on April 6, 2024, members of the BLLC were instructed by the Chief Inspector to investigate an anonymous complaint received for hundred of people drinking outside of the establishment. Upon the inspector's arrival at 12:10 a.m. they observed approximately 50 people outside of the establishment on the sidewalk standing and consuming alcoholic beverages. The patrons were in the front of the establishment, in the alleyway and neighboring premises. Inspectors observed people walking away with the open containers and security did not stop patrons from exiting the building with drinks. At approximately 12:30 a.m., the BLLC inspectors spoke with the night manager and made them aware of the reason of the visit. The manager mentioned that a show had just ended, and they had outdoor seating. The inspector advised the manager that all patrons must be seated to be served.

Alleged violation of: ● Rule 3.08(a) (Sanitation and Safety)
● Rule 4.07(a) (Open Containers and Illegal Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages)

Corporate Standing: Holy Frijoles, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of June 13, 2024.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Bernard Jankowski – Manager, Geoffrey Danek – Licensee, Cindy-Leigh Tudhope – BLLC Inspector, Rosalba Jordan – BLLC Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.08(a) and Rule 4.07(a) on April 6, 2024 and imposed a fine of \$200 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.08(b)

10:30 AM

Kkarki, LLC, t/a Broadway Discount Liquors
628 S. Broadway, Baltimore MD 21231

License # LBD7 102
1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Stephan Fogleman

Date of Violation: April 9, 2024

Time: 1:15 p.m.

Summary of Violation: At approximately 1:15 p.m. on April 9, 2024, members of the BLLC arrived at Sushi Bruce Ya, located at 1634 Aliceanna Street, where they noticed that a portion of the alley was clean and free of debris. The other part of the alley had overflowing trash with boxes, televisions, neon signs, and other items which was placed in the rear of the establishment. The inspectors spoke with the licensee of Sushi Bruce Ya about the trash in the alley. The licensee informed the inspectors that their side of the alley had been cleaned and the trash cans were locked, but mentioned the alley is shared between a residential property and two other businesses. Upon further investigation, the inspectors discovered that the trash belonged to Broadway Discount Liquors, located at 628 S. Broadway, as trash and debris the inspectors found were old alcohol invoices with the liquor store's address on it. The inspectors conducted a full routine inspection of Broadway Discount Liquors and spoke with an employee, informing them that a violation would be issued for overflowing trash.

Alleged violation of: ● Rule 3.08(b) (Sanitation and Safety)

Corporate Standing: Kkarki, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of June 13, 2024.

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

October 20, 2022 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) and Rule 3.03(c) (Records) – Fined \$375

Witnesses: Muna Karki – Licensee, Terri Chase – BLLC Agent Inspector, Darryl Clark – BLLC Agent Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.08(b) on April 9, 2024 and imposed a fine of \$200 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.05(b)

10:30 AM

River Moon, Inc., t/a G & T Liquor
2048 Wilkens Avenue, Baltimore MD 21223

License # LA 072
9th Councilmanic District (Bullock)

Attorney for Licensee(s): N/A

Date of Violation: April 26, 2024

Time: 10:47 p.m.

Summary of Violation: At approximately 10:47 p.m. on April 26, 2024, members of the BLLC observed patrons exiting the establishment. They entered the location and introduced themselves and asked the employee if they were aware the store was to be closed by 10:00 p.m. per the law. The employee advised the employee that they wanted to wait on their last customer. The inspector instructed the employee to close the door immediately.

Alleged violation of: ● Rule 4.05(b) (Prohibited Hours)

Corporate Standing: River Moon, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of June 13, 2024.

Location Violation History: None since 2004.

Witnesses: Chin Suk Mun – Licensee, Regina Brown – BLLC Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.05(b) on April 26, 2024 and imposed a fine of \$200 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

**Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii), Rule 3.09(b), 10:30 AM
and Rule 4.17(b)**

New MJ Singh, LLC, t/a Brooklyn Liquors
3525-27 S. Hanover Street, Baltimore MD 21225

License # LBD7 203
10th Councilmanic District (Porter)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Melvin Kodenski

Date of Violation: April 30, 2024

Time: 5:15 p.m.

Summary of Violation: At approximately 5:15 p.m. on April 30, 2024, members of the BLLC were conducting a routine inspection at the establishment. Upon entering the package goods area of the establishment, they identified themselves and proceeded to the door between the packages goods side and the bar area of the establishment. The inspector found that the door between the two areas were locked and after multiple requests of asking to be let inside, they allowed the inspector to enter. Once inside, the inspector observed the whole bar area to be covered in food and food containers, along with clothes, underwear, and personal hygiene products on the chairs and tables with a cot in the corner. The inspect observed a mattress in the utility room and stock was store on the floor with what appeared to be a kitchen set up behind the bar being used to cook food. Also, the three-compartment sink was empty and the dirty dishes were in the hand washing sink area. The inspector spoke with the licensee and advised them that the tavern should be open and operating at all times when the package goods is open.

Alleged violation of: ● Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Class BD7 and Class D Licenses: Open and Operating Tavern)

● Rule 3.09(b) (Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations)

● Rule 4.17(b) (Storage)

Corporate Standing: New MJ Singh, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of June 13, 2024.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Majer Singh – Licensee, Cindy-Leigh Tudhope – BLLC Inspector, Christina Bitner – Action Baybrook

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.20(c)(ii), Rule 3.09(b), and Rule 4.17(b) on April 30, 2024 and imposed a fine of \$450 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.09(b) and Rule 3.12 **10:30 AM**

Good Budget, LLC, t/a Club Bellissimo License # LBD7 272
1001-03 E. Pratt Street, Baltimore MD 21202 1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Melvin Kodenski

Date of Violation: April 27, 2024 **Time: 12:25 a.m.**

Summary of Violation: At approximately 12:25 a.m. on April 27, 2024, members of the BLLC responded to 311 complaints for noise complaints. Upon arrival, the inspector parked one block down and realized that they could hear loud music. They entered the establishment to advise management of the complaint. The inspector told the manager to turn down the base and the music. While talking to the manager, they observed patrons smoking charcoal hookah int the establishment. The manager asked them to not issue a violation, but the inspector advised the manager that they would be receiving violations for both loud music and smoking hookah.

Alleged violation of: ● Rule 3.09(b) (Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations)
● Rule 3.12 (General Welfare)

Corporate Standing: Good Budget, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of June 13, 2024.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Olatunde Dipeolu – Licensee, Regina Brown – BLLC Inspector, Darryl Clark – BLLC Agent Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.09(b) and Rule 3.12 on April 27, 2024 and imposed a fine of \$300 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Alc. Bev. & Can. Art. § 12-2007(a) **10:30 AM**

D&J Beer and Wine, Inc., t/a D&J Beer and Wine License # WA 006
3600 W. Garrison Avenue, Baltimore MD 21215 6th Councilmanic District (Middleton)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Melvin Kodenski

Date of Violation: May 3, 2024 **Time: 11:08 p.m.**

Summary of Violation: At approximately 11:08 p.m. on May 3, 2024, members of the BLLC, along with the Social Club Task Force consisting of members from the Baltimore City Fire Marshal Office and Baltimore City Housing Department, conducted an investigation at the establishment. The inspectors found the establishment open and operating and made contact with the licensee to inform them at a compliance check would be conducted. The inspector asked to view the establishment’s liquor license, and upon review, it was determined that the establishment’s hours of operation are restricted from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily. The inspector asked the licensee if they were aware they were operating outside of the permitted hours of operation and they stated they were not selling any alcohol and only operating as a

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convenience store after 10:00 p.m. The inspector informed the licensee that they were not allowed to operate after 10:00 p.m., showed the licensee the restriction on the license, and asked the licensee to close.

Alleged violation of: ● Alc. Bev. & Can. Art. § 12-2007(a)

Corporate Standing: D&J Beer and Wine, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of June 13, 2024.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Gebrebrhan Gebrezgi – Licensee, Cindy-Leigh Tudhope – BLLC Inspector, Rosalba Jordan – BLLC Inspector, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Chief Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Alc. Bev. & Can. Art. § 12-2007(a) on May 3, 2024 and imposed a fine of \$150 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.