

BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

HEARING DISPOSITIONS

**THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2023
100 N. HOLLIDAY STREET, ROOM 215
BALTIMORE, MD 21202**

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

Rules & Regulation Announcement:

MD Code, Alc. Bev. Art. 12-210(d) requires the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City (“Board”) to review its regulations to ensure that the regulations comply with the current policies and practices of the Board; and federal, State, and local law. The Board is hereby announcing its publication of its proposed 2023 Rules and Regulations, and formally opening the period for at least 30 days for public comment as required by MD Code, Alc. Bev. Art. 12-210(b)(1). Upon receipt and review of the comments regarding the proposed Rules and Regulations, the Board will make a determination as to the final version of its proposed rules and regulations to be adopted at a future hearing of the Board.

Regular Item – Application for New Class “B” License

10:30 AM

La Mi Amore, LLC, t/a La Mi Amore

License # N/A (new)

518 N. Charles Street, Baltimore MD 21201

11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Melvin Kodenski

Application for a new Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor restaurant license requesting live entertainment, off-premises catering, and delivery of alcoholic beverages to Ramesh N. Rampersad, Jermaine A. Dillard, and Kareen A. Hill.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on June 9, 2023 and checked on June 19, 2023 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: La Mi Amore, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of June 12, 2023.

Location Violation History: N/A; new license.

Witnesses: Ramesh N. Rampersad – Applicant, Jermaine A. Dillard – Applicant, Kareen A. Hill – Applicant, Joyceda Hinton – Business Partner

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

Regular Item – Application for New Class “B” License

10:30 AM

Miss Toya’s Creole House Northwood, LLC, t/a Miss Toya’s Creole House

June 29, 2023

1500 Havenwood Road k/a 1532-34 Havenwood Road, Suite B-160, Baltimore MD 21218

License # N/A (new)

3rd Councilmanic District (Dorsey)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Caroline Hecker

Application for a new Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor restaurant license requesting live entertainment and outdoor table service to Jeffrey Miskiri and Kevin Satia-Watng Nanji.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on June 9, 2023 and checked on June 19, 2023 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Miss Toya’s Creole House Northwood, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of June 12, 2023.

Location Violation History: N/A; new license.

Witnesses: N/A

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

Regular Item – Application to Transfer Ownership

10:30 AM

Khushu Kumar, Inc., t/a Tambers

License # LB 051

3327 St. Paul Street, Baltimore MD 21218

14th Councilmanic District (Ramos)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Shawn Harby

Application to transfer ownership of a Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License to Ashu Sharma and Harinder Kumar.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on September 19, 2022 and checked on September 28, 2022 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Khushi Kumar, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of June 12, 2023.

Location Violation History: None since 2008.

Witnesses: N/A

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

Regular Item – Application to Transfer Ownership

10:30 AM

The Empanada Lady, LLC, t/a Trade Name Pending

License # LB 253

10 South Street, Baltimore MD 21202

11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Abraham Hurdle

Application to transfer ownership of a Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License requesting live entertainment, off-premises catering, and delivery of alcoholic beverages to Elisa Waller and Dasola Ekuwseitán.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on May 19, 2023 and checked on May 29, 2023 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: The Empanada Lady, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of June 13, 2023.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Elisa Waller – Applicant, Dasola Ekuwseitán – Applicant

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

Regular Item – Request for a 180-Day Hardship Extension **10:30 AM**

Club International, LLC, t/a Club International License # LBD7 254 (2022)
2301 W. Baltimore Street, Baltimore MD 21223 9th Councilmanic District (Bullock)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Abraham Hurdle

Request for a 180-day hardship extension by Veronica McDowell (SS).

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: Club International, LLC is an inactive Maryland corporation not in good standing as of June 12, 2023.

Location Violation History: None since 2019.

Witnesses: Windsor McDowell – Licensee’s son

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 **10:30 AM**

The Arcade X, LLC, t/a Mulberry License # LB 223
26 S. Arlington Street, Baltimore MD 21223 9th Councilmanic District (Bullock)

Attorney for Applicant(s): N/A

Request for a 180-day hardship extension by Michael Cavanagh.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: The Arcade X, LLC is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of June 12, 2023.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Licensee – Failed to Appear

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

Regular Item – Request for a 90-Day Transfer Hardship Extension **10:30 AM**

New Ecstasy Bar & Restaurant, LLC, t/a My Cousin’s Place
3925-27 E. Lombard Street, Baltimore MD 21224 License # LBD7 395
2nd Councilmanic District (McCray)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Melvin Kodenski

Request for a 90-day transfer hardship extension by Blanca Pesquera and Bijou Penland.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: New Ecstasy Bar & Restaurant, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of June 12, 2023.

Location Violation History: December 1, 2020 – Violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct), Rule

3.12 (General Welfare), Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct), and Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) – Fined \$725

Witnesses: Blanca Pesquera – Applicant, Bijou Penland – Applicant

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

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.12, Rule 3.02, Rule 2.13, Rule 3.03(a), Rule 3.03(b), Rule 3.03(c), and Rule 3.03(d)(ii) 10:30 AM

City Line Food, Inc., t/a City Line Bar & Grill
6506-10 Belair Road, Baltimore MD 21206

License # LBD7 175
2nd Councilmanic District (McCray)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Abraham Hurdle

Alleged violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) when at approximately 11:40 p.m. on April 10, 2023 members of the BLLC was on duty and received a call from a dispatcher over the police radio asking for a response from either the Liquor Board or Baltimore Police Department. The BLLC Chief Inspector answered the call and after a few conversations with BPD, was informed by the BPD that there was an assault that occurred at the establishment. The BPD officer informed the chief inspector that they believed the incident started inside the establishment and that a female was assaulted in the parking lot. The BPD officer responded to the call for service, arrived at the establishment, and asked the owner who refused to share video footage with the police. The chief mentioned that this was the second incident of which they are personally aware the owner refused to share requested evidence with the BPD, the other of which was a shooting. The chief arrived at the establishment and spoke to a female who mentioned the owner was not at the establishment, but the chief or police officer did not observe the owner leaving the establishment and their vehicle was still parked outside. The chief proceeded to the second floor where an office is located and knocked on the door several times. The chief could hear people inside, but no one unlocked the door to grant them entry. The chief asked the female worker if they had keys to the office as it is part of the licensed premises and would like to conduct an inspection, but they stated she did not have keys. Both the female employee and the chief called the owner on the phone, but the owner did not answer. The chief informed the female worker that they would be issuing several violations of the Board’s rules.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.02 (Cooperation) when at approximately 11:40 p.m. on April 10, 2023 members of the BLLC was on duty and received a call from a dispatcher over the police radio asking for a response from either the Liquor Board or Baltimore Police Department. The BLLC Chief Inspector answered the call and after a few conversations with BPD, was informed by the BPD that there was an assault that occurred at the establishment. The BPD officer informed the chief inspector that they believed the incident started inside the establishment and that a female was assaulted in the parking lot. The BPD officer responded to the call for service, arrived at the establishment, and asked the owner who refused to share video footage with the police. The chief mentioned that this was

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Alleged violation of Rule 2.13 (Inspections) when at approximately 11:40 p.m. on April 10, 2023 members of the BLLC was on duty and received a call from a dispatcher over the police radio asking for a response from either the Liquor Board or Baltimore Police Department. The BLLC Chief Inspector answered the call and after a few conversations with BPD, was informed by the BPD that there was an assault that occurred at the establishment. The BPD officer informed the chief inspector that they believed the incident started inside the establishment and that a female was assaulted in the parking lot. The BPD officer responded to the call for service, arrived at the establishment, and asked the owner who refused to share video footage with the police. The chief mentioned that this was the second incident of which they are personally aware the owner refused to share requested evidence with the BPD, the other of which was a shooting. The chief arrived at the establishment and spoke to a female who mentioned the owner was not at the establishment, but the chief or police officer did not observe the owner leaving the establishment and their vehicle was still parked outside. The chief proceeded to the second floor where an office is located and knocked on the door several times. The chief could hear people inside, but no one unlocked the door to grant them entry. The chief asked the female worker if they had keys to the office as it is part of the licensed premises and would like to conduct an inspection, but they stated she did not have keys. Both the female employee and the chief called the owner on the phone, but the owner did not answer. The chief informed the female worker that they would be issuing several violations of the Board's rules.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.03(a) (Records) when at approximately 11:40 p.m. on April 10, 2023 members of the BLLC was on duty and received a call from a dispatcher over the police radio asking for a response from either the Liquor Board or Baltimore Police Department. The BLLC Chief Inspector answered the call and after a few conversations with BPD, was informed by the BPD that there was an assault that occurred at the establishment. The BPD officer informed the chief inspector that they believed the incident started inside the establishment and that a female was assaulted in the parking lot. The BPD officer responded to the call for service, arrived at the establishment, and asked the owner who refused to share video footage with the police. The chief mentioned that this was

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Alleged violation of Rule 3.03(b) (Records) when at approximately 11:40 p.m. on April 10, 2023 members of the BLLC was on duty and received a call from a dispatcher over the police radio asking for a response from either the Liquor Board or Baltimore Police Department. The BLLC Chief Inspector answered the call and after a few conversations with BPD, was informed by the BPD that there was an assault that occurred at the establishment. The BPD officer informed the chief inspector that they believed the incident started inside the establishment and that a female was assaulted in the parking lot. The BPD officer responded to the call for service, arrived at the establishment, and asked the owner who refused to share video footage with the police. The chief mentioned that this was the second incident of which they are personally aware the owner refused to share requested evidence with the BPD, the other of which was a shooting. The chief arrived at the establishment and spoke to a female who mentioned the owner was not at the establishment, but the chief or police officer did not observe the owner leaving the establishment and their vehicle was still parked outside. The chief proceeded to the second floor where an office is located and knocked on the door several times. The chief could hear people inside, but no one unlocked the door to grant them entry. The chief asked the female worker if they had keys to the office as it is part of the licensed premises and would like to conduct an inspection, but they stated she did not have keys. Both the female employee and the chief called the owner on the phone, but the owner did not answer. The chief informed the female worker that they would be issuing several violations of the Board's rules.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.03(c) (Records) when at approximately 11:40 p.m. on April 10, 2023 members of the BLLC was on duty and received a call from a dispatcher over the police radio asking for a response from either the Liquor Board or Baltimore Police Department. The BLLC Chief Inspector answered the call and after a few conversations with BPD, was informed by the BPD that there was an assault that occurred at the establishment. The BPD officer informed the chief inspector that they believed the incident started inside the establishment and that a female was assaulted in the parking lot. The BPD officer responded to the call for service, arrived at the establishment, and asked the owner who refused to share video footage with the police. The chief mentioned that this was

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Alleged violation of Rule 3.03(d)(ii) (Records) when at approximately 11:40 p.m. on April 10, 2023 members of the BLLC was on duty and received a call from a dispatcher over the police radio asking for a response from either the Liquor Board or Baltimore Police Department. The BLLC Chief Inspector answered the call and after a few conversations with BPD, was informed by the BPD that there was an assault that occurred at the establishment. The BPD officer informed the chief inspector that they believed the incident started inside the establishment and that a female was assaulted in the parking lot. The BPD officer responded to the call for service, arrived at the establishment, and asked the owner who refused to share video footage with the police. The chief mentioned that this was the second incident of which they are personally aware the owner refused to share requested evidence with the BPD, the other of which was a shooting. The chief arrived at the establishment and spoke to a female who mentioned the owner was not at the establishment, but the chief or police officer did not observe the owner leaving the establishment and their vehicle was still parked outside. The chief proceeded to the second floor where an office is located and knocked on the door several times. The chief could hear people inside, but no one unlocked the door to grant them entry. The chief asked the female worker if they had keys to the office as it is part of the licensed premises and would like to conduct an inspection, but they stated she did not have keys. Both the female employee and the chief called the owner on the phone, but the owner did not answer. The chief informed the female worker that they would be issuing several violations of the Board's rules.

Corporate Standing: City Line Food, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of June 15, 2023.

Location Violation History: December 1, 2022 – Violation of Rule 4.14(a) (Live Entertainment without Authorization) – Fined \$225

Witnesses: Concetta Scotto-Sheffert – Licensee, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Chief Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.12, Rule 3.02, Rule 2.13, Rule 3.03(a), Rule 3.03(b), Rule 3.03(c), and Rule 3.03(d)(ii) on April 10, 2023 and imposed a fine of \$1,500 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.