

BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

HEARING DISPOSITIONS

**THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2021
WEBEX VIRTUAL HEARING
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND**

**Albert Matricciani, Jr., Chairperson
Aaron Greenfield, Commissioner
Robert E. Guye, Commissioner**

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.16 and Rule 3.12

11:00 AM

Baltimore Eagle, LLC, t/a Baltimore Eagle
2022 N. Charles Street, Baltimore MD 21218

License # LBD7 401 (19-20)
12th Councilmanic District (Stokes)

Attorney for Applicant: Peter Prevas

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when at approximately 9:20 p.m. on November 20, 2020 members of the BLLC responded to the establishment with the Social Club Task Force, which consists of the Baltimore City Police Department, Baltimore City Fire Department, Baltimore City Housing Department, and Baltimore City Health Department. Upon arrival, inspectors observed about 10 patrons in the outdoor area of the establishment seating and consuming solely alcoholic beverages, which was in violation of Mayor Young’s Executive Order issued on November 12, 2020, requiring all patrons to be seated and eating food if they were provided alcoholic beverage service. The licensed establishment did not have a fully functioning kitchen that was preparing and making food at the time of inspection.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) when at approximately 9:20 p.m. on November 20, 2020 members of the BLLC responded to the establishment with the Social Club Task Force, which consists of the Baltimore City Police Department, Baltimore City Fire Department, Baltimore City Housing Department, and Baltimore City Health Department. Upon arrival, inspectors observed about 10 patrons in the outdoor area of the establishment seating and consuming solely alcoholic beverages, which was in violation of Mayor Young’s Executive Order issued on November 12, 2020, requiring all patrons to be seated and eating food if they were provided alcoholic beverage service. The licensed establishment did not have a fully functioning kitchen that was preparing and making food at the time of inspection.

Corporate Standing: Baltimore Eagle, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of December 30, 2020.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: N/A

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

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

11:00 AM

Kantha, Inc., t/a Garden Hub

License # LBD7 028

5511 Belair Road, Baltimore MD 21206

2nd Councilmanic District (McCray)

Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Alleged violation of Rule 3.08(b) (Sanitation and Safety) when at approximately 3:15 p.m. on October 16, 2020 members of the BLLC responded to a 311 call for service alleging sanitation and trash issues at the establishment. Upon arrival, the inspector performed an inspection and observed a dumpster in the rear of the establishment that was overflowing with trash. The Inspector also observed rodents to be inside and around the dumpster. Further investigation revealed more trash scattered in the rear area that belonged to the establishment. The inspector informed the manager of the violation and they mentioned it would be cleaned later that day.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when at approximately 3:15 p.m. on October 16, 2020 members of the BLLC responded to a 311 call for service alleging sanitation and trash issues at the establishment. Upon arrival, the inspector performed an inspection and observed a dumpster in the rear of the establishment that was overflowing with trash. The Inspector also observed rodents to be inside and around the dumpster. Further investigation revealed more trash scattered in the rear area that belonged to the establishment. The inspector informed the manager of the violation and they mentioned it would be cleaned later that day.

Corporate Standing: Kantha, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of December 31, 2020.

Location Violation History: June 11, 2020 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$875
November 21, 2019 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$1,125
March 1, 2018 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) and Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times) – Fined \$625

Witnesses: Mrigendra Homagain – Licensee, Cindy-Leigh Tudhope – BLLC Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.08(b), dismissed Rule 4.16 on October 16, 2020 and imposed a fine of \$50 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.12, Rule 4.16, and Rule 4.16

11:00 AM

Sierra, Inc., t/a Trio

License # LB 243

3907-23 E. Lombard Street, Baltimore MD 21224

2nd Councilmanic District (McCray)

Attorney for Applicant: Abraham Hurdle

Alleged violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) when at approximately 12:30 a.m. on August 30, 2020 members of the BLLC conducted a business check at the establishment to

determine if there were any violations of the Mayor’s Executive Order issued on August 7, 2020. Upon arrival, inspectors observed the outdoor table service area heavily overcrowded with patrons. The inspectors review the temporary use and occupancy permit for the outdoor table service, which was approved for 10 tables and a maximum of 30 patrons at any given time. After conducting a count of the patrons and tables, the inspector counted approximately 60 patrons and 12 tables. At this time, the inspector informed the licensee about the violation and they came into compliance.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when at approximately 12:30 a.m. on August 30, 2020 members of the BLLC conducted a business check at the establishment to determine if there were any violations of the Mayor’s Executive Order issued on August 7, 2020. Upon arrival, inspectors observed the outdoor table service area heavily overcrowded with patrons. The inspectors review the temporary use and occupancy permit for the outdoor table service, which was approved for 10 tables and a maximum of 30 patrons at any given time. After conducting a count of the patrons and tables, the inspector counted approximately 60 patrons and 12 tables. At this time, the inspector informed the licensee about the violation and they came into compliance.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when at approximately 7:30 p.m. on December 31, 2020 members of the BLLC conducted a review of the entity known as “Sierra, Inc.” and found that it was deemed forfeited by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation. Members of the BLLC conducted a follow-up at approximately 3:30 p.m. on March 2, 2021 and the entity was still deemed forfeited.

Corporate Standing: Sierra, Inc. is a forfeited Maryland corporation not in good standing as of December 31, 2020/March 2, 2021.

Location Violation History: None since 2015.

Witnesses: Lenny Sierra – Licensee, Andy Perez – BLLC Agent Inspector, Cindy-Leigh Tudhope – BLLC Inspector, Rosalba Jordan – BLLC Inspector, Walter Farley-Robinson – BLLC Inspector, Nicholas Blendy – BLLC Deputy Executive Secretary

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.12 and Rule 4.16 on August 30, 2020 and dismissed Rule 4.16 on December 31, 2020 and imposed a fine of \$100 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.16, Rule 3.12, and Rule 4.16	11:00 AM
Myal, LLC, t/a Select Lounge	License # LBD7 378 (19-20)
415 N. Paca Street, Baltimore MD 21201	11 th Councilmanic District (Costello)
Attorney for Applicant: N/A	

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when at approximately 1:15 a.m. on August 29, 2020 members of the BLLC responded to the location with members of the Social Club Task Force, which includes members from the Baltimore City Police Department, Baltimore City Fire Department, Baltimore City Health Department, and Baltimore City Housing and Community Development, conducted an inspection of the location to

investigate a complaint concerning illegal parties taking place at the establishment. After entering the establishment, the inspectors observed that a party was taking place indoors with approximately 40 individuals, who were observed consuming alcoholic beverages, dancing to the music being played by a DJ, and other individuals using charcoal lit hookahs. When inspectors asked the licensee why there was an indoor party being held when the Mayor's Executive Order issued on August 7, 2020 prohibits indoor consumption of alcoholic beverages, the licensee stated that with the rain, they decided to move the party indoors and thought they would not be in violation of the Executive Order.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) when at approximately 1:15 a.m. on August 29, 2020 members of the BLLC responded to the location with members of the Social Club Task Force, which includes members from the Baltimore City Police Department, Baltimore City Fire Department, Baltimore City Health Department, and Baltimore City Housing and Community Development, conducted an inspection of the location to investigate a complaint concerning illegal parties taking place at the establishment. After entering the establishment, the inspectors observed that a party was taking place indoors with approximately 40 individuals, who were observed consuming alcoholic beverages, dancing to the music being played by a DJ, and other individuals using charcoal lit hookahs. When inspectors asked the licensee why there was an indoor party being held when the Mayor's Executive Order issued on August 7, 2020 prohibits indoor consumption of alcoholic beverages, the licensee stated that with the rain, they decided to move the party indoors and thought they would not be in violation of the Executive Order.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when at approximately 10:00 a.m. on March 4, 2021 members of the BLLC conducted a review of the entity known as "Myal, LLC" and found that it was deemed forfeited by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation.

Corporate Standing: Myal, LLC is a forfeited Maryland corporation not in good standing as of March 4, 2021.

Location Violation History: March 14, 2019 – Violation of Rule 3.08(a) (Sanitation and Safety) – Fined \$625

Witnesses: Alex Wolde – Manager, Andy Perez – BLLC Agent Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.16 and Rule 3.12 on August 29, 2020 and dismissed Rule 4.16 on March 4, 2021 and imposed a fine of \$150 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.16 and Rule 3.12

11:00 AM

627 Duncan Restaurant, LLC, t/a Janae's 2
625-27 N. Duncan Street, Baltimore MD 21205

License # LD 006
13th Councilmanic District (Glover)

Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when at approximately 8:50 p.m. on November 25, 2020 members of the BLLC responded to the location with members of the

Social Club Task Force, which includes members from the Baltimore City Police Department, Baltimore City Fire Department, Baltimore City Health Department, and Baltimore City Housing and Community Development, to conduct an inspection of the establishment. As inspectors entered the establishment, they observed that the establishment was over 25% capacity (12 persons), customers standing and drinking alcoholic beverages, customers seated less than 6-feet apart at the bar, and staff members not wearing masks. Inspectors performed a head count and observed approximately 50 people inside the establishment. As per the Fire Department Permit issued to the establishment, the maximum capacity of the location is 50. At this time, the inspectors reached out to the manager and informed them of the violations of the Mayor's Executive Order issued on November 12, 2020.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) when at approximately 8:50 p.m. on November 25, 2020 members of the BLLC responded to the location with members of the Social Club Task Force, which includes members from the Baltimore City Police Department, Baltimore City Fire Department, Baltimore City Health Department, and Baltimore City Housing and Community Development, to conduct an inspection of the establishment. As inspectors entered the establishment, they observed that the establishment was over 25% capacity (12 persons), customers standing and drinking alcoholic beverages, customers seated less than 6-feet apart at the bar, and staff members not wearing masks. Inspectors performed a head count and observed approximately 50 people inside the establishment. As per the Fire Department Permit issued to the establishment, the maximum capacity of the location is 50. At this time, the inspectors reached out to the manager and informed them of the violations of the Mayor's Executive Order issued on November 12, 2020.

Corporate Standing: 627 Duncan Restaurant, LLC is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of December 30, 2020.

Location Violation History: October 1, 2020 – Violation of Rule 4.08(a) (Relations with Wholesalers-Dismissed) and Alc. Bev. Art. 6-311(b)(1) (Possession of Alcohol Purchased from Other than a Wholesaler) – Fined \$375 (Appeal filed 10/22/2020; Decision pending)
February 13, 2020 – Violation of Rule 3.08(b) (Sanitation & Safety-Dismissed) & Rule 4.08(a) (Relations with Wholesalers) – Fined \$625

Witnesses: Rodney Brown – Manager, Daryl Clark – BLLC Agent Inspector, Steven Han – BLLC Agent Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.16 and Rule 3.12 on November 25, 2020 and imposed a fine of \$100 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.