

BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

HEARING DISPOSITIONS

**THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024
100 N. HOLLIDAY STREET, ROOM 215
BALTIMORE, MD 21202**

**Albert Matricciani, Jr., Chairperson
Edward Reisinger, Commissioner
Granville Templeton, Commissioner**

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

Arepi, LLC, T/a Bmore Arepas License # WD 030
1616 Thames Street, Baltimore MD 21231 1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Stephan Fogleman

Request for a 90-day transfer hardship extension by Harold Dams.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: Arepi, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of April 25, 2024.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: --

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 10:30 AM

Hideout Liquors, LLC, t/a Trade Name Pending License # LBD7 136 (2023)
2101-03 E. North Avenue, Baltimore MD 21213 12th Councilmanic District (Stokes)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Melvin Kodenski

Request for a 90-day transfer hardship extension by Nebiyou Seyoum.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: Hideout Liquors, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of April 25, 2024.

Location Violation History: October 20, 2020 – Violation of Rule Alc. Bev. Art. 12-905(d)(3) and Rule 4.05 (Prohibited Hours) – Fined \$775

Witnesses: --

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

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Prasanna, LLC, t/a Tutti Gusti License # LD 030
3100 Fait Avenue, Baltimore MD 21224 1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

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Attorney for Applicant(s): Stephan Fogleman

Request for a 90-day transfer hardship extension by Sajeet Singh Thapa and Buddha M. Stojanovic.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: Prasanna, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of April 25, 2024.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: --

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

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Howard’s Management, LLC, t/a Jewel Box
419 E. Baltimore Street, Baltimore MD 21202

License # LBD7 200 / AE 003 (23)
11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Melvin Kodenski

Request for a 90-day transfer hardship extension by Darrell Rodney Howard.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: Howard’s Management, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of April 25, 2024.

Location Violation History: None since 2018.

Witnesses: Darrell Rodney Howard – 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 10:30 AM

Mo Mac Enterprise, LLC, t/a The Manor
924 N. Charles Street, Baltimore MD 21201

License # LB 044
11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Melvin Kodenski

Request for a 90-day transfer hardship extension by Antonio Cornell Foster.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: Mo Mac Enterprise, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of April 25, 2024.

Location Violation History: October 1, 2020 – Violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct – Dismissed), Rule 3.12 (General Welfare), and Rule 3.02 (Cooperation) – Fined \$725

Witnesses: --

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 4.20(c)(ii), Rule 3.09(a) and
Rule 3.09(b)**

10:30 AM

JRC23, Inc., t/a OK Tavern
2301 E. Biddle Street, Baltimore MD 21213

License # LBD7 238
13th Councilmanic District (Glover)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Frank Shaulis

Alleged violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Prohibited Activities by License Type: Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times) when at approximately 12:15 p.m. on March 1, 2024 members of the BLLC arrived at the establishment to perform a routine inspection. Upon entering the establishment, it was found that the tavern part of the establishment was not operational as no liquor was on display to be used in preparation of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption, there was an office desk set up on one side of the bar, hot water and disinfectant solution were not present in the 3-compartment sink for sanitizing drinkware as required, and the restroom was used for storage and was not operational. The manager was informed that violations were being issued.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.09(a) (Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations: Non-Functioning Restroom) when at approximately 12:15 p.m. on March 1, 2024 members of the BLLC arrived at the establishment to perform a routine inspection. Upon entering the establishment, it was found that the tavern part of the establishment was not operational as no liquor was on display to be used in preparation of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption, there was an office desk set up on one side of the bar, hot water and disinfectant solution were not present in the 3-compartment sink for sanitizing drinkware as required, and the restroom was used for storage and was not operational. The manager was informed that violations were being issued.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.09(b) (Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations: Compliance with State and City Health Department laws, rules and regulations) when at approximately 12:15 p.m. on March 1, 2024 members of the BLLC arrived at the establishment to perform a routine inspection. Upon entering the establishment, it was found that the tavern part of the establishment was not operational as no liquor was on display to be used in preparation of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption, there was an office desk set up on one side of the bar, hot water and disinfectant solution were not present in the 3-compartment sink for sanitizing drinkware as required, and the restroom was used for storage and was not operational. The manager was informed that violations were being issued.

Corporate Standing: JRC23, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of April 25, 2024.

Location Violation History: None since 2019

Witnesses: N/A

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

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Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.12, Rule 3.09(b), Rule 4.20(b)(i), Rule 4.20(b)(ii), and Rule 4.20(b)(iii) 10:30 AM

Dream at Legacy Bar & Bistro, LLC, t/a Dream at Legacy Bar & Bistro

10 S. Calvert Street, Baltimore MD 21202

License # LB 271 (2023)

11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Melvin Kodenski

Alleged violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare: Smoking on Premises) when at approximately 11:19 p.m. on March 22, 2024 members of the BLLC along with the Social Club Task Force consisting of members from the Baltimore City Fire Marshal's office, Baltimore City Housing department, and Baltimore City Health department conducted an investigation at the establishment for not operating as a restaurant and also indoor smoking. Inspectors were met at the entrance by a licensee, who was informed that the inspectors would be conducting an inspection. The licensee provided all agencies involved with permits at that time. Upon entering the establishment, the inspectors observed multiple people smoking charcoal hookah. The inspectors performed an inspection of the kitchen area, where the inspectors observed one pot of oil on the stove and paper plates on the counter. Staff for the establishment indicated that they were serving Fish and Chips to patrons, but upon further inspection, it was determined that there were no fish or fries in the refrigerator, furthermore there was no food to be prepared and/or sold anywhere in the establishment. Half of the kitchen was filled with chairs and being used for storage and a block refrigerator was not working. The licensee could not provide any food invoices at that time. When the inspectors proceeded behind the bar, they found sinks filled with bar mats and dirty canisters, the hand washing sink was filled with bottles, no handwashing/dish soap or sanitizer available was available for cleaning, and bottles of water/mixers and drinks were being cooled in the same ice that was being served and added into mixed drinks with a plastic cup. When the inspectors went to the second floor of the establishment, they were immediately overwhelmed by the amount of smoke in the air and observed people smoking hookah, cigarettes, and marijuana. There was also a male individual rolling what appeared to be a marijuana joint on the table. Upon these observations, the fire marshal's office made the decision to close the establishment due to unsafe building conditions.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.09(b) (Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations: Compliance with State and City Health Department laws, rules and regulations) when at approximately 11:19 p.m. on March 22, 2024 members of the BLLC along with the Social Club Task Force consisting of members from the Baltimore City Fire Marshal's office, Baltimore City Housing department, and Baltimore City Health department conducted an investigation at the establishment for not operating as a restaurant and also indoor smoking. Inspectors were met at the entrance by a licensee, who was informed that the inspectors would be conducting an inspection. The licensee provided all agencies involved with permits at that time. Upon entering the establishment, the inspectors observed

multiple people smoking charcoal hookah. The inspectors performed an inspection of the kitchen area, where the inspectors observed one pot of oil on the stove and paper plates on the counter. Staff for the establishment indicated that they were serving Fish and Chips to patrons, but upon further inspection, it was determined that there were no fish or fries in the refrigerator, furthermore there was no food to be prepared and/or sold anywhere in the establishment. Half of the kitchen was filled with chairs and being used for storage and a block refrigerator was not working. The licensee could not provide any food invoices at that time. When the inspectors proceeded behind the bar, they found sinks filled with bar mats and dirty canisters, the hand washing sink was filled with bottles, no handwashing/dish soap or sanitizer available was available for cleaning, and bottles of water/mixers and drinks were being cooled in the same ice that was being served and added into mixed drinks with a plastic cup. When the inspectors went to the second floor of the establishment, they were immediately overwhelmed by the amount of smoke in the air and observed people smoking hookah, cigarettes, and marijuana. There was also a male individual rolling what appeared to be a marijuana joint on the table. Upon these observations, the fire marshal's office made the decision to close the establishment due to unsafe building conditions.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.20(b)(i) (Class B Licensees – Functional Kitchen: Sufficient food to fill orders) when at approximately 11:19 p.m. on March 22, 2024 members of the BLLC along with the Social Club Task Force consisting of members from the Baltimore City Fire Marshal's office, Baltimore City Housing department, and Baltimore City Health department conducted an investigation at the establishment for not operating as a restaurant and also indoor smoking. Inspectors were met at the entrance by a licensee, who was informed that the inspectors would be conducting an inspection. The licensee provided all agencies involved with permits at that time. Upon entering the establishment, the inspectors observed multiple people smoking charcoal hookah. The inspectors performed an inspection of the kitchen area, where the inspectors observed one pot of oil on the stove and paper plates on the counter. Staff for the establishment indicated that they were serving Fish and Chips to patrons, but upon further inspection, it was determined that there were no fish or fries in the refrigerator, furthermore there was no food to be prepared and/or sold anywhere in the establishment. Half of the kitchen was filled with chairs and being used for storage and a block refrigerator was not working. The licensee could not provide any food invoices at that time. When the inspectors proceeded behind the bar, they found sinks filled with bar mats and dirty canisters, the hand washing sink was filled with bottles, no handwashing/dish soap or sanitizer available was available for cleaning, and bottles of water/mixers and drinks were being cooled in the same ice that was being served and added into mixed drinks with a plastic cup. When the inspectors went to the second floor of the establishment, they were immediately overwhelmed by the amount of smoke in the air and observed people smoking hookah, cigarettes, and marijuana. There was also a male individual rolling what appeared to be a marijuana joint on the table.

Upon these observations, the fire marshal's office made the decision to close the establishment due to unsafe building conditions.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.20(b)(ii) (Class B Licensees – Functional Kitchen: Fully functioning kitchen) when at approximately 11:19 p.m. on March 22, 2024 members of the BLLC along with the Social Club Task Force consisting of members from the Baltimore City Fire Marshal's office, Baltimore City Housing department, and Baltimore City Health department conducted an investigation at the establishment for not operating as a restaurant and also indoor smoking. Inspectors were met at the entrance by a licensee, who was informed that the inspectors would be conducting an inspection. The licensee provided all agencies involved with permits at that time. Upon entering the establishment, the inspectors observed multiple people smoking charcoal hookah. The inspectors performed an inspection of the kitchen area, where the inspectors observed one pot of oil on the stove and paper plates on the counter. Staff for the establishment indicated that they were serving Fish and Chips to patrons, but upon further inspection, it was determined that there were no fish or fries in the refrigerator, furthermore there was no food to be prepared and/or sold anywhere in the establishment. Half of the kitchen was filled with chairs and being used for storage and a block refrigerator was not working. The licensee could not provide any food invoices at that time. When the inspectors proceeded behind the bar, they found sinks filled with bar mats and dirty canisters, the hand washing sink was filled with bottles, no handwashing/dish soap or sanitizer available was available for cleaning, and bottles of water/mixers and drinks were being cooled in the same ice that was being served and added into mixed drinks with a plastic cup. When the inspectors went to the second floor of the establishment, they were immediately overwhelmed by the amount of smoke in the air and observed people smoking hookah, cigarettes, and marijuana. There was also a male individual rolling what appeared to be a marijuana joint on the table. Upon these observations, the fire marshal's office made the decision to close the establishment due to unsafe building conditions.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.20(b)(iii) (Class B Licensees – Functional Kitchen: Invoices of food purchases) when at approximately 11:19 p.m. on March 22, 2024 members of the BLLC along with the Social Club Task Force consisting of members from the Baltimore City Fire Marshal's office, Baltimore City Housing department, and Baltimore City Health department conducted an investigation at the establishment for not operating as a restaurant and also indoor smoking. Inspectors were met at the entrance by a licensee, who was informed that the inspectors would be conducting an inspection. The licensee provided all agencies involved with permits at that time. Upon entering the establishment, the inspectors observed multiple people smoking charcoal hookah. The inspectors performed an inspection of the kitchen area, where the inspectors observed one pot of oil on the stove and paper plates on the counter. Staff for the establishment indicated that they were serving Fish and Chips to patrons, but upon further inspection, it was determined that there were no fish or fries in the refrigerator, furthermore there was no food to be

prepared and/or sold anywhere in the establishment. Half of the kitchen was filled with chairs and being used for storage and a block refrigerator was not working. The licensee could not provide any food invoices at that time. When the inspectors proceeded behind the bar, they found sinks filled with bar mats and dirty canisters, the hand washing sink was filled with bottles, no handwashing/dish soap or sanitizer available was available for cleaning, and bottles of water/mixers and drinks were being cooled in the same ice that was being served and added into mixed drinks with a plastic cup. When the inspectors went to the second floor of the establishment, they were immediately overwhelmed by the amount of smoke in the air and observed people smoking hookah, cigarettes, and marijuana. There was also a male individual rolling what appeared to be a marijuana joint on the table. Upon these observations, the fire marshal's office made the decision to close the establishment due to unsafe building conditions.

Corporate Standing: Dream at Legacy Bar & Bistro, LLC is a forfeited Maryland corporation not in good standing as of April 25, 2024.

Location Violation History: January 11, 2024 – Violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) – Fined \$325

July 8, 2021 – Violation of Rule 3.08 (Sanitation and Safety) and Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) – Fined \$175

Witnesses: Justin Hunt – Licensee, Lamont Macey – Licensee, Cindy-Leigh Tudhope – BLLC Inspector, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Chief Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.12, Rule 3.09(b), Rule 4.20(b)(i), Rule 4.20(b)(ii), and Rule 4.20(b)(iii) on March 22, 2024 and imposed a fine of \$1,375 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.03(a) and Rule 4.08(a)

10:30 AM

Fielders, LLC, t/a Fielder's Tavern

License # LBD7 234

1184-86 Nanticoke Street, Baltimore MD 21230

10th Councilmanic District (Porter)

Attorney for Licensee(s): N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 3.03(a) (Records: Records of Alcoholic Beverage Purchases) when at approximately 1:05 p.m. on January 29, 2024 members of the BLLC responded to a 311 call complaint. Upon inspection of the establishment, the inspector was not able to obtain liquor invoices from a staff member of the establishment, stating they were locked up at the time of the inspection. The staff member mentioned that they had leftover liquor from a now-closed establishment formally called "Red Door". While the inspector was at the establishment, the staff member called the manager on the phone, the inspector talked to the manager and told them that a violation would be issued as the employee could not produce liquor invoices. The manager confirmed that they were using liquor from the closed establishment, but they could not produce a bulk transfer permit.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.08(a) (Relations with Wholesalers) when at approximately 1:05 p.m. on January 29, 2024 members of the BLLC responded to a 311 call complaint. Upon

inspection of the establishment, the inspector was not able to obtain liquor invoices from a staff member of the establishment, stating they were locked up at the time of the inspection. The staff member mentioned that they had leftover liquor from a now-closed establishment formally called “Red Door”. While the inspector was at the establishment, the staff member called the manager on the phone, the inspector talked to the manager and told them that a violation would be issued as the employee could not produce liquor invoices. The manager confirmed that they were using liquor from the closed establishment, but they could not produce a bulk transfer permit.

Corporate Standing: Fielders, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of April 24, 2024.

Location Violation History: None since 1996.

Witnesses: Donte Summers – Manager, Darryl Clark – BLLC Agent Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.03(a) and Rule 4.08(a) on January 29, 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(a), and Rule 3.09(b) 10:30 AM

Kwik Marts, Inc., t/a Kwik Mart

License # LBD7 072

6656 Belair Road, Baltimore MD 21206

2nd Councilmanic District (McCray)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Stephan Fogleman

Alleged violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Prohibited Activities by License Type: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times) when on March 13, 2024 members of the BLLC arrived at the establishment to conduct a routine inspection. Upon arrival, the inspectors observed that the “bar/tavern” area was obstructed by a lottery table and chairs, the three-compartment sink was empty, and the restroom was not accessible to the public as it was behind a locked door. Inspectors made contact with the licensee and was advised that a violation would be given for the tavern not operating and for the restroom not being available to patrons. Upon further review, the inspector also gave a warning on February 6, 2023 for failing to fill the three-compartment sink according to health regulations and instructing an employee to provide stools for patrons to sit and consume alcohol after conducting a routine inspection.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.09(a) (Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations: Shall provide restroom facilities for all patrons) when on March 13, 2024 members of the BLLC arrived at the establishment to conduct a routine inspection. Upon arrival, the inspectors observed that the “bar/tavern” area was obstructed by a lottery table and chairs, the three-compartment sink was empty, and the restroom was not accessible to the public as it was behind a locked door. Inspectors made contact with the licensee and was advised that a violation would be given for the tavern not operating and for the restroom not being available to patrons. Upon further review, the inspector also gave a warning on February

6, 2023 for failing to fill the three-compartment sink according to health regulations and instructing an employee to provide stools for patrons to sit and consume alcohol after conducting a routine inspection.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.09(b (Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations: Compliance with State and City Health Department laws, rules and regulations) when on March 13, 2024 members of the BLLC arrived at the establishment to conduct a routine inspection. Upon arrival, the inspectors observed that the “bar/tavern” area was obstructed by a lottery table and chairs, the three-compartment sink was empty, and the restroom was not accessible to the public as it was behind a locked door. Inspectors made contact with the licensee and was advised that a violation would be given for the tavern not operating and for the restroom not being available to patrons. Upon further review, the inspector also gave a warning on February 6, 2023 for failing to fill the three-compartment sink according to health regulations and instructing an employee to provide stools for patrons to sit and consume alcohol after conducting a routine inspection. Corporate Standing: Kwik Marts, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of April 25, 2024.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Addiszemen Bezabeh – Licensee, Regina Brown – BLLC Inspector, Zain Nazir – BLLC Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.20(c)(ii) and Rule 3.09(a) and dismissed Rule 3.09(b) on March 13, 2024 and imposed a fine of \$150 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.05

10:30 AM

Sultanpur Lodhi, LLC, t/a Liquorstation
6506-10 Harford Road, Baltimore MD 21214

License # LA 086
3rd Councilmanic District (Dorsey)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Gary Maslan

Alleged violation of Rule 4.05 (Prohibited Hours) when at approximately 12:03 a.m. on March 24, 2024 members of the BLLC conducted an investigation at the establishment after receiving an anonymous complaint that the establishment was open and operating past the permitted time of 12 midnight. The inspectors observed three individuals enter the establishment at approximately 12:04 a.m. and leave a few minutes later with what appeared to be alcohol. The inspectors entered the establishment in an undercover capacity and purchased a bottle of Bartenura Moscato and asked for a receipt which indicated that the purchase occurred at approximately 12:08 a.m. The inspector exited the establishment and informed the other inspector that they made a purchase and witnessed a female inside drinking from a miniature bottle of Crown Royal. The inspectors entered the establishment and observed two individuals at the payment counter. The inspectors then made contact with the licensee and informed them that they are to be closed at 12 midnight and that they were operating past the permitted hours of operation.

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Corporate Standing: Sultanpur Lodhi, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of April 25, 2024.

Location Violation History: None since 2018.

Witnesses: Raminder Singh – Licensee, Cindy-Leigh Tudhope – BLLC Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.05 on March 24, 2024 and imposed a fine of \$100 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.05(a)

10:30 AM

Lee L & M, Inc., t/a L & M Liquor

License # LA 141

1148 E. North Avenue, Baltimore MD 21202

12th Councilmanic District (Stokes)

Attorney for Licensee(s): N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 3.05(a) (Alcoholic Awareness Certification) when at approximately 7:30 p.m. on March 22, 2024 members of the BLLC arrived at the establishment to complete a follow-up inspection. Previously, inspectors arrived at the establishment on March 11, 2024 to conduct a routine inspection. Upon arrival, the inspector spoke to the licensee and asked to see all the permits and other required paperwork for the inspection. The inspector observed that the licensee had an expired Alcoholic Awareness Certificate and informed the licensee that they had 10 days to obtain an updated Alcohol Awareness Certificate or register for a class and the inspector would follow up if they didn't hear back. During the follow-up inspection on March 22, 2024, the inspectors mentioned they did not hear back from the licensee, who mentioned they have registered for the class. Due to not having current certification, a violation was issued. Upon further review, it was determined that the licensee had been given a warning from another inspector on December 2, 2023 for having an expired Alcohol Awareness Certificate.

Corporate Standing: Lee L & M, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of April 25, 2024.

Location Violation History: February 17, 2022 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$3,125 and suspended 7 days

Witnesses: Licensee – FTA, Cindy-Leigh Tudhope – BLLC Inspector, Regina Brown – BLLC Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.05(a) on March 22, 2024 and imposed no fine, just the administrative fee of \$125, payable within 30 days. The Board also voted to suspend the license for 3 days, commencing immediately.