

BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

HEARING DISPOSITIONS

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2020
WEBEX VIRTUAL HEARING
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND**

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

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.08(a) & Alc. Bev. Art. 6-311(b)(1) 11:00 AM

Papi & Co, LLC, t/a Papi Cuisine

License # LB 324

1928 Fleet Street, Baltimore MD 21231

1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant: Stephan Fogleman

Alleged violation of Rule 4.08(a) (Relations with Wholesalers) when at approximately 2:40 p.m. on March 11, 2020 members of the Maryland State Comptroller’s Office, Field Enforcement Division, conducted a routine inspection at the establishment. The inspectors requested the alcoholic beverage invoices for the current alcoholic beverages behind the bar. Upon inspection, the inspectors discovered that there were approximately 27 bottles of spirits that could not be accounted for on the invoices provided. When the manager was asked to produce additional invoices for these bottles, the manager was able to provide those invoices upon the request. Those 27 bottles were then seized by the inspectors and placed in storage.

Alleged violation of Alc. Bev. Art. 6-311(b)(1) (Possession of Alcohol Purchased from Other than a Wholesaler) when at approximately 2:40 p.m. on March 11, 2020 members of the Maryland State Comptroller’s Office, Field Enforcement Division, conducted a routine inspection at the establishment. The inspectors requested the alcoholic beverage invoices for the current alcoholic beverages behind the bar. Upon inspection, the inspectors discovered that there were approximately 27 bottles of spirits that could not be accounted for on the invoices provided. When the manager was asked to produce additional invoices for these bottles, the manager was able to provide those invoices upon the request. Those 27 bottles were then seized by the inspectors and placed in storage.

Corporate Standing: Papi & Co, LLC is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of August 18, 2020.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Alex Perez – Licensee, Inspector Burley – Maryland State Comptroller’s Office, Inspector Southworth – Maryland State Comptroller’s Office

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.08(a) & Alc. Bev. Art. 6-311(b)(1) on March 11, 2020 and imposed a fine of \$200 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.08(a) & Alc. Bev. Art. 6-311(b)(1) 11:00 AM

Charro Negro, LLC, t/a Charro Negro
4617-19 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore MD 21224

License # LB 106
1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant: Abraham Hurdle

Alleged violation of Rule 4.08(a) (Relations with Wholesalers) when at approximately 11:00 a.m. on February 12, 2020 members of the Maryland State Comptroller’s Office, Field Enforcement Division, conducted a routine inspection at the establishment. The inspectors requested the alcoholic beverage invoices for the current alcoholic beverage inventory within the establishment. Upon inspection, the inspectors discovered that there were approximately 135 bottles of spirits & wine that could not be accounted for on the invoices provided. When the manager was asked to produce additional invoices for these bottles, the manager was able to provide those invoices upon the request. Those 135 bottles were then seized by the inspectors and placed in storage.

Alleged violation of Alc. Bev. Art. 6-311(b)(1) (Possession of Alcohol Purchased from Other than a Wholesaler) when at approximately 11:00 a.m. on February 12, 2020 members of the Maryland State Comptroller’s Office, Field Enforcement Division, conducted a routine inspection at the establishment. The inspectors requested the alcoholic beverage invoices for the current alcoholic beverage inventory within the establishment. Upon inspection, the inspectors discovered that there were approximately 135 bottles of spirits & wine that could not be accounted for on the invoices provided. When the manager was asked to produce additional invoices for these bottles, the manager was able to provide those invoices upon the request. Those 135 bottles were then seized by the inspectors and placed in storage.

Corporate Standing: Charro Negro, LLC is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of August 18, 2020.

Location Violation History: August 6, 2020 – Violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) and Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) – Fined \$275
October 10, 2019 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$875
January 17, 2019 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$775

Witnesses: Gabriela Salas – Licensee, Jesus Romero – Licensee’s Husband, Agent Mangold – Maryland State Comptroller’s Office, Agent Cusimano – Maryland State Comptroller’s Office, Inspector Southworth – Maryland State Comptroller’s Office, Inspector Burley – Maryland State Comptroller’s Office, Agent Herndon – Maryland State Comptroller’s Office, Agent Breig – Maryland State Comptroller’s Office

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.08(a) & Alc. Bev. Art. 6-311(b)(1) on February 12, 2020 and imposed a fine of \$400 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.08(a) & Alc. Bev. Art. 6-311(b)(1) 11:00 AM

627 Duncan Restaurant, LLC, t/a Janae's

License # LD 046

625-27 N. Duncan Street, Baltimore MD 21205

13th Councilmanic District (Sneed)

Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Alleged violation of Rule 4.08(a) (Relations with Wholesalers) when at approximately 2:00 p.m. on January 29, 2020 members of the Maryland State Comptroller's Office, Field Enforcement Division, conducted an inspection of the establishment based on information provide to them by Agent Perez of the BLLC. The inspectors requested the alcoholic beverage invoices for the current alcoholic beverage inventory within the establishment. Upon inspection, the inspectors discovered that there were approximately 499 bottles of beer, wine & spirits that could not be accounted for on the invoices provided. When the manager was asked to produce additional invoices for these bottles, the manager was able to provide those invoices upon the request. The inspector reached out to the owner of the establishment and asked him to provide copies, but was unable to produce copies of the requested invoices at that time. Those 499 bottles were then seized by the inspectors and placed in storage.

Alleged violation of Alc. Bev. Art. 6-311(b)(1) (Possession of Alcohol Purchased from Other than a Wholesaler) when at approximately 2:00 p.m. on January 29, 2020 members of the Maryland State Comptroller's Office, Field Enforcement Division, conducted an inspection of the establishment based on information provide to them by Agent Perez of the BLLC. The inspectors requested the alcoholic beverage invoices for the current alcoholic beverage inventory within the establishment. Upon inspection, the inspectors discovered that there were approximately 499 bottles of beer, wine & spirits that could not be accounted for on the invoices provided. When the manager was asked to produce additional invoices for these bottles, the manager was able to provide those invoices upon the request. The inspector reached out to the owner of the establishment and asked him to provide copies, but was unable to produce copies of the requested invoices at that time. Those 499 bottles were then seized by the inspectors and placed in storage.

Corporate Standing: 627 Duncan Restaurant, LLC is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of August 11, 2020.

Location Violation History: February 13, 2020 – Violation of Rule 3.08(b) (Sanitation & Safety) & Rule 4.08(a) (Relations with Wholesalers) – Fined \$625

Witnesses: Rodney Brown – Manager/Owner, Agent Mangold – Maryland State Comptroller's Office, Agent Cusimano – Maryland State Comptroller's Office, Inspector Southworth – Maryland State Comptroller's Office, Inspector Burley – Maryland State Comptroller's Office, Agent Herndon – Maryland State Comptroller's Office, Agent Breig – Maryland State Comptroller's Office, Agent Calvert – Maryland State Comptroller's Office, Andy Perez – BLLC Agent Inspector

Disposition: The Board has dismissed Rule 4.08(a) & found that the licensee violated Alc. Bev. Art. 6-311(b)(1) on January 29, 2020 and imposed a fine of \$250 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.16

11:00 AM

Doc Liquors, Inc., t/a Doc Liquor
1501 N. Fulton Avenue, Baltimore MD 21217

License # LA 175
7th Councilmanic District (Pinkett)

Attorney for Applicant: Peter Prevas

Alleged violation of Rule 4.08(a) (Illegal Conduct) when at approximately 9:45 a.m. on December 30, 2019 members of the Maryland State Comptroller’s Office, Field Enforcement Division, conducted a routine inspection of the location. Upon inspection, the inspector discovered Other Tobacco Products that the licensee nor the store clerk could produce receipts indicating that these products were purchased from an authorized distributor. The OTP were then seized by the inspector.

Corporate Standing: Doc Liquors, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of August 18, 2020.

Location Violation History: February 7, 2019 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$1,625; Motion for reconsideration filed 2/18/2019 & denied on 3/12/2019.

Witnesses: Micahel Ghebru – Licensee, Agent Mangold – Maryland State Comptroller’s Office

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.016 on December 30, 2019 and imposed a fine of \$200 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.16, Rule 3.12 and Rule 3.02

11:00 AM

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

License # LB 362
11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Applicant: Stephan Fogleman

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when at approximately 1:08 a.m. on May 31, 2020 members of the BLLC responded to the establishment to a 311 complaint for loud music at an establishment nearby and they conducted their establishment and found the complaint unfounded. However, during their investigation of the 311 complaint, inspectors observed individuals entering and exiting the establishment known as “The Manor”. At approximately 1:35 a.m., an inspector knocked on the door of the establishment and upon entering the establishment, a woman who appeared to be highly intoxicated exited the establishment and fell down the stairs. The inspectors observed at least six or more patrons being rushed out a door on the opposite side of the bar while the bar area was covered with beer bottle, half-empty drinks, and empty bottles of alcohol, along with a trash can overflowing with bottles and empty cups. When the inspectors spoke to the property owner, they became very unruly with the inspectors, raising their voice, yelling expletives, telling the inspectors to leave the premises, all while not practicing social distancing nor

wearing a mask. The Governor's Executive Order prohibits patrons to consume anything on-premises for any reason.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) when at approximately 1:08 a.m. on May 31, 2020 members of the BLLC responded to the establishment to a 311 complaint for loud music at an establishment nearby and they conducted their establishment and found the complaint unfounded. However, during their investigation of the 311 complaint, inspectors observed individuals entering and exiting the establishment known as "The Manor". At approximately 1:35 a.m., an inspector knocked on the door of the establishment and upon entering the establishment, a woman who appeared to be highly intoxicated exited the establishment and fell down the stairs. The inspectors observed at least six or more patrons being rushed out a door on the opposite side of the bar while the bar area was covered with beer bottle, half-empty drinks, and empty bottles of alcohol, along with a trash can overflowing with bottles and empty cups. When the inspectors spoke to the property owner, they became very unruly with the inspectors, raising their voice, yelling expletives, telling the inspectors to leave the premises, all while not practicing social distancing nor wearing a mask. The Governor's Executive Order prohibits patrons to consume anything on-premises for any reason.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.02 (Cooperation) when at approximately 1:08 a.m. on May 31, 2020 members of the BLLC responded to the establishment to a 311 complaint for loud music at an establishment nearby and they conducted their establishment and found the complaint unfounded. However, during their investigation of the 311 complaint, inspectors observed individuals entering and exiting the establishment known as "The Manor". At approximately 1:35 a.m., an inspector knocked on the door of the establishment and upon entering the establishment, a woman who appeared to be highly intoxicated exited the establishment and fell down the stairs. The inspectors observed at least six or more patrons being rushed out a door on the opposite side of the bar while the bar area was covered with beer bottle, half-empty drinks, and empty bottles of alcohol, along with a trash can overflowing with bottles and empty cups. When the inspectors spoke to the property owner, they became very unruly with the inspectors, raising their voice, yelling expletives, telling the inspectors to leave the premises, all while not practicing social distancing nor wearing a mask. The Governor's Executive Order prohibits patrons to consume anything on-premises for any reason.

Corporate Standing: The Manor Baltimore, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of July 20, 2020.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Steven W. Preston – Licensee, Robert Gay – Owner, Joshua Persing – Manger, Darryl Clark – BLLC Agent Inspector, Cindy-Leigh Tudhope – BLLC Inspector, Walter Farley-Robinson – BLLC Inspector

October 1, 2020

Disposition: The Board voted 2-1 to dismiss Rule 4.16, and found that the licensee violated Rule 3.12 and Rule 3.02 on May 31, 2020 and imposed a fine of \$600 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.