## BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

#### **HEARING DISPOSITIONS**

# THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 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

Hazel St., LLC, T/a Sooner's Tavern

License # LBD7 242

1600 Hazel Street, Baltimore MD 21226

10<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District (Porter)

**Attorney for Applicant(s)**: N/A

Request to reopen after 90 days by Devri Summerfield.

**Public Notice of Transfer:** N/A

Corporate Standing: Hazel St., LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of

September 23, 2024.

Location Violation History: None since 2019.

Witnesses: Devri Summerfield – Licensee, Donte Summers – Manager

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

Regular Item – Request for a 180-Day Hardship Extension

10:30 AM

Secured Creditor, T/a No Trade Name

License # LBD7 362

3500 O'Donnell Street, Baltimore MD 21224

1<sup>st</sup> Councilmanic District (Cohen)

**Attorney for Applicant(s)**: Andrew Saller

Request for a 180-day hardship extension by Tyler J. Stanek.

**Public Notice of Transfer:** N/A

**Corporate Standing:** N/A

Location Violation History: None since 2020.

Witnesses: Tyler Stanek – Licensee, Frank Shaulis – Attorney for potential buyer

**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 90-Day Transfer Hardship Extension

10:30 AM

36 Street, LLC, T/a Hampden Spice Bar

License # LBD7 231

1125-31 W. 36th Street, Baltimore MD 21211

7<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District (Torrence)

**Attorney for Applicant(s)**: Stephan Fogleman

Request for a 90-day transfer hardship extension by Kumar Dangal and Govinda Roka.

**Public Notice of Transfer: N/A** 

**Corporate Standing**: 36 Street, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of September 24, 2024.

Location Violation History: N/A; new location

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

413 W Baltimore Street, LLC, T/a Baltimore's Spice Restaurant & Bar

413 W. Baltimore Street, Baltimore MD 21223 License # LBD7 375

11<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District (Costello)

**Attorney for Applicant(s)**: Stephan Fogleman

Request for a 90-day transfer hardship extension by Sapana Danpali and Sudeep Raj Uprety.

**Public Notice of Transfer: N/A** 

Corporate Standing: 413 W Baltimore Street, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good

standing as of September 24, 2024.

Location Violation History: N/A; new location

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

HTMD, LLC, T/a Broadway Diner

License # LB 341

6501 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore MD 21224

1<sup>st</sup> Councilmanic District (Cohen)

**Attorney for Applicant(s)**: Peter Prevas

Request for a 90-day transfer hardship extension by Loukas Renieris and Pete Koroneos.

**Public Notice of Transfer: N/A** 

**Corporate Standing**: HTMD, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of September 24, 2024.

**Location Violation History**:

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

Gaurika, LLC, T/a Eddie's of Mt. Vernon

License # LA 068

7 W. Eager Street, Baltimore MD 21201

11<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District (Costello)

**Attorney for Applicant(s)**: Stephan Fogleman

Request for a 90-day transfer hardship extension by Kabita D. Mahat.

**Public Notice of Transfer: N/A** 

**Corporate Standing**: Gaurika, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of September 24, 2024.

**Location Violation History:** 

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

4537 Harford Road Wilson's, LLC, T/a Wilson's Tavern License # LBD7 293

4537 Harford Road, Baltimore MD 21214 3<sup>rd</sup> Councilmanic District (Dorsey)

**Attorney for Applicant(s)**: Melvin Kodenski

Request for a 90-day transfer hardship extension by Layla Aleyhida Valdehck.

**Public Notice of Transfer: N/A** 

**Corporate Standing**: 4537 Harford Road Wilson's, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of September 24, 2024.

**Location Violation History**:

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

Kwality, LLC, T/a Holabird Bar & Liquors License # LBD7 129

6701 Holabird Avenue, Baltimore MD 21222 1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

**Attorney for Applicant(s)**: Melvin Kodenski

Request for a 90-day transfer hardship extension by Rajinder Kaur and George Martin Mooney.

**Public Notice of Transfer:** N/A

**Corporate Standing**: Kwality, LLC is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of September 24, 2024.

**Location Violation History**:

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

Jerry, Inc., T/a Jerry's Belvedere Tavern License # LBD7 314

5928 York Road, Baltimore MD 21212 4<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District (Conway)

**Attorney for Applicant(s)**: Melvin Kodenski

Request for a 90-day transfer hardship extension by Jaswinder Singh and Richard Everett Hackett.

**Public Notice of Transfer: N/A** 

**Corporate Standing**: Jerry, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of September 24, 2024.

**Location Violation History:** 

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

EMA Liquors, LLC, T/a Greentree Liquors

License # LA 028

1400 W. Baltimore Street, Baltimore MD 21223

9<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District (Bullock)

**Attorney for Applicant(s)**: Peter Prevas

Request for a 90-day transfer hardship extension by Eyob Fssahaya and Giday Kahsay Gebrhiwet.

**Public Notice of Transfer: N/A** 

Corporate Standing: EMA Liquors, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as

of September 24, 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.

#### **Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.12**

10:30 AM

El Oasis Restaurant Y Discotec Inc., T/a El Oasis Restaurant Y Discotec

3919-21 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore MD 21224 License # LBD7 122

1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

**Attorney for Licensee(s)**: Frank Shaulis

**Date of Violation:** May 25, 2024 **Time:** 11:45 p.m.

**Summary of Violation:** On May 25, 2024, members of the BLLC responded to a 311 service call complaint for allegations of loud music. The inspector approached the area via Fleet Street and as they got approximately 400 feet away from the rear of the location, they began to hear the music, specifically the bass. The inspector parked in front of the establishment and noticed that the side windows of the vehicle were vibrating from the bass. The inspector made contact with the licensee and informed them of the complaint for loud music. The inspector reminded the licensee that on April 27, 2024, the location was instructed to lower their music down and close their doors in response to a 311 service call complaint on that day.

**Alleged violation of:** ● Rule 3.12 (General Welfare)

**Corporate Standing**: El Oasis Restaurant Y Discotec Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of September 26, 2024, 2024.

**Location Violation History**: February 22, 2024 – Violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) and

Rule 3.02 (Cooperation) – Fined \$4,125

**Witnesses**: Alejo J. Martinez – Licensee, Jaime L. Balvuena Bravo – Licensee, Alejandro Bonilla – Manager, Rosalba Jordan – BLLC Inspector, Andy Perez – BLLC Agent Inspector **Disposition**: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.12 on May 25, 2024 and imposed a fine of \$2,000 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

**Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.08(2) and Rule 3.08(2)** 

10:30 AM

Richie's Entertainment, LLC, T/a Richie's Lounge License # LBD7 194

1600 W. Baltimore Street, Baltimore MD 21223

9<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District (Bullock)

**Attorney for Licensee(s)**: N/A

**Date of Violation:** July 2, 2024

**Time:** 10:38 a.m.

**Summary of Violation:** At approximately 10:38 a.m. on July 2, 2024, members of the BLLC arrived at the establishment, as instructed by the Chief Inspector. Upon arrival, the inspector noted trash cans overflowing with excessive amounts of trash and litter spilling onto the ground.

**Alleged violation of:** ● Rule 3.08(2) (Sanitation and Safety)

**Date of Violation:** August 12, 2024 **Time:** 12:15 p.m.

**Summary of Violation:** At approximately 12:15 p.m. on August 12, 2024, members of the BLLC responded to the establishment to investigate allegations of excessive trash and generally unsanitary conditions. When the inspector arrived at the establishment, they observed several overfilled trash cans, boxes filled with trash, and garbage on the ground near the side door off the establishment. The establishment was closed, preventing notification of the violation or corrective actions of the issues observed, but the inspector documented the unsatisfactory exterior appearance and sanitary concerns.

**Alleged violation of:** ● Rule 3.08(2) (Sanitation and Safety)

**Corporate Standing**: Richie's Entertainment, LLC is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of September 26, 2024.

Location Violation History : September 5, 2024 - Violation of Rule 3.09(2) (Rest Room

Facilities and Health Regulations) and Rule 3.03(1) (Records) – Fined \$325

**Witnesses**: Richard Nelson – Licensee, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Chief Inspector, Andy Perez – BLLC Agent Inspector

**Disposition:** The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.08(2) on July 2, 2024 and Rule 3.08(2) on August 12, 2024 and imposed a fine of \$500 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

# Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.14, Rule 4.07(3), Rule 4.07(3) and Rule 4.05(2)

ISK, LLC, T/a C & C Lounge License # LBD7 081

4923 Reisterstown Road, Baltimore MD 21215 6<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District (Middleton)

**Attorney for Licensee(s)**: N/A

 Summary of Violation: At approximately 8:48 p.m. on July 26, 2024, members of the BLLC along with the Social Club Task Force consisting of members from Baltimore City Fire Department, Housing & Community Development, and Baltimore City Health Department, conducted an investigation at the establishment. Upon arrival, the inspector could hear loud music coming from inside the establishment. They proceeded inside and made contact with the manager. They observed a DJ set up in the back of the bar area with large speakers an could hear them speaking through a microphone to the patrons and a large group of people were seen surrounding them and dancing. The inspector observed people taking drinks from the bar and walking outside through a door located at the rear of the establishment. They then observed approximately 20-30 people outside of the establishment where multiple canopies and seating areas were set up. Upon review of the liquor license, it was determined that that the establishment did not have permission for outdoor table service or live entertainment. The inspector informed the manager of their findings, and the manager responded by indicating that they allow patrons to get drinks at the bar inside and walk outside with them. The inspector informed the manager that they would be receiving a violation.

**Alleged violation of:** ● Rule 4.14 (Live Entertainment without Authorization)

• Rule 4.07(3) (Open Containers and Illegal Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages)

**Date of Violation:** August 9, 2024 **Time:** 10:12 p.m.

**Summary of Violation:** At approximately 10:12 p.m. on August 9, 2024, members of the BLLC performed a follow-up inspection at the establishment due to the violation issued for having outdoor table service without permission on July 26, 2024, and they wanted to ensure the establishment was in compliance with the BLLC Rules and Regulations. During the follow-up inspection, the inspectors observed customers using the side door to enter the bar area and then exit to the outside patio with what appeared to be alcoholic beverages. This activity occurred after their permitted hours of operation according to the MD Alc. Bev. & Can. Art. §12-2004, which are 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

**Alleged violation of:** ● Rule 4.07(3) (Open Containers and Illegal Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages)

• Rule 4.05(2) (Prohibited Hours)

**Corporate Standing**: ISK, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of September 26, 2024.

**Location Violation History**: None since 2014.

Witnesses: Curtis Conner – Manager, Rosalba Jordan – BLLC Inspector

**Disposition:** The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.14 on July 26, 2024 and dismissed Rule 4.07(3) on July 26, 2024 and Rule 4.07(3) and Rule 4.05(2) on August 9, 2024 and imposed a fine of \$500 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

**Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.05(2)** 

10:30 AM

River Moon, Inc., T/a G & T Liquor

License # LA 072

2048 Wilkens Avenue, Baltimore MD 21223 9<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District (Bullock)

**Attorney for Licensee(s)**: N/A

**Date of Violation:** May 25, 2024 **Time:** 10:30 p.m.

**Summary of Violation:** At approximately 10:30 p.m. on May 25, 2024, members of the BLLC performed and unscheduled inspection at the establishment to ensure adherence to the permitted hours and operation within MD. Alc. Bev. & Can. Art. §12-2005(d)(2) which are 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. every day the license class is authorized to sell alcoholic beverages. The inspector noted that the establishment was still operating beyond the authorized hours and observed the sales of liquor and the admittance of new customers, which continued until approximately 10:34 p.m. The inspector notified the employee of the infraction and informed the employe that the establishment must cease operations immediately.

**Alleged violation of:** ● Rule 4.05(2) (Prohibited Hours)

**Corporate Standing**: River Moon, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of September 26, 2024.

**Location Violation History**: June 27, 2024 – Violation of Rule 4.05(b) (Prohibited Hours) – Fined \$325

Witnesses: Chin Suk Mun – Licensee, Terri Chase – BLLC Agent Inspector

**Disposition:** The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.05(2) on May 25, 2024 and imposed a fine of \$500 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

# Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.02(b), Rule 3.03(3), and Rule 4.23(4)(d)(iii)

DDFG, Inc., T/a Jemella's Liquors & Cutrate License # LA 156

1831 W. Mosher Street, Baltimore MD 21217 9<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District (Bullock)

**Attorney for Licensee(s)**: Peter Prevas

**Date of Violation:** May 28, 2024 **Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Summary of Violation:** At approximately 6:30 p.m. on May 28, 2024, BLLC Inspectors met with the Chief Inspector and a Baltimore Police Detective at the establishment. Once at the location, the inspectors learned that the Detective was investigating a recent crime that happened in the vicinity of the establishment and was trying to obtain exterior video camera footage from the establishment. The Detective was denied access to look at the camera footage from the exterior of the establishment, and the Chief Inspector also attempted to request camera footage, but they were told that the camera did not work. The Detective decided to confiscate the surveillance system's DVR. The inspectors conducted a routine inspection while at the premises and found that the establishment did not have employee records on site.

**Alleged violation of:** ● Rule 3.02(b) (Cooperation)

- Rule 3.03(3) (Records)
- Rule 4.23(4)(d)(iii) (Digital Cameral Surveillance System)

**Corporate Standing**: DDFG, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of September 26, 2024.

**Location Violation History**: None since 2009.

**Witnesses**: Jemella Ferguson – Licensee, Tony Ferguson – Manager, Andy Perez – BLLC Agent Inspector, Rosalba Jordan – BLLC Inspector, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Chief Inspector **Disposition:** The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.02(b), Rule 3.03(3), and Rule 4.23(4)(d)(iii) on May 28, 2024 and imposed a fine of \$300 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

#### **Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.12, Rule 3.12, and Rule 3.12**

10:30 AM

316-318 Guilford Avenue, LLC, T/a Ikonic Assembly Room

316-18 Guilford Avenue, Baltimore MD 21202

License # LBAL 006

11<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District (Costello)

**Attorney for Licensee(s)**: Peter Prevas

**Date of Violation:** July 27, 2024 **Time:** 10:40 p.m.

Summary of Violation: At approximately 10:40 p.m. on July 27, 2024, members of the BLLC responded to a 311 complaint for loud music and violations of terms of the MOU signed by the licensee and community members. Inspectors arrived at the establishment to investigate the complaints, and upon arrival, loud music could be heard emanating from the rooftop deck area of the establishment. After these observations, the inspectors made contact with the manager and operator of the establishment and made them aware of the complaints. The manager stated that the music volume was within levels agreed upon in the MOU, but they would lower the music volume further and advised there would beno more microphone usage for the remainder of the night. The inspector left at approximately 11:00 p.m. At approximately 11:27 p.m., another 311 complaint for loud music was received. As the inspector was approaching the establishment, they could clearly hear loud music emanating from a 2-3 block distance. At approximately 11:40 p.m., the inspector made contact with the manager and adviser them that a violation for loud music would be issued.

**Alleged violation of:** ● Rule 3.12 (General Welfare)

**Date of Violation:** August 31, 2024 **Time:** 9:45 p.m.

Summary of Violation: At approximately 9:45 p.m. on August 31, 2024, members of the BLLC were returning the office when they stopped at a red light at the corner and Pleasant Street and Guilford Avenue. While stopped, they could hear music at an excessive volume coming from the establishment known as Ikonic Assembly Room. They reached out to the Agent in Charge to report their findings. They were instructed to drive to multiple locations around the establishment to assess if music could be heard. The inspector parked at 300 Fallsway, which is approximately 1100 feet from the establishment, per Google Maps. The inspector could hear an amplified male voice and bass from the direction of the establishment. The inspector then moved to Saratoga Street which was approximately 550 feet or about two city blocks away, where they could see the establishment and hear music clearly coming from the rooftop of the establishment, where the inspector took a video recording of the music being heard. At approximately 10:10 p.m., a 311 complaint was received for disturbing the peace/noise/loud music/front door open. The

Neighbor

inspector contacted the Chief Inspector and informed them of their findings. At approximately 10:40 p.m., the inspector made contact with the manager and asked them to lower the music immediately and issued a violation.

**Alleged violation of:** ● Rule 3.12 (General Welfare)

**Date of Violation:** September 1, 2024 **Time:** 9:24 p.m.

**Summary of Violation:** At approximately 9:24 p.m. on September 1, 2024, members of the BLLC responded to a 311 complaint for disturbing the peace/noise/loud music/front door open. The Inspector parked at 300 Fallsway which is approximately 1100 feet away from the establishment, per Google maps. They could hear an amplified male voice and music/bass from the direction of the establishment. They moved to the corner of Holliday Street and Saratoga Street, which is approximately 550 feet or about two city blocks away where they could see the establishment and hear music coming from the rooftop of the establishment. The inspector took video recordings of the music being loud from different angles. Upon arrival at the establishment at approximately 10:45 p.m., the inspectors informed the manager of the complaint and that they would be receiving a violation of loud music and was instructed to lower the music.

**Alleged violation of:** ● Rule 3.12 (General Welfare)

an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

**Corporate Standing**: 316-318 Guilford Avenue, LLC is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of September 26, 2024.

**Location Violation History**: April 25, 2024 – Protest of Renewal (3-0 vote to renew) **Witnesses**: Tracy Stafford – Manager, Andy Perez – BLLC Agent Inspector, Terri Chase –
BLLC Agent Inspector, Regina Brown – BLLC Inspector, Matt Achhammer – BLLC
Community Liaison, Zain Nazir – BLLC Inspector, Daniel Thompson – Neighbor, Tan Ahn –

**Disposition:** The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.12 on July 27, 2024, Rule 3.12 on August 31, 2024, and Rule 3.12 on September 1, 2024 and imposed a fine of \$600 and

# Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.12, Rule 3.12, Rule 3.12 and Rule 3.02(a)

Surakshya, LLC, T/a Sweet Carolina Liquor License # LA 009

309 S. Broadway, Baltimore MD 21231 1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

**Attorney for Licensee(s)**: Melvin Kodenski

**Date of Violation:** June 11, 2024 **Time:** 8:15 p.m.

**Summary of Violation:** At approximately 8:15 p.m. on June 11, 2024, members of the BLLC responded to the establishment to investigate a complaint of a violation of MOU restrictions (sales of miniature liquor bottles, single beers, and malt beverages). Upon their arrival, the inspector observed several shelves and coolers stocked with the products prohibited by the MOU. The inspector made contact with an employee, who stated that all miniatures and single beer products were in the process of being removed from the shelves. The inspector informed the

manager that a violation for failure to abide by restrictions set by the MOU dated December 1, 2023 between Upper Fells Point Improvement Association and the licensee would be issued.

**Alleged violation of:** ● Rule 3.12 (General Welfare)

**Date of Violation:** September 11, 2024 **Time:** 10:00 p.m.

Summary of Violation: At approximately 10:00 p.m. on September 11, 2024, members of the BLLC responded to the establishment to investigate a complaint that the establishment was selling miniature liquor bottles, single beers, and malt beverages in violation of the MOU the licensee entered into with the Upper Fells Point Improvement Association. Upon arrival, the inspector observed several shelves and coolers stocked with the restricted products. The inspector made contact with an employee and remined them that a violation for failure to abide by the MOU restrictions has been issued on June 11, 2024. The inspector also indicated to the employee that they clearly failed to stop all sales of miniature bottles and single beer cans/bottles as instructed on June 11, 2024. The employee stated that they were selling only premium miniature liquor bottles for a total cost of \$4.00 or more and that single beer bottles/cans are only being sold in quantities of two or more. The inspector reminded the employee that all sales of miniature liquor bottles were prohibited per the MOU restrictions and would provide a copy of the MOU to the employee and that a second violation would be issued.

**Alleged violation of:** ● Rule 3.12 (General Welfare)

**Date of Violation:** September 13, 2024 **Time:** 10:40 p.m.

Summary of Violation: At approximately 10:40 p.m. on September 13, 2024, members of the BLLC returned to the establishment to provide a copy of the MOU as noted in the prior violation report from September 11, 2024. While standing inside the establishment for the employee, the inspector observed at least two sales of single beer cans and also observed several brands of miniature liquor bottles on the shelves displayed for sale. Shortly after making these observations, the inspector made contact with the employee and provided them a copy of the MOU dated December 1, 2024 between the Upper Fells Point Improvement Association and the licensee. The inspector informed the employee that the establishment would be receiving additional violations for sales of miniature liquor bottles and single beer bottles/cans as restricted by the MOY and for failing to comply with instructions given on June 11, 2024 and September, 11, 2024 to stop all sales of restricted items.

**Alleged violation of:** ● Rule 3.12 (General Welfare)

• Rule 3.02(a) (Cooperation)

**Corporate Standing**: Surakshya, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of September 26, 2024.

**Location Violation History**: July 27, 2023 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors:

Selling) – Fined \$375

Witnesses: Subodha Bilas Panta – Licensee, Prabhat Jung Thapa – Licensee, Andy Perez –

**BLLC Agent Inspector** 

**Disposition:** The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.12 on June 11, 2024, Rule 3.12 on September 11, 2024, and Rule 3.12 and Rule 3.02(a) on September 13, 2024 and imposed a fine of \$1,250 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

#### **Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.12**

10:30 AM

Club International, LLC, T/a Club International License # LBD7 292

2301 W. Baltimore Street, Baltimore MD 21223 9<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District (Bullock)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Abraham Hurdle

**Date of Violation:** July 5, 2024 **Time:** 8:55 p.m.

**Summary of Violation:** At approximately 8:55 p.m. on July 5, 2024, members of the BLLC, along with the Social Club Task Force, consisting of representatives of the Baltimore City Fire Marshal and Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development, conducted an investigation at the establishment. The establishment was found to be open and using a generator to operate. The Fire Marshal posted an order to cease and desist all operations inside due to unsafe conductions and ordered the establishment to close.

**Alleged violation of:** ● Rule 3.12 (General Welfare)

**Corporate Standing**: Club International, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of September 26, 2024.

Location Violation History: None since 2010.

Witnesses: Diorshay Robinson – Licensee, Rosalba Jordan – BLLC Inspector

**Disposition:** The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.12 on July 5, 2024 and imposed a fine of \$150 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

#### **Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.20**

10:30 AM

Royal K & K, Inc., T/a Royal Liquors License # LA 139

1800 Division Street, Baltimore MD 21217 11<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Licensee(s): N/A

**Date of Violation:** July 23, 2024 **Time:** 10:45 a.m.

Summary of Violation: At approximately 10:45 a.m. on July 23, 2024, members of the BLLC responded to a 311-call complaint which alleged that the establishment was disturbing the peace. At the time of arrival, the inspector did not observe any indication that the business operations were disturbing the peace of the community, and the complaint was found unsubstantiated. Upon entering the establishment, the inspector observed two men having a conversation inside the store, one man was observed to be drinking a Heineken beer. After making these observations, the inspector made contact with the store clerk and asked them why they were allowing alcoholic beverages to be consumed on premises. The employee appeared to not understand the situation due to a possible language barrier, so the inspector requested the employee to call their manager. Shortly after, the inspector spoke to the manager and advised them of the violation observed as well as the issues that were raised on the 311-complaint. After issuing the violation, the inspector left the establishment without further issues to report.

**Alleged violation of:** ● Rule 4.20 (Specific Requirements and Prohibited Activities by License

Type)

**Corporate Standing**: Royal K & K, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of September 26, 2024.

**Location Violation History**: None since 2009.

Witnesses: Domingo Kim – Representative/Power of Attorney for Young Kim and Kye Sook

Kim, Sheron Jackson – Licensee, Andy Perez – BLLC Agent Inspector

**Disposition:** The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.20 on July 23, 2024 and imposed a fine of \$150 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.02(a), Rule 3.03(3), and Rule 3.03(1) 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): N/A

**Date of Violation:** August 3, 2024 **Time:** 9:30 p.m.

Summary of Violation: At approximately 9:30 p.m. on August 3, 2024, members of the BLLC responded to the establishment for a 311-complaint for noise. Upon their arrival, the establishment was in the process of opening for the night and no music was playing. They entered the location and introduced themselves and announced the reason they were there to a male employee who called the manager on the phone. The employee advised the inspector that the manager was about 10 minutes way. The manager came in and the inspector introduced themselves and advised the manager that they would need to see the traders license, alcohol awareness certification, and a recent invoice for alcohol. The employee called the owner over facetime and asked the inspector the reason for coming, so the inspector explained that they were investigating a 311-complaint and that they would be conducting a routine inspection. The alcohol invoice produced was old, so the inspector asked the employee for a more recent invoice, to which the employee advised that they did not. The inspector looked at the shelf and asked for the invoice with the Don Juilo, Cîroc, Hennessey, and Absolute, to which the owner became very belligerent and using curse words at the inspector. The inspector called the Chief Inspector and the Chief spoke with the employee and advised the employee to cooperate, or a violation would be written. The inspector asked the employee again for a recent invoice, the employee stated they did not have one. When the inspector then asked for employee records, the employee advised they did not have them. The inspector asked to see their identification, and the employee advised they did not have it. When the inspector asked the employee to sign the inspection sheet, the employee stated they weren't signing, and the inspector left without further incident.

**Alleged violation of:** ● Rule 3.02(a) (Cooperation)

- Rule 3.03(3) (Records)
- Rule 3.03(1) (Records)

**Corporate Standing**: Good Budget, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of September 26, 2024.

**Location Violation History**: June 27, 2024 – Violation of Rule 3.09(b) (Rest Room Facilities

and Health Regulations) and Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) – Fined \$425

Witnesses: Olatunde Dipeolu – Licensee, Regina Brown – BLLC Inspector

**Disposition:** The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.02(a), Rule 3.03(3), and Rule 3.03(1) on August 3, 2024 and imposed a fine of \$750 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.14, Rule 3.06(2), and Rule 3.02 10:30 AM

New Terra Café, LLC, t/a New Terra Café License # LB 206

101 E. 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Baltimore MD 21218 12<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District (Stokes)

**Attorney for Licensee(s)**: N/A

Date of Violation: April 30, 2024 Time: 10:15 p.m.

**Summary of Violation:** At approximately 10:15 p.m. on April 30, 2024, members of the BLLC responded to a 311 service call complaint for allegations of "Loud Music Every Tuesday Night". When the inspector approached the location, they noticed the front and rear door were open. They spoke to the licensee and explained the reason for their visit. The licensee requested to know who made the complaint and asked if they had a decibel reader. They explained that the Liquor Board does not utilize meters when responding to noise complaints but base findings on observations. They stated they were parked about a block away and could hear the music from their vehicle and from the surrounding alleyways as they approached. They requested to inspect the establishment and followed the licensee to the rear of the business where they observed a band with instruments, microphone and speakers. When the inspector requested the licensee to close the exterior doors, the licensee complied but continued to request a decibel reading then picked up their cell and shouted that they were going to contact their lawyer because they felt harassed. After the call, the inspector requested to see their liquor license to verify any other restrictions and complete the report. The licensee did provide their license, and their frustration continued to escalate. The inspector explained that they would be receiving a violation for the loud music and the licensee refused to sign the violation and direction their employee not to sign it. Upon later review of the BMZA ruling, it was determined that, among other restrictions, this location is not permitted to have live entertainment Sunday through Thursdays after 9:00 p.m., and Friday and Saturdays after 11:00 p.m.

**Alleged violation of:** ● Rule 4.14 (Live Entertainment without Authorization)

- Rule 3.06(2) (Signs and Hours of Operation)
- Rule 3.02 (Cooperation)

**Corporate Standing**: New Terra Café, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of September 26, 2024.

**Location Violation History**: August 12, 2021 – Violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare), Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct), and Rule 4.14 (Live Entertainment without

Authorization) – Fined \$200

Witnesses: Terrence Dickson – Licensee, Rosalba Jordan – BLLC Inspector

**Disposition:** The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.14, Rule 3.06(2), and Rule 3.02 on April 30, 2024 and imposed a fine of \$600 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 60 days.