

BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

HEARING DISPOSITIONS

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2022
100 N. HOLLIDAY STREET, ROOM 215
BALTIMORE, MD 21202**

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

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) 10:30 AM

Fisherman’s Wharf Inner Harbor, Inc., t/a Mo’s Fisherman’s Wharf
219 President Street, Baltimore MD 21202 License # LB 239
1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 9:00 p.m. on April 27, 2022 members of the Baltimore City Police Department & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Baltimore City Police Cadet entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages they ordered.

Corporate Standing: Fisherman’s Wharf Inner Harbor, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of October 6, 2022.

Location Violation History: April 28, 2022 – Protest of Renewal – Voted to Renew (3-0 vote)
March 1, 2018 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) –
Fined \$475

Witnesses: Cadet Myles – Baltimore City Police Cadet, Cadet Anderson – Baltimore City Police Cadet, Rosalba Jordan – BLLC Inspector, Matt Achhammer – BLLC Community Liaison

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01(a) on April 27, 2022 and imposed a fine of \$500 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) 10:30 AM

Rudra, LLC, t/a Orleans Liquors License # LBD7 008
401 N. Montford Avenue, Baltimore MD 21224 13th Councilmanic District (Glover)

Attorney for Applicant: Abraham Hurdle

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 10:30 p.m. on May 25, 2022 members of the Baltimore City Police Department & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Baltimore City Police Cadet entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages they ordered.

Corporate Standing: Rudra, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of October 6, 2022.

Location Violation History: None since 2006.

Witnesses: Anju Poudel – Licensee, Cadet Cromer – Baltimore City Police Cadet, Cadet Carrington – Baltimore City Police Cadet, Andy Perez – BLLC Agent Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01(a) on May 25, 2022 and imposed a fine of \$500 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

**Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.05, Rule 3.08(a), Rule 3.02,
Rule 3.12, and Rule 4.16**

10:30 AM

Castle Seafood, Inc., t/a Castle Seafood Restaurant
3720 Potee Street, Baltimore MD 21225

License # LB 310
10th Councilmanic District (Porter)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Melvin Kodenski

Alleged violation of Rule 4.05 (Prohibited Hours) when at approximately 2:05 a.m. on May 13, 2022 members of the BLLC conducted an after-hours investigation at the establishment after receiving information that the establishment was advertising and holding after hour events on Thursday and Saturday nights. Inspectors parked at the Royal Farms, which is approximately 500 yards from the establishment with a clear view to observe whether the establishment appeared to be open and operating. The inspector observed the parking lot to be empty but could clearly hear music emanating from the building. For approximately the 15-20 minutes, the inspector observed a large number of cars arriving and parking in the parking lot located directly on the opposite side of the street of the establishment and observed patrons exiting their cars, walking across the street and entering the front door of the establishment. Upon arriving at the establishment, the inspector identified the manager. They stated the establishment was closed but the inspector mentioned they were observing the establishment and was aware they were open and operating with patrons inside. When the inspector attempted to enter the establishment, they observed both doors were locked, but the manager did not have the key, and made a phone call. The manager was requested several times to open the door and it was a fire hazard to have patrons locked inside, and the Fire Marshall would be called to unlock the doors. After the doors were unlocked from the inside of the establishment, the inspectors entered and observed three people inside. When the inspectors exited the front door and proceeded around the building to the rear of the establishment, they observed approximately forty or more persons standing outside the rear door as well as people walking down the alley way towards their cars across the street.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.08(a) (Sanitation and Safety) when at approximately 2:05 a.m. on May 13, 2022 members of the BLLC conducted an after-hours investigation at the establishment after receiving information that the establishment was advertising and holding after hour events on Thursday and Saturday nights. Inspectors parked at the Royal Farms, which is approximately 500 yards from the establishment with a clear view to

observe whether the establishment appeared to be open and operating. The inspector observed the parking lot to be empty but could clearly hear music emanating from the building. For approximately the 15-20 minutes, the inspector observed a large number of cars arriving and parking in the parking lot located directly on the opposite side of the street of the establishment and observed patrons exiting their cars, walking across the street and entering the front door of the establishment. Upon arriving at the establishment, the inspector identified the manager. They stated the establishment was closed but the inspector mentioned they were observing the establishment and was aware they were open and operating with patrons inside. When the inspector attempted to enter the establishment, they observed both doors were locked, but the manager did not have the key, and made a phone call. The manager was requested several times to open the door and it was a fire hazard to have patrons locked inside, and the Fire Marshall would be called to unlock the doors. After the doors were unlocked from the inside of the establishment, the inspectors entered and observed three people inside. When the inspectors exited the front door and proceeded around the building to the rear of the establishment, they observed approximately forty or more persons standing outside the rear door as well as people walking down the alley way towards their cars across the street.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.02 (Cooperation) when at approximately 2:05 a.m. on May 13, 2022 members of the BLLC conducted an after-hours investigation at the establishment after receiving information that the establishment was advertising and holding after hour events on Thursday and Saturday nights. Inspectors parked at the Royal Farms, which is approximately 500 yards from the establishment with a clear view to observe whether the establishment appeared to be open and operating. The inspector observed the parking lot to be empty but could clearly hear music emanating from the building. For approximately the 15-20 minutes, the inspector observed a large number of cars arriving and parking in the parking lot located directly on the opposite side of the street of the establishment and observed patrons exiting their cars, walking across the street and entering the front door of the establishment. Upon arriving at the establishment, the inspector identified the manager. They stated the establishment was closed but the inspector mentioned they were observing the establishment and was aware they were open and operating with patrons inside. When the inspector attempted to enter the establishment, they observed both doors were locked, but the manager did not have the key, and made a phone call. The manager was requested several times to open the door and it was a fire hazard to have patrons locked inside, and the Fire Marshall would be called to unlock the doors. After the doors were unlocked from the inside of the establishment, the inspectors entered and observed three people inside. When the inspectors exited the front door and proceeded around the building to the rear of the establishment, they observed approximately forty or more persons standing outside the rear door as well as people walking down the alley way towards their cars across the street.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) when at approximately 2:05 a.m. on May 13, 2022 members of the BLLC conducted an after-hours investigation at the establishment after receiving information that the establishment was advertising and holding after hour events on Thursday and Saturday nights. Inspectors parked at the Royal Farms, which is approximately 500 yards from the establishment with a clear view to observe whether the establishment appeared to be open and operating. The inspector observed the parking lot to be empty but could clearly hear music emanating from the building. For approximately the 15-20 minutes, the inspector observed a large number of cars arriving and parking in the parking lot located directly on the opposite side of the street of the establishment and observed patrons exiting their cars, walking across the street and entering the front door of the establishment. Upon arriving at the establishment, the inspector identified the manager. They stated the establishment was closed but the inspector mentioned they were observing the establishment and was aware they were open and operating with patrons inside. When the inspector attempted to enter the establishment, they observed both doors were locked, but the manager did not have the key, and made a phone call. The manager was requested several times to open the door and it was a fire hazard to have patrons locked inside, and the Fire Marshall would be called to unlock the doors. After the doors were unlocked from the inside of the establishment, the inspectors entered and observed three people inside. When the inspectors exited the front door and proceeded around the building to the rear of the establishment, they observed approximately forty or more persons standing outside the rear door as well as people walking down the alley way towards their cars across the street.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when at approximately 2:05 a.m. on May 13, 2022 members of the BLLC conducted an after-hours investigation at the establishment after receiving information that the establishment was advertising and holding after hour events on Thursday and Saturday nights. Inspectors parked at the Royal Farms, which is approximately 500 yards from the establishment with a clear view to observe whether the establishment appeared to be open and operating. The inspector observed the parking lot to be empty but could clearly hear music emanating from the building. For approximately the 15-20 minutes, the inspector observed a large number of cars arriving and parking in the parking lot located directly on the opposite side of the street of the establishment and observed patrons exiting their cars, walking across the street and entering the front door of the establishment. Upon arriving at the establishment, the inspector identified the manager. They stated the establishment was closed but the inspector mentioned they were observing the establishment and was aware they were open and operating with patrons inside. When the inspector attempted to enter the establishment, they observed both doors were locked, but the manager did not have the key, and made a phone call. The manager was requested several times to open the door and it was a fire hazard to have patrons locked inside, and the Fire Marshall would be called to unlock the doors. After the doors were unlocked from the inside of the establishment, the inspectors entered and observed

three people inside. When the inspectors exited the front door and proceeded around the building to the rear of the establishment, they observed approximately forty or more persons standing outside the rear door as well as people walking down the alley way towards their cars across the street.

Corporate Standing: Castle Seafood, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of October 6, 2022.

Location Violation History: October 11, 2018 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$875

Witnesses: Xianting (Charles) Cao – Licensee, Jason Rosario – Licensee, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Chief Inspector

Disposition: The Board has dismissed Rule 4.05, Rule 3.08(a), and Rule 3.12, but found that the licensee violated Rule 3.02 and Rule 4.16 on May 13, 2022, and imposed a fine of \$1,000 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Alc. Bev. Art. 12-2004(c)(4) and Rule 4.05 10:30 AM

New Club Thunderbird, Inc., t/a Club Thunderbird License # LBD7 406
2201 E. Chase Street, Baltimore MD 21213 13th Councilmanic District (Glover)

Attorney for Licensee(s): N/A

Alleged violation of Alc. Bev. Art. 12-2004(c)(4) when at approximately 11:25 p.m. on June 30, 2022 members of the BLLC along with the Baltimore City Police Department arrived at the establishment. Upon entering the establishment, the inspectors observed the business open and operating with seven customers seated at the bar eating and drinking. The inspector made contact with the operator of the establishment and informed them that the establishment was not permitted to be open and instructed them to close per the requirements of Maryland HB 954 that restricts the sale of alcoholic beverages in this area to cease by 10:00 p.m.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.05 (Prohibited Hours) when at approximately 11:25 p.m. on June 30, 2022 members of the BLLC along with the Baltimore City Police Department arrived at the establishment. Upon entering the establishment, the inspectors observed the business open and operating with seven customers seated at the bar eating and drinking. The inspector made contact with the operator of the establishment and informed them that the establishment was not permitted to be open and instructed them to close per the requirements of Maryland HB 954 that restricts the sale of alcoholic beverages in this area to cease by 10:00 p.m.

Corporate Standing: New Club Thunderbird, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of October 6, 2022.

Location Violation History: None since 2008.

Witnesses: Darnell Lessane – Manager, Renia Williams – Manager, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Chief Inspector, Rosalba Jordan – BLLC Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Alc. Bev. Art. 12-2004(c)(4) and Rule 4.05 on June 30, 2022 and imposed a fine of \$500 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.01(a)

10:30 AM

Gayety 2 Liquors, Inc., t/a Silvermans Liquor & Soul Food
412 E. Baltimore Street, Baltimore MD 21202

License # LA 114
11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Melvin Kodenski

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 8:55 p.m. on July 21, 2022 members of the Baltimore City Police Department & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Baltimore City Police Cadet entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages they ordered.

Corporate Standing: Gayety 2 Liquors, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of October 6, 2022.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Woundim Demissie – Licensee, Cadet Cromer – Baltimore City Police Cadet, Cadet Carrington – Baltimore City Police Cadet, Andy Perez – BLLC Agent Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01(a) on July 21, 2022 and imposed a fine of \$250 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) and Rule 3.03(c)

10:30 AM

Kkarki, LLC, t/a Broadway Discount Liquor
628 S. Broadway, Baltimore MD 21231

License # LBD7 223
1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Stephan Fogleman

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 11:00 p.m. on July 21, 2022 members of the Baltimore City Police Department & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Baltimore City Police Cadet entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages they ordered. When the inspectors entered the establishment to inform the manager on duty about the violation, the manager did not have any form of identification on him and could not produce the employee file upon the inspector's request. The manager supplied a piece of paper with their name and date of birth written on it to the inspectors.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.03(c) (Records) when at approximately 11:00 p.m. on July 21, 2022 members of the Baltimore City Police Department & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Baltimore City Police Cadet entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages they ordered. When the inspectors entered the establishment to inform the

manager on duty about the violation, the manager did not have any form of identification on him and could not produce the employee file upon the inspector's request. The manager supplied a piece of paper with their name and date of birth written on it to the inspectors.

Corporate Standing: Kkarki, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of October 6, 2022.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Muna Karki – Licensee, Cadet Cromer – Baltimore City Police Cadet, Cadet Carrington – Baltimore City Police Cadet, Andy Perez – BLLC Agent Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01(a) and Rule 3.03(c) on July 21, 2022 and imposed a fine of \$200 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.01(a)

10:30 AM

Subedi Brothers, LLC, t/a O'Connor's Liquors & Bar La Bahia

4801 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore MD 21224

License # LBD7 024

1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Stephan Fogleman

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 9:55 p.m. on July 21, 2022 members of the Baltimore City Police Department & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Baltimore City Police Cadet entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages they ordered.

Corporate Standing: Subedi Brothers, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of October 6, 2022.

Location Violation History: None since 2016.

Witnesses: Sujana Subedi – Licensee, Cadet Cromer – Baltimore City Police Cadet, Cadet Carrington – Baltimore City Police Cadet, Andy Perez – BLLC Agent Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01(a) on July 21, 2022 and imposed a fine of \$250 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.