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December 4, 2020

Dear Licensee(s):

On December 3, 2020, after consulting the offices of Mayor Bernard C. "Jack" Young and City Council President Brandon Scott, the Board, under the authority granted to it through Executive Order 20-06-19-01, voted unanimously to waive in total all annual renewal alcoholic beverage license fees.¹ This letter provides you notice that the Board shall lift its suspension of the 2019-2020 license year on December 12, 2020. This will end the 2019-2020 license renewal period effective December 31, 2020.

If you have completed a 2020-2021 license renewal application and submitted it to the Board, you will receive a letter in the mail stating that your license is ready to be issued in the coming weeks. As the BLLC's offices remain closed to the general public, the BLLC's Inspection Division will be delivering licenses to establishments around the City starting in January and continuing into February of 2021.

For this year **only**, there will be no penalty for a late application. The renewal application, FAQ sheet, and other applicable renewal documents can also be found on our website: <http://llb.baltimorecity.gov/renewal>. **Please note that if the BLLC has not received your renewal application, your license will not be renewed without a completed application.** If your renewal application and processing fee of \$50 has not been submitted as of today, to ensure timely processing of your license please mail in your application and fee to our office.

Of special importance, it should be noted that the delay in the 2020-2021 license renewal process will have no effect on the upcoming 2021-2022 license renewal process. The 2021-2022 license renewal process will begin on March 1, 2021 and end on March 31, 2021 as per State Law. While the BLLC is not withholding the issuance of any licenses due to previous Maryland State Comptroller or City Law Department holds for the 2020-2021 license year, such holds need to be resolved during the 2021-2022 license renewal process before those licenses are issued. Lastly, if the BLLC receives a valid protest of renewal on or before December 31, 2020, by law the Board will hold a protest of renewal hearing in the month of January of 2021 before a protested license may be issued.

To access additional information on Baltimore City COVID-19 Small Business assistance, please visit the following link: <https://www.baltimoretogether.com/> If you have any BLLC specific questions or concerns, regarding the alcoholic beverages license renewal process, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 410-396-4377.

Sincerely,

Douglas K. Paige
Executive Secretary

¹ The waiver of the annual renewal alcoholic beverage license fee does not include the \$50 alcoholic beverage renewal licensee application fee.