

BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

HEARING DISPOSITIONS

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2016
100 N. HOLLIDAY STREET, ROOM 215
BALTIMORE, MD 21202**

**Albert Matricciani, Jr., Chairperson
Aaron Greenfield, Commissioner
Dana P. Moore, Commissioner**

Regular Item – Application to Transfer Ownership 11:00 AM

Kantha, Inc., t/a Trade Name Pending License # LBD7 221
5511 Belair Road, Baltimore MD 21206 2nd Councilmanic District (Scott)

Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Application to transfer ownership of a Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License to Mrigendra Homagain, Sandip Koirala and Steven Morgan.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on August 24, 2016 and checked on September 6, 2016 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. One letter of support was received. There were no letters of communication opposing the transfer.

Corporate Standing: Kantha, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of August 31, 2016.

Violations History: None.

Witnesses: Mrigendra Homagain – Applicant, Sandip Koirala – Applicant, Steven Morgan – Applicant, Melvin Kodenski – Attorney, Jessica Redding – Former Licensee

Disposition: The Board has approved the transfer of the license to the applicant(s) by a 3-0 vote.

Regular Item – Request to Transfer Ownership and Location 11:00 AM

Lilac, Inc., t/a Lilac License # LBD7 246
1801 E. Lombard Street, Baltimore MD 21231 13th Councilmanic District (Branch)

Attorney for Applicant: Peter Prevas

Application to transfer ownership and location of a Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License presently located at 1725 Poncabird Pass to 1801 E. Lombard Street to Kfir Catalan, Christa Bruno-Rossi and Michelle Mavias.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on August 17, 2016 and checked on August 26, 2016 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Lilac, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of October 12, 2016.

Violations History: None.

Witnesses: N/A

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

Regular Item – Application to Transfer Ownership

11:00 AM

Maceo's Inc., t/a Maceo's

License # LB 115

1924-26 N. Monroe Street, Baltimore MD 21217

7th Councilmanic District (Mosby)

Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Application to transfer ownership of a Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License to Yakob Gebreyones and Doris Booker.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on August 31, 2016 and checked on August 29, 2016 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Maceo's is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of August 31, 2016.

Violations History: September 4, 2014 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) – Fined \$375

Witnesses: Yakob Gebreyones – Applicant, Doris Booker – Applicant, Melvin Kodenski – Attorney, Dont'e Daniels – Former Licensee

Disposition: The Board has approved the transfer of the license to the applicant(s) by a 3-0 vote.

Regular Item – Application to Transfer Ownership

11:00 AM

Jordy's Bar & Lounge, LLC, t/a Jordy's

License # LBD7 019

301 S. Macon Street, Baltimore MD 21224

1st Councilmanic District (Kraft)

Attorney for Applicant: Gary Maslan

Application to transfer ownership of a Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License to Cecilia Rodas and William Pereira.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on March 14, 2016 and checked on March 25, 2016 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Jordy's Bar & Lounge, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of August 4, 2016.

Violations History: None since 2009.

Witnesses: Cecilia Rodes – Applicant, Luis Bordillo – Applicant's brother/Manager, Gary Maslan – Attorney

Disposition: The Board has approved the transfer of the license to the applicant(s) by a 3-0 vote.

Regular Item – Application to Transfer Ownership and Location

11:00 AM

4 Crazy Guys, LLC, t/a Baltimore Eagle

License # LBD7 175

2022 N. Charles Street, Baltimore MD 21218

12th Councilmanic District (Stokes)

Attorney for Applicant: Stephan Fogleman

Application to transfer ownership and location of a Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License presently located at 935-37 N. Charles Street to 2022 N. Charles Street to Charles King and Lorraine Parrish.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on August 30, 2016 and checked on September 8, 2016 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: 4 Crazy Guys, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of September 8, 2016.

Violations History: None since 2008.

Witnesses: Charles King – Applicant, Lorraine Parrish – Applicant, Stephan Fogleman – Attorney, Allen Minarchik – Charles North Association, Sandy Sparks – Charles Village Association, Foster Taciak – Neighbor, Councilman Carl Stokes – in support

Disposition: The Board has approved the transfer of the license to the applicant(s) by a 3-0 vote.

Regular Item – Request for a 180 Day Hardship Extension **11:00 AM**

Charles P. Stokes, Inc., t/a Club Rio License # LBD7 247
1330 Poplar Grove Street, Baltimore MD 21216 9th Councilmanic District (Welch)

Attorney for Applicant: Gordon Heyman

Request for 180 day hardship extension by Charles Stokes.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: Charles P. Stokes, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of September 8, 2016.

Violations History: None since 2008.

Witnesses: N/A

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

Regular Item – Request for a 180 Day Hardship Extension **11:00 AM**

East Fort Avenue Tuscan Fresh, LLC, t/a Tuscan Fresh License # LB 323
554 E. Fort Avenue, Baltimore MD 21230 11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Applicant: Stephan Fogleman

Request for 180 day hardship extension by Patrick Hudson.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: East Fort Avenue Tuscan Fresh, LLC is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of September 8, 2016.

Violations History: None.

Witnesses: Patrick Hudson – Licensee, Stephan Fogleman – Attorney

Disposition: The Board has approved the request of a 180 hardship extension to the licensee(s) by a 3-0 vote.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.16

1:00 PM

Ropewalk, Inc., t/a Ropewalk “A Federal Hill Tavern & Seafood Company”

License # LBD7 438

1209 S. Charles Street, Baltimore MD 21230

11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when at approximately 12:15 a.m. on August 20, 2016 members of BLLC and Baltimore City Police Department conducted a routine inspection when one patron exited the establishment with an open bottle of beer and walked across the street still consuming the beverage.

Corporate Standing: Ropewalk, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of August 23, 2016.

Violations History: None since 2009.

Witnesses: Mary Episcopo-McFaul – Licensee, Melvin Kodenski – Attorney, Det. Gatto – BCPD, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.16 on August 20, 2016 and imposed a fine of \$200 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Alc. Bev. Art. § 4-505(f)(1)(iii) and Rule 4.08(a) 1:00 PM

Carolina Tex-Mex Restaurant, LLC, t/a Carolina’s Tex-Mex Restaurant License # LB045

505 S. Broadway, Baltimore MD 21231

1st Councilmanic District (Kraft)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Alleged violation of Alc. Bev. Art. § 4-505(f)(1)(iii) (Failure to present up-to-date Valid Certificate) when at approximately 12:00 p.m. on August 8, 2016 members of the BLLC conducted an inspection based upon a 311 complaint where management could not supply an updated Alcohol Awareness certificate.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.08(a) (Relations with Wholesalers) when at approximately 12:45 p.m. on August 10, 2016 members of the BLLC conducted a follow-up investigation from August 8, 2016 when management could only produce receipts from another liquor store and not a wholesale distributor.

Corporate Standing: Carolina Tex-Mex Restaurant, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of August 22, 2016.

Violations History: October 8, 2015 – Violation of Rule 4.05 (Prohibited Hours), Rule 3.03 (c) (Employee Records), Rule 4.18 (Illegal Conduct), and Rule 3.12 (Public Welfare) – Fined Admin fee of \$125 and suspended 14 days
November 6, 2014 – Violation of Rule 3.02 (Cooperation), Board Rule 4.19 (Storage), Board Rule 4.20 (Alterations), Rule 3.02 (Cooperation), and Rule 3.06 (Sanitation – dismissed) – Fined \$375

Witnesses: Yenys Silva – Licensee, Mr. Silva – Licensee’s Husband

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Alc. Bev. Art. § 4-505(f)(1)(iii) on August 8, 2016 and Rule 4.08(a) on August 10, 2016 and imposed a fine of \$500 and an

administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days. The Board also voted to suspend the license for 3 days, commencing immediately.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.14 (a) and (b) 1:00 PM

Amigo's Bar, Inc., t/a Amigo's Bar License # LD 036
400 S. Eaton Street, Baltimore MD 21224 2nd Councilmanic District (Scott)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 4.14 (a) and (b) (Live Entertainment without Authorization) when at approximately 1:00 p.m. on August 6, 2016 members of the Baltimore City Police Department & BLLC Inspectors conducted a special inspection and observed karaoke being performed.

Corporate Standing: Amigo's Bar, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of August 22, 2016.

Violations History: August 20, 2015 – Violation of Rule 4.05(a) (Prohibited Hours), Rule 4.18 (Illegal Conduct) and Rule 3.03(C) (Employee records) – Fined \$875
December 11, 2014 – Violation of Rule 4.05(a) (Prohibited Hours) and Rule 4.18 (Illegal Conduct) – Fined \$3,125 with 4 days suspension

Witnesses: N/A

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

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.03(a), Rule 3.03(c), Alc. Bev. 1:00 PM

Art. § 4-505(f)(1)(iii), Rule 3.09(b), Rule 3.01, and Rule 4.05(a)

Santa Ana Restaurant, LLC, t/a Santa Ana Restaurant License # WD 045
246 S. Broadway, Baltimore MD 21231 12th Councilmanic District (Stokes)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 3.03(a) (Records - Invoices) when at approximately 9:45 p.m. on July 6, 2016 members of the BLLC conducted a routine inspection when management could not supply invoices issues by wholesalers for the 2nd time in 3 weeks.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.03(c) (Records – Employees) when at approximately 9:45 p.m. on July 6, 2016 members of the BLLC conducted a routine inspection when management could not supply copies of employee records for the 2nd time in 3 weeks.

Alleged violation of Rule Alc. Bev. Art. § 4-505(f)(1)(iii) (Failure to present up-to-date Valid Certificate) when at approximately 12:30 p.m. on August 2, 2016 members of the BLLC conducted an investigation of the establishment when management could not supply an updated Alcohol Awareness certificate.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.09(b) (Restroom Facilities and Health Regulations) when at approximately 12:30 p.m. on August 2, 2016 members of the BLLC conducted an investigation when the inspectors found the interior of the establishment was infected with insects, trash and had two broken urinals.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.01 (Ownership and Operation) when at approximately 12:30 p.m. on August 12, 2016 members of the BLLC conducted a follow-up investigation when the inspectors asked for the licensee and discovered that the business was being leased and not operated by a licensee for the 2nd time in 10 days.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.05(a) (Prohibited Hours) when at approximately 1:10 a.m. on August 20, 2016 members of the BLLC and BCPD conducted an inspection when they noticed that there were three patrons that were consuming alcoholic beverages.

Corporate Standing: Santa Ana Restaurant, LLC is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of August 22, 2016.

Violations History: November 5, 2015 – Violation of Rule 4.05 (Prohibited Hours), Rule 3.03(c) (Employee Records), and Rule 4.18 (Illegal Conduct) – Fined \$625
October 18, 2012 – Violation of Rule 4.18 (Corporation not in good standing) and Article 2B § 10-301(j)(1) (Non-payment of Personal Property Taxes – Licensee FTA, suspended license

Witnesses: Licensees – FTA, Mark Fosler – BLLC Chief Inspector, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Inspector, Darryl Clark – BLLC Inspector, Andy Perez – BLLC Inspector, Det. Gatto – BCPD

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.03(a) and Rule 3.03(c) on July 6, 2016, Alc. Bev. Art. § 4-505(f)(1)(iii) and Rule 3.09(b) on August 2, 2016, Rule 3.01 on August 12, 2016, and Rule 4.05(a) on August 20, 2016 and voted to revoke the license, commencing immediately.