

BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

HEARING DISPOSITIONS

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2020
WEBEX VIRTUAL HEARING
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND**

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

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.09(b)

11:00 AM

Ira Godfrey and Associates, t/a Old Major
900 S. Carey Street, Baltimore MD 21223

License # LBD7 010
10th Councilmanic District (Reisinger)

Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Alleged violation of Rule 3.09(b) (Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations) when at approximately 11:00 p.m. on November 8, 2019 members of the Baltimore City Police Department, Baltimore City Health Department, and the BLLC conducted an inspection of the establishment. Upon inspection, Health inspectors found violations including rodent droppings and several live rodents running around throughout the basement. The establishment was closed for the weekend until the violations discovered could be abated.

Corporate Standing: Ira Godfrey and Associates is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of September 8, 2020.

Location Violation History: November 21, 2019 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$1,125
March 14, 2019 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$625

Witnesses: Candace Bruno – Licensee, Dustin Mathers – Baltimore City Health Inspector, Brian Rice – Baltimore City Health Inspector, Sargent Leisher – Baltimore City Police Officer, Detective Greenhill – Baltimore City Police Officer

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.08(b) on November 8, 2019 and imposed a fine of \$100 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.08(b)

11:00 AM

Pig and Rooster Smokehouse, LLC, t/a Pig & Rooster Smokehouse
3242 Foster Avenue, Baltimore MD 21224

License # LBD7 223
1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant: Stephan Fogleman

Alleged violation of Rule 3.09(b) (Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations) when at approximately 12:35 a.m. on January 4, 2020 members of the Baltimore City Police Department, Baltimore City Health Department, Baltimore City Housing, Baltimore City

Fire Department, and BLLC conducted an inspection of the establishment. Upon inspection, Health inspectors found an infestation of roaches within the kitchen area along with finding the kitchen area had unsanitary conditions. The establishment was closed until the condition and violations discovered could be abated.

Corporate Standing: Pig & Rooster Smokehouse, LLC is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of September 8, 2020.

Location Violation History: May 23, 2019 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$475

Witnesses: David Tobash – General Manager, Dustin Mathers – Baltimore City Health Inspector, Brian Rice – Baltimore City Health Inspector, Sargent Leisher – Baltimore City Police Officer, Detective Lebrun – Baltimore City Police Officer, Detective Greenhill – Baltimore City Police Officer

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.08(b) on January 4, 2020 and imposed a fine of \$100 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.01(a)

11:00 AM

Eva Group, LLC, t/a Pratt Liquors & Bar
1812 W. Pratt Street, Baltimore MD 21223

License # LBD7 163
9th Councilmanic District (Bullock)

Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 11:25 p.m. on February 5, 2020 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: Eva Group, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of September 8, 2020.

Location Violation History: February 6, 2020 – Violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare), Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct), Rule 3.12 (General Welfare), Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct), Rule 3.12 (General Welfare), and Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) – Fined \$3,125 and suspended 10 days
May 23, 2019 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$875
November 8, 2018 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$425

Witnesses: Sargent Leisher – Baltimore City Police Officer, Detective Lebrun – Baltimore City Police Officer, Detective Greenhill – Baltimore City Police Officer, Cadet – Failure to Appear

Disposition: Attorney Melvin Kodenski requested a motion to dismiss, the Board granted the motion to dismiss the charge of Rule 4.01(a) on February 5, 2020; no fine was assessed.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.01(a)

11:00 AM

Sole Proprietorship, t/a Sherry's Place
238 S. Broadway, Baltimore MD 21231

License # LBD7 056
12th Councilmanic District (Stokes)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 9:05 p.m. on March 11, 2020 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: N/A

Location Violation History: March 14, 2019 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$475

Witnesses: Patrick Aquia – Licensee, Sargent Leisher – Baltimore City Police Officer, Detective Greenhill – Baltimore City Police Officer, Cadet Queensbury – Baltimore City Police Cadet

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01(a) on March 11, 2020 and imposed a fine of \$150 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.01(a)

11:00 AM

542 N. Luzerne, Inc., t/a Club Luzerne
542 N. Luzerne Avenue, Baltimore MD 21205

License # LBD7 273
13th Councilmanic District (Sneed)

Attorney for Applicant: Peter Prevas

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 12:01 a.m. on March 12, 2020 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: 542 N. Luzerne, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of September 8, 2020.

Location Violation History: November 1, 2018 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$875

October 19, 2017 – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Class BD7
Licenses: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times) – Fined \$375

Witnesses: Mehari Mengistab – Licensee, Detective Gatto – Baltimore City Police Officer, Sargent Leisher – Baltimore City Police Officer, Detective Greenhill – Baltimore City Police Officer, Cadet Queensbury – Baltimore City Police Cadet, Andy Perez – BLLC Agent Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01(a) on March 12, 2020 and imposed a fine of \$100 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.