

BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

HEARING DISPOSITIONS

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2020
WEBEX VIRTUAL HEARING
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND**

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

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.12

11:00 AM

Jano Ethiopian Restaurant & Lounge, LLC, t/a Jano Ethiopia
34 S. Eutaw Street, Baltimore MD 21201

License # LB 073

11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Applicant: Roland Harris

Alleged violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) when at approximately 1:47 a.m. on December 20, 2019 members of the Baltimore City Police Department responded to the establishment for a report of a shooting. Upon the officer's arrival, they observed a trail of blood on the even side of the block where the establishment is located on Eutaw Street along with multiple shell casings of an unknown caliber, cellphone, and a Maryland ID. While on the scene, the officer observed three vehicles parked along the same even side of the block that had apparent damage from gunfire and a large pane class window was broken in the parking garage at 11 S. Eutaw Street. No shooting victims were found on the scene at the time of the officer's arrival. Further investigation revealed that around the time of this incident, two males with gunshot wounds that indicated that both may have been involved in a gun battle, walked into Shock Trauma for treatment. On December 23, 2019, the officer was able to located CCTV cameras at 38 S. Eutaw Street and upon gaining access and reviewing the camera footage from December 20, 2019, the officer observed suspects/victims exiting the establishment as a group walking northbound on Eutaw Street without entering any other facilities or vehicles, nor meeting any unknown individuals, but moments later both victims/suspects began shooting at each other subsequently striking one another multiple times. The officer also observed that the establishment had two security guarded that were standing at the front door of the establishment at the time of this incident.

Corporate Standing: Jano Ethiopian Restaurant & Lounge, LLC is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of September 10, 2020.

Location Violation History: October 10, 2019 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors), Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct), and Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) – Fined \$2,625

February 7, 2019 – Violation of Rule 3.08(a) (Sanitation & Safety), Rule 3.12 (General Welfare), and Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) – Fined \$2,625

November 1, 2018 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$1,125

January 5, 2017 – Violation of Rule 4.05(a) & (b) (Prohibited Hours), Rule 3.02 (Cooperation), Rule 2.13 (Inspections), and Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) – Fined \$2,125 & suspended 3 days

Witnesses: Fikremariam Worku – Licensee, Detective Haziminas – Baltimore City Police Officer

Disposition: The Board has dismissed the charge of Rule 3.12 on December 20, 2019; no fine was assessed.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.08(a)

11:00 AM

Glof, Inc., t/a Oxford Tavern

License # LBD7 135

1741 W. North Avenue, Baltimore MD 21217

7th Councilmanic District (Pinkett)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 3.08(a) (Sanitation and Safety) when at approximately 9:25 p.m. on January 18, 2020 members of the BLLC conducted a compliance inspection of the establishment. Upon arrival, the inspector observed overflowing trash cans with boxes, plastic bags, plastic bottles, and small bags of trash around the trash cans on the ground. There was also a broken display counter laying in the alley behind the establishment along with trash placed in the front and on the side areas of the establishment.

Corporate Standing: Glof, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of September 10, 2020.

Location Violation History: May 30, 2019 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$1,125

May 24, 2018 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$625

April 20, 2017 – Protest of Renewal – Voted to renew the license with 3-0 vote

Witnesses: Mrya Otgonjargal – Manager, Terri Chase – BLLC Agent Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.08(a) on January 18, 2020 and imposed a fine of \$50 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.05(a) and Rule 4.05(b)

11:00 AM

D's Sports Bar, LLC, t/a D's Sports Bar

License # LD 021

45 N. Kresson Street, Baltimore MD 21224

2nd Councilmanic District (McCray)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 4.05(a) (Prohibited Hours) when at approximately 12:43 a.m. on February 16, 2020 members of the Baltimore City Police Department and BLLC responded to the establishment and conducted an investigation to determine if the establishment was operating beyond its allowable hours of service (6AM-1AM; Mon-Sat). Upon arriving at the location, inspectors entered the establishment and sat at the bar. The inspectors observed that at approximately 12:56 a.m., a disc jockey was playing music, patrons were dancing, and alcoholic beverages were being served. At approximately 1:01 a.m., an inspector was able to purchase an alcoholic beverage. When the rest of the officers and inspectors entered the establishment at approximately 1:03 a.m., they observed the “OPEN” sign was illuminated, music was being played and there were patrons drinking alcoholic beverages.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.05(b) (Prohibited Hours) when at approximately 12:43 a.m. on February 16, 2020 members of the Baltimore City Police Department and BLLC responded to the establishment and conducted an investigation to determine if the establishment was operating beyond its allowable hours of service (6AM-1AM; Mon-Sat). Upon arriving at the location, inspectors entered the establishment and sat at the bar. The inspectors observed that at approximately 12:56 a.m., a disc jockey was playing music, patrons were dancing, and alcoholic beverages were being served. At approximately 1:01 a.m., an inspector was able to purchase an alcoholic beverage. When the rest of the officers and inspectors entered the establishment at approximately 1:03 a.m., they observed the “OPEN” sign was illuminated, music was being played and there were patrons drinking alcoholic beverages.

Corporate Standing: D’s Sports Bar, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of September 10, 2020.

Location Violation History:

Witnesses: N/A

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

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.16, Rule 3.12, and Rule 3.08(a)	11:00 AM
Special P’s, LLC, t/a Special P’s Bar and Lounge	License # LD 012
2738 Baker Street, Baltimore MD 21216	7 th Councilmanic District (Pinkett)
Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski	

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when at approximately 8:40 p.m. on May 6, 2020 members of the Baltimore City Police Department responded to the establishment to conduct an investigation upon receiving a letter from the community stating illegal activity was occurring at this location, which included allowing customers to drink and socialize inside the bar on the 2nd floor, which is a violation of Governor’s amended Executive Order issued on March 16, 2020. The Executive Order prohibits patrons to consume any food or alcohol on-premises for any reason. Upon entry to the establishment, the office contacted the licensee’s son and reviewed the establishments liquor license, which stated only the 1st

floor was the only place within the establishment that was authorized for alcoholic beverage service. On the 2nd floor of the establishment, the office observed 3 males with various open alcoholic beverage containers, indicating that alcoholic beverages were being consumed on the 2nd floor which was not authorized to be used by the establishment. The officer reached out to the Housing Department to confirm that a prior violation had been issued to the establishment for unauthorized use of the 2nd floor.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) when at approximately 8:40 p.m. on May 6, 2020 members of the Baltimore City Police Department responded to the establishment to conduct an investigation upon receiving a letter from the community stating illegal activity was occurring at this location, which included allowing customers to drink and socialize inside the bar on the 2nd floor, which is a violation of Governor's amended Executive Order issued on March 16, 2020. The Executive Order prohibits patrons to consume any food or alcohol on-premises for any reason. Upon entry to the establishment, the office contacted the licensee's son and reviewed the establishments liquor license, which stated only the 1st floor was the only place within the establishment that was authorized for alcoholic beverage service. On the 2nd floor of the establishment, the office observed 3 males with various open alcoholic beverage containers, indicating that alcoholic beverages were being consumed on the 2nd floor which was not authorized to be used by the establishment. The officer reached out to the Housing Department to confirm that a prior violation had been issued to the establishment for unauthorized use of the 2nd floor.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.08(a) (Sanitation and Safety) when at approximately 8:40 p.m. on May 6, 2020 members of the Baltimore City Police Department responded to the establishment to conduct an investigation upon receiving a letter from the community stating illegal activity was occurring at this location, which included allowing customers to drink and socialize inside the bar on the 2nd floor, which is a violation of Governor's amended Executive Order issued on March 16, 2020. The Executive Order prohibits patrons to consume any food or alcohol on-premises for any reason. Upon entry to the establishment, the office contacted the licensee's son and reviewed the establishments liquor license, which stated only the 1st floor was the only place within the establishment that was authorized for alcoholic beverage service. On the 2nd floor of the establishment, the office observed 3 males with various open alcoholic beverage containers, indicating that alcoholic beverages were being consumed on the 2nd floor which was not authorized to be used by the establishment. The officer reached out to the Housing Department to confirm that a prior violation had been issued to the establishment for unauthorized use of the 2nd floor.

Corporate Standing: Special P's, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of July 27, 2020.

Location Violation History: January 9, 2020 – Violation of Rule 3.09(b) (Rest Room Facilities and Health) – Fined \$325

Witnesses: Martha Puryear – Licensee, Detective Greenhill – Baltimore City Police Officer, Detective Gatto – Baltimore City Police Officer, Sergeant Leisher – Baltimore City Police Officer, Inspector McGinnis – Baltimore City Housing Inspector, Sean Puryear – Licensee’s Son, Eric Scott – Licensee’s Nephew, Devin Puryear McKenny – Licensee’s Grandson

Disposition: The Board has voted 2-1 and found that the licensee violated Rule 4.16 on May 6, 2020, and dismissed Rule 3.12 and Rule 3.08(a) on May 6, 2020 and imposed a fine of \$100 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.16 and Rule 3.12

11:00 AM

Shipyards Investors, Inc., t/a Shipyards Pub
Address, Baltimore MD 21224

License # LBD7 364
1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant:

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when at approximately 8:10 p.m. on May 1, 2020 members of the BLLC responded to the establishment to conduct an inspection to ensure that it was following the Governor’s Executive Order issued on March 12, 2020, ensuring that establishments were not serving patrons nor allowing patrons to consume alcoholic beverages on-premises. Upon arrival, the inspectors observed four individuals hanging out on the side entrance of the establishment. At this time, the inspectors also observed several patrons being served alcoholic beverages through a service window at the front of the establishment. At approximately 8:35 p.m., the inspectors observed through a window, the same four individuals inside the establishment consuming what appeared to be alcoholic beverages out of clear 32-oz containers. The Executive Order prohibits patrons to consume anything on-premises for any reason.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) when at approximately 8:10 p.m. on May 1, 2020 members of the BLLC responded to the establishment to conduct an inspection to ensure that it was following the Governor’s Executive Order issued on March 12, 2020, ensuring that establishments were not serving patrons nor allowing patrons to consume alcoholic beverages on-premises. Upon arrival, the inspectors observed four individuals hanging out on the side entrance of the establishment. At this time, the inspectors also observed several patrons being served alcoholic beverages through a service window at the front of the establishment. At approximately 8:35 p.m., the inspectors observed through a window, the same four individuals inside the establishment consuming what appeared to be alcoholic beverages out of clear 32-oz containers. The Executive Order prohibits patrons to consume anything on-premises for any reason.

Corporate Standing: Shipyards Investors, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of July 27, 2020.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Aaron Hammons – Licensee, Andy Perez – BLLC Agent Inspector, Cindy-Leigh Tudhope – BLLC Inspector

Disposition: The Board voted 2-1 to dismiss Rule 4.16 and Rule 3.12 on May 1, 2020; no fine assessed.