

BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

HEARING DISPOSITIONS

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2024
100 N. HOLLIDAY STREET, ROOM 215
BALTIMORE, MD 21202**

**Granville Templeton, Chairperson
Harvey Jones, Commissioner
Edward Reisinger, Commissioner**

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.09(2) and Rule 3.03(1) 10:30 AM

Richie’s Entertainment, LLC, T/a Richie’s Lounge License # LBD7 194
1600 W. Baltimore Street, Baltimore MD 21223 9th Councilmanic District (Bullock)

Attorney for Licensee(s): N/A

Date of Violation: April 26, 2024

Time: 9:45 p.m.

Summary of Violation: At approximately 9:45 p.m. on April 26, 2024, members of the BLLC along with members of the Social Club Task Force, that included members of the Department of Housing, Health Department, and Baltimore City Fire Department, conducted a joint inspection at the establishment. Upon entering the establishment to conduct their inspection, inspectors noticed a strong odor of smoke and observed numerous individuals smoking cigarettes and hookah inside. At the conclusion of the physical inspection, a check of the business records was performed, and the establishment could not produce a trader’s license or invoices for alcohol purchases.

Alleged violation of: ● Rule 3.09(2) (Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations)

Date of Violation: May 17, 2024

Time: 9:00 p.m.

Summary of Violation: At approximately 9:00 p.m. on May 17, 2024, members of the BLLC along with members of the Social Club Task Force returned to the establishment to conduct a follow-up inspection. The inspector spoke to the licensee and requested the invoices that were not available during the previous inspection on April 26, 2024, in addition to invoices for the new stock located behind the bar. The licensee presented a 2022 invoice along with a handwritten invoice for bar equipment but did not have an updated trader’s license.

Alleged violation of: ● Rule 3.03(1) (Records)

Corporate Standing: Richie’s Entertainment, LLC is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of August 22, 2024.

Location Violation History: March 24, 2024 – Violation of Rule 4.18 (Alterations), Rule 4.05 (Prohibited Hours), and Rule 3.08 (Sanitation and Safety) – No fine assessed, license to be suspended until transferred

Witnesses: Richard Nelson – Licensee, Cindy-Leigh Tudhope – BLLC Inspector, Rosalba Jordan – BLLC Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.09(2) on April 26, 2024 and Rule 3.03(1) on May 17, 2024 and imposed a fine of \$200 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.14, Rule 3.06(2), and Rule 3.02 10:30 AM

New Terra Café, LLC, t/a New Terra Café
101 E. 25th Street, Baltimore MD 21218

License # LB 206
12th Councilmanic District (Stokes)

Attorney for Licensee(s): N/A

Date of Violation: April 30, 2024

Time: 10:15 p.m.

Summary of Violation: At approximately 10:15 p.m. on April 30, 2024, members of the BLLC responded to a 311 service call complaint for allegations of “Loud Music Every Tuesday Night”. When the inspector approached the location, they noticed the front and rear door were open. They spoke to the licensee and explained the reason for their visit. The licensee requested to know who made the complaint and asked if they had a decibel reader. They explained that the Liquor Board does not utilize meters when responding to noise complaints but base findings on observations. They stated they were parked about a block away and could hear the music from their vehicle and from the surrounding alleyways as they approached. They requested to inspect the establishment and followed the licensee to the rear of the business where they observed a band with instruments, microphone and speakers. When the inspector requested the licensee to close the exterior doors, the licensee complied but continued to request a decibel reading then picked up their cell and shouted that they were going to contact their lawyer because they felt harassed. After the call, the inspector requested to see their liquor license to verify any other restrictions and complete the report. The licensee did provide their license and their frustration continued to escalate. The inspector explained that they would be receiving a violation for the loud music and the licensee refused to sign the violation and direction their employee not to sign it. Upon later review of the BMZA ruling, it was determined that, among other restrictions, this location is not permitted to have live entertainment Sunday through Thursdays after 9:00 p.m., and Friday and Saturdays after 11:00 p.m.

Alleged violation of: ● Rule 4.14 (Live Entertainment without Authorization)
● Rule 3.06(2) (Signs and Hours of Operation)
● Rule 3.02 (Cooperation)

Corporate Standing: New Terra Café, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of August 22, 2024.

Location Violation History: August 12, 2021 – Violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare), Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct), and Rule 4.14 (Live Entertainment without Authorization) – Fined \$200

Witnesses: N/A

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

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.12

10:30 AM

El Oasis Restaurant Y Discotec Inc., T/a El Oasis Restaurant Y Discotec
3919-21 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore MD 21224

License # LBD7 122
1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Frank Shaulis

Date of Violation: May 25, 2024

Time: 11:45 p.m.

Summary of Violation: On May 25, 2024, members of the BLLC responded to a 311 service call complaint for allegations of loud music. The inspector approached the area via Fleet Street and as they got approximately 400 feet away from the rear of the location, they began to hear the music, specifically the bass. The inspector parked in front of the establishment and noticed that the side windows of the vehicle were vibrating from the bass. The inspector made contact with the licensee and informed them of the complaint for loud music. The inspector reminded the licensee that on April 27, 2024, the location was instructed to lower their music down and close their doors in response to a 311 service call complaint on that day.

Alleged violation of: ● Rule 3.12 (General Welfare)

Corporate Standing: El Oasis Restaurant Y Discotec Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of August 22, 2024.

Location Violation History: February 22, 2024 – Violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) and Rule 3.02 (Cooperation) – Fined \$4,125

Witnesses: N/A

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

**Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.09(2), Rule 3.09(2), and
Rule 3.08(1)(b)**

10:30 AM

Ultra Lounge, LLC, t/a Mirage
401 W. Baltimore Street, Baltimore MD 21201

License # LBD7 329
11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Melvin Kodenski

Date of Violation: May 27, 2024

Time: 12:00 a.m.

Summary of Violation: At approximately 12:00 a.m. on May 27, 2024, members of the BLLC went to the establishment for a routine inspection. Upon entry, they noticed that the place was filled with smoke and observed multiple individuals smoking cigarettes and charcoal hookah throughout the establishment. They introduced themselves to a staff member and asked for the manager. While waiting for the manager, they observed the 3-compartment sink that was not filled with the required water and solution. They advised the bartender to fill the sink, which they did not do. The manager came and the inspector proceeded to conduct their inspection. They went into the kitchen area and manager advised that they do use the kitchen area for preparing food. The kitchen floors were dirty and in unsatisfactory condition. The inspector asked the manager to sign the inspection sheet, but gave it to another individual who signed the report.

Alleged violation of: ● Rule 3.09(2) (Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations)
● Rule 3.09(2) (Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations)

● Rule 3.8(1)(b) (Sanitation and Safety)

Corporate Standing: Ultra Lounge, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of August 22, 2024.

Location Violation History: None since 2016.

Witnesses: Regina Brown – BLLC Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.09(2), Rule 3.09(2), and Rule 3.08(1)(b) on May 27, 2024 and imposed a fine of \$ 750 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.12

10:30 AM

Miss Cater’s Place, LLC, t/a Miss Carter’s Place
101 W. Lexington Street, Baltimore MD 21201

License # LB 327
11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Licensee(s): N/A

Date of Violation: May 22, 2024

Time: 10:44 p.m.

Summary of Violation: At approximately 10:44 p.m. on May 22, 2024, members of the BLLC responded to a 311 service call complaint for disturbing the peace, noise, loud music, and front door was open, and that it is extremely loud every Wednesday night well after 10:00 p.m. When the inspector was driving past the establishment, they could hear music playing at an extremely loud volume and observed approximately 20 people standing in the general area around the establishment. The inspector drive to the corner of N. Howard Street and Lexington Street about two city blocks away and could still hear the music playing with her window down and car turned off. The inspector made contact with the licensee, informed them of the complaint, and instructed them to turn down the music and not allow people to drink outside if not seated.

Alleged violation of: ● Rule 3.12 (General Welfare)

Corporate Standing: Miss Cater’s Place, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of August 22, 2024.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: N/A

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

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.05(2)

10:30 AM

New Club Thunderbird, Inc., t/a Club Thunderbird
2201 E. Chase Street, Baltimore MD 21213

License # LBD7 384
13th Councilmanic District (Glover)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Harry Prevas

Date of Violation: May 31, 2024

Time: 11:35 p.m.

Summary of Violation: At approximately 11:35 p.m. on May 31, 2024, members of the BLLC began to make observations of the exterior of the establishment to determine if they were operating within the scope of their limited hours of 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. as set by Maryland Alcoholic Beverages & Cannabis Article 12-2204. Upon arrival, the inspectors observed lights to be on in the interior and exterior of the establishment and voices could be heard coming from inside. The inspector observed two male individuals drinking on the second-floor staircase and

asked them if the establishment was open. They stated yes and to just go through the front door was it was open. Upon entering the establishment, it was found to be open and operating with approximately 10 people seated at the bar and tables with drinks in front of them. The inspector observed multiple people smoking charcoal hookah. The inspector made contact with the bartender/manager and asked them to produce permits and informed them that the establishment was not permitted to be open and operating past 10:00 p.m. as stated on their liquor license and instructed the establishment to close.

Alleged violation of: ● Rule 4.05(2) (Prohibited Hours)

Corporate Standing: New Club Thunderbird, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of August 22, 2024.

Location Violation History: November 9, 2023 – Violation of Rule 4.05(a) (Prohibited Hours) and Rule 3.01 (Ownership and Operation) – No fine assessed, just \$125 admin fee and suspended 7 days.

March 23, 2023 – Violation of Alc. Bev. Art. 12-2004(c)(4) (Dismissed), Rule 4.05 (Prohibited Hours – Dismissed), Alc. Bev. Art. 12-2004(c)(4) (Dismissed), Rule 4.05 (Prohibited Hours – Dismissed), Rule 3.03(c) (Records – Dismissed), Rule 3.02 (Cooperation – Dismissed), Alc. Bev. Art. 12-2004(c)(4) (Dismissed), Rule 4.05 (Prohibited Hours – Dismissed), and Rule 3.02 (Cooperation – Dismissed) – All charges dismissed due to compliance with Board’s requests stated on the record from 2/9/2023 hearing; no admin fee assessed

October 20, 2020 – Violation of Alc. Bev. Art. 12-2004(c)(4) and Rule 4.05 (Prohibited Hours) – Fined \$625

Witnesses: --

Disposition: Request to postpone case on the record was granted. This matter will be scheduled for the October 10, 2024 hearing.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii)

10:30 AM

Manjit, Inc. Three, t/a The Liquor Store-Socialize
6130 Belair Road, Baltimore MD 21206

License # LBD7 107
2nd Councilmanic District (McCray)

Attorney for Licensee(s): N/A

Date of Violation: April 7, 2024

Time: 9:45 p.m.

Summary of Violation: At approximately 9:45 p.m. on April 7, 2024, members of the BLLC entered the establishment to perform a routine inspection. Upon entering the establishment, they observed a red rope in front of the tavern. They asked the employee why the tavern was roped off and the employee indicated that the tavern was open from 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and instructed them to check the establishment’s Instagram page. The employee was informed that as long as the establishment is open, the tavern has to be open.

Alleged violation of: ● Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Class BD7 and Class D Licenses: Open and Operating

Tavern)

Corporate Standing: Manjit, Inc. Three is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of August 22, 2024.

Location Violation History: April 4, 2024 – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Prohibited Activities by License Type: Class BD7 Licensees Open and Operating Tavern at all Times), Rule 3.03(c) (Employee Records), Rule 3.03(d)(ii) (Trader’s License), Rule 3.09(b) (Restroom Facilities and Health Regulations) – Fined \$525

Witnesses:

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.20(c)(ii) on April 7, 2024 and imposed a fine of \$200 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.