

BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY
DOCKET – THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2018 – 11:00 a.m.
ROOM 215 – CITY HALL – 100 NORTH HOLLIDAY STREET

Please note: If you are interested in a particular case, please call (410) 396-4377 the day before these hearings to verify that a particular case is still scheduled for this date.

11:00 a.m.

I. Regular Items (New, Transfers, Expansions, Hardships, and Violations):

1. ~~Lorrie Richards and Crystal Keatts, KR Entertainment, LLC, T/a Trade Name Pending, 300 S. Exeter Street – Class “D” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership.~~
POSTPONED
2. **Michael Georgalas, Samos at McHenry Row, LLC, T/a Samos Greek Island Grill, 1703 Whetstone Way – Class “D” Beer & Wine License – Application to transfer ownership and location of a Class “D” Beer and Wine license presently located at 1602 Whetstone Way to 1703 Whetstone Way with outdoor table service.**
3. **Latrice Fowlkes and Barbara Key, Roosevelt and Associates, Inc., T/a Trade Name Pending, 291 S. Pulaski Street – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership.**
4. **Amy Thomas and Kyung Min Min, Mim & Min, Inc., T/a Ole Federal Hill Liquors, 1230-32 Light Street – Class “A” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request for a transfer hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages Article § 12-1705(b).**
5. **William Hughes, III, Barracuda, LLC, T/a Barracuda, 1230 E. Fort Avenue – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.16 Illegal Conduct – September 22, 2017 – At approximately 11:50 PM, members of the BLLC conducted a special investigation into the establishment based on anonymous complaints concerning outdoor table service without authorization. Upon arrival, officials observed several individuals outside of the establishment consuming alcoholic beverages at tables placed outside of the establishment. At this time, BLLC staff approached the licensee, Mr. William Hughes, to speak with him about the matter. Mr. Hughes stated that his “off-premise catering” privilege allowed for him to provide outdoor table service to his patrons. BLLC staff informed Mr. Hughes that “off-premise catering” and “outdoor table service” were two separate privileges, each of which must be authorized by the Board and placed on the establishment’s license. A review of the liquor license issued to the location indicated that the establishment was not authorized to provide outdoor table service. Mr. Hughes was notified of the violation and was instructed to ensure his patrons remain inside the establishment when consuming alcoholic beverages.**

Violation of Rule 4.16 Illegal Conduct – October 13, 2017 – At approximately 11:50 PM, members of the Baltimore City Police Department’s Vice Unit and staff from the BLLC (“officials”)

conducted a follow-up investigation into the establishment based on anonymous complaints concerning outdoor table service without authorization. Upon arrival, officials observed approximately five (5) individuals outside of the establishment consuming alcoholic beverages (bottles of beer) at tables. At this time, the licensee, Mr. William Hughes, approached the officials and told them he was working with the "Zoning department" to obtain the outdoor table service privilege. However, a review of the liquor license issued to the location indicated that the establishment was not authorized to provide outdoor table service. Mr. Hughes was notified of the violation and was instructed to ensure his patrons remain inside the establishment when consuming alcoholic beverages.

- 6. Rakesh Patel, RAHI, LLC, T/a Wine Underground, 4400 Evans Chapel Road – Class "A" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) Sales to Minors – September 15, 2017 –** At approximately 9:25 PM, the Baltimore City Police Department and the BLLC ("officials") conducted a joint investigation of the establishment to determine if licensees were selling alcoholic beverages to minors. While their vehicle was parked and in a covert location, officials observed two males, both of which appeared to be underage, enter the location and purchase alcoholic beverages. Upon these two males exiting the establishment they were met by officials who identified themselves and inquired as to the names and identifications of the two males. The two males produced state issued identification indicating that neither of them were 21 years of age. In addition, both verbally indicated that they were under the age of 21. Further investigation revealed that two males had purchased 1 30-Pack of Natural Light Beer, 1 tall can of 4 Loko, and 1 tall can of 4 Blaze – all of which are alcoholic beverages. At this time, officials entered the establishment and were met by Joseph Levin, who was the attendant that served the two males, to discuss the matter. Officials attempted to discuss the underage purchase with Mr. Levin, but he became obstinate and evasive. Upon being asked for additional information, Mr. Levin fled the location and walked down the street. As there was an additional employee in the establishment, officials were able to gather the necessary information, return the alcoholic beverages that were sold, and obtain and return the currency to the two males. Upon the completion of their investigation, officials informed the employee of the violations that would be issued.

Violation of Rule 3.02 Cooperation – September 15, 2017 – At approximately 9:25 PM, the Baltimore City Police Department and the BLLC ("officials") conducted a joint investigation of the establishment to determine if licensees were selling alcoholic beverages to minors. While their vehicle was parked and in a covert location, officials observed two males, both of which appeared to be underage, enter the location and purchase alcoholic beverages. Upon these two males exiting the establishment they were met by officials who identified themselves and inquired as to the names and identifications of the two males. The two males produced state issued identification indicating that neither of them were 21 years of age. In addition, both verbally indicated that they were under the age of 21. Further investigation revealed that two males had purchased 1 30-Pack of Natural Light Beer, 1 tall can of 4 Loko, and 1 tall can of 4 Blaze –all of which are alcoholic beverages. At this time, officials entered the establishment and were met by Joseph Levin, who was the attendant that served the two males, to discuss the matter. Officials attempted to discuss the underage purchase with Mr. Levin, but he became obstinate and evasive. Upon being asked for additional information, Mr. Levin fled the location and walked down the street. As there was an additional employee in the establishment, officials were able to gather the necessary information, return the alcoholic beverages that were sold, and obtain and return the currency to the two males.

Upon the completion of their investigation, officials informed the employee of the violations that would be issued.

7. **Steven Fortinos, Spiros Korologos, and Eric Mathias, Alogos, Inc., T/a The Horse You Came In On Bar, 1626-28 Thames Street – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 3.02 Cooperation – October 21, 2017** – At approximately 12:42 AM, the Baltimore City Police Department and the BLLC conducted a joint investigation of the establishment in response to a call from the Southeast District Police for assistance. Upon arrival, Chief Mark Fosler of the BLLC spoke with Baltimore City Police Officer Brandon Smith-Saxon who had been dispatched to the location in response to a confrontation between a patron of the establishment and security personnel. Chief Fosler was informed by Officer Smith-Saxon that upon responding to the police call for service he requested the involved security personnel’s identification and employee records and was denied access to the information. In response, BLLC staff requested copies of the security personnel’s identification and employee records and they were provided by management staff. Based on the information provided by Baltimore City Police Officer Brandon Smith-Saxon, a violation was issued to the establishment.

8. **James Dipino, Jr. and Michael McDevitt, Pull the Trigger, LLC, T/a Wayward Southern Bar and Kitchen, 1117-21 S. Charles Street – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Alc. Bev. Art. §12-1604(c)(3) 51% Food Receipts Requirement for Class B Licensees in the 46th Legislative District – September 29, 2017** – At approximately 4:00 PM, BLLC staff conducted a review of the 46th District Annual Food Sales affidavit submitted by the licensee’s certified public accountant as required by law at the time of renewal. A review conducted by BLLC staff indicated that the average food sale receipts for the establishment for license year 2016-2017 was approximately 20%.

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****Please note that times given above are approximate. Parties are encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the time noted above.***