

BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY
DOCKET – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2020 – 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) 396-4380 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 and Hardships):

- ~~1. Joanna Zoulis and Filippos H. Glytsis, Eleros, LLC, T/a Plaka Tavern, 4714 18 Eastern Avenue – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership requesting delivery of alcoholic beverages. POSTPONED~~
- ~~2. Wallace Hines, Sole Proprietorship, T/a Berger’s Tavern, 5523 Belair Road – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership. POSTPONED~~
3. **Ikea Carter, Moody’s Place, LLC, T/a Moody’s Place, 800 St. Paul Street – Class “D” Beer & Wine License – Application to transfer ownership with continuation of outdoor table service.**
4. **Dorothy Geis, Finnerteas, LLC, T/a Trade Name Pending, 3547 Chestnut Avenue – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership.**
5. **Theodore Stelzenmuller, Blair Hospitality, LLC, T/a Jack’s Bistro, 3123 Elliott Street – Class “D” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request to reopen under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages Article § 12-2203, wherein a licensed premises has been closed for at least three (3) consecutive months and a 180-day hardship extension request under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages Article § 12-2202.**
6. **Fred Haas and Elizabeth Rafferty, Encantada, LLC, T/a Encantada, 800 Key Highway – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request to reopen under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages Article § 12-2203, wherein a licensed premises has been closed for at least three (3) consecutive months and a 180-day hardship extension request under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages Article § 12-2202.**
7. **Debora Kee and Debora Kee (PR), BH-Kee Corporation, T/a Bank Discount Liquors, 1419-21 Bank Street – Class “A” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request for a hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages Article § 12-2202.**
8. **Ryan Perlberg, R.Y.E., LLC, T/a Rye, 1639 Thames Street – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request for a transfer hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages Article §12-1705(b).**

II. Review of Pending Legislation Before the House of Delegates within the General Assembly:

1. HB924 – Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – Distance Restrictions, Extension Fee, and Class D License
2. HB441 – Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – Protest of Renewal – Zoning Violations
3. HB509 – Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – Grounds for Suspension

1:00 p.m.

III. Violations:

1. **Edwin Aguilar and Solomon Weldekirstos, O’Ryan, LLC, T/a O’Ryan’s Pub, 53-55 S. Kresson Street – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.05(a) Prohibited Hours – December 21, 2019** – At approximately 2:05 AM, Baltimore City Police Detective Gatto responded to the establishment and proceeded to conduct an investigation to determine if the establishment operated beyond its allowable hours of operation. Upon arriving at the location, Det. Gatto observed the lights on in the establishment were illuminated and the “open” sign was still operating. At this time, Det. Gatto exited his vehicle and approached the establishment. Upon approach he observed approximately six (6) patrons sitting and standing at the bar and drinking alcoholic beverages. Det. Gatto was able to gain entry to the establishment and advised security personnel that the location was to be closed at 2:00 AM and patrons were prohibited from being in the bar after 2:00 AM. Det. Gatto then met with the night manager, Ms. Guadalupe Turcios, and informed her that the establishment would be issued a violation for operating after hours.

Violation of Rule 4.05(b) Prohibited Hours – December 21, 2019 – At approximately 2:05 AM, Baltimore City Police Detective Gatto responded to the establishment and proceeded to conduct an investigation to determine if the establishment operated beyond its allowable hours of operation. Upon arriving at the location, Det. Gatto observed the lights on in the establishment were illuminated and the “open” sign was still operating. At this time, Det. Gatto exited his vehicle and approached the establishment. Upon approach he observed approximately six (6) patrons sitting and standing at the bar and drinking alcoholic beverages. Det. Gatto was able to gain entry to the establishment and advised security personnel that the location was to be closed at 2:00 AM and patrons were prohibited from being in the bar after 2:00 AM. Det. Gatto then met with the night manager, Ms. Guadalupe Turcios, and informed her that the establishment would be issued a violation for operating after hours.

2. **Joginder Samra and Joginder Singh, 2300 W Baltimore St, LLC, T/a Club 2300, 2300 W. Baltimore Street – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating Tavern at all times – October 11, 2019** – At approximately 10:30 PM, the Social Club Task Force, which included the Baltimore City Police Department, Baltimore City Fire Department, Department of Housing and Community Development, and BLLC conducted an inspection of this establishment. Upon conducting an inspection of the establishment, Agent Perez of the BLLC made the following observation: The

three compartmental sink was not set up to clean glasses, there were several personal items on the bar and within the seating area that prevented patrons from obtaining alcoholic beverage service, the rear door, located in the tavern area, was locked and blocked by a mop bucket thereby restricting patrons from exiting the establishment in case of fire, and the women's bathroom was nailed shut.

Violation of Rule 3.09(a) Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations – October 11, 2019 –

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Violation of Rule 4.16 Illegal Conduct – October 11, 2019 –

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Violation of Rule 3.08 (b) Sanitation and Safety – January 7, 2020 –

At approximately 11:30 AM, BLLC Inspector Steven Han responded to the establishment based upon a complaint concerning an overflowing dumpster. The BLLC received information concerning the overflowing dumpster based on information stemming from a violation issued by the Department of Transportation to the establishment. Upon arrival, Inspector Han observed a large amount of trash on the side of the establishment. The location was closed. Accordingly, Inspector Han issued a violation to the establishment for the sanitation and safety issue he observed.

Violation of Rule 3.08 (b) Sanitation and Safety – January 10, 2020 –

At approximately 12:00 PM BLLC Agent Perez, responded to the location as a result of a community complaint regarding trash. Upon arrival, Agent Perez discovered the establishment to be closed. Further investigation revealed a blue dumpster to the side of the establishment overfilled with several bags of trash and debris. Based on a recent prior warning given to the operator concerning trash, the location was issued a violation.

Violation of Rule 4.16 Illegal Conduct – January 17, 2020 –

At approximately 3:40 PM, BLLC staff conducted a review of the corporate status of the entity known as "2300 W Baltimore St., LLC." and found that the entity was deemed "forfeited" by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation.

3. **Soo Mi Kang, K & S Enterprise, Inc., T/a Frederick Station Saloon, 4019 Frederick Avenue – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 3.08 (b) Sanitation and Safety – December 23, 2019** – At approximately 5:12 PM, BLLC Inspector Terri Chase conducted a compliance inspection of the establishment. Upon arrival, Inspector Chase observed several boxes of folded boxes placed outside and in front of the establishment. The licensee had been previously given multiple warnings concerning placement of his trash in front of the establishment a day early prior to trash pickup. Accordingly, Inspector Chase issued a violation to the establishment for the sanitation and safety issue she observed.
4. **Thomas Yong Kim, Good Times, LLC, T/a Good Times Liquor & Bar Lounge, 1600 W. Baltimore Street – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 3.08 (b) Sanitation and Safety – October 23, 2019** – At approximately 12:34 PM, BLLC Inspector Terri Chase conducted a compliance inspection of the establishment. Upon arrival, Inspector Chase observed overflowing trash cans with a box, plastic bags, plastic bottles, and small bags of trash around trash cans on the ground. The location was closed at the time of Inspector Chase’s visit. However, Inspector Chase issued a violation to the establishment for the sanitation and safety issues she observed.
5. **Sung Joo Park, Cathedral Rock, Inc., T/a Jerry’s Bar, 604-06 Poplar Grove Street – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 3.08 (b) Sanitation and Safety – December 26, 2019** – At approximately 10:56 AM, BLLC Inspector Cindy Tudhope conducted a compliance inspection of the establishment. Upon arrival, Inspector Tudhope observed a large amount of trash and recycling on the corner of the establishment and trash in the alleyway. Inspector Tudhope also noticed that the trash bags were torn open and the area in front of the establishment was scattered with trash. A violation for the unkempt trash generated by the establishment was issued.
6. **Navroop Kour Sandhu and Gurinder Singh Sandhu, 4325 Belair Road, Inc., T/a Sheldon Lounge, 4325-27 Belair Road – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating Tavern at all times – December 12, 2019** – At approximately 4:34 PM, BLLC Chief John Chrissomallis entered the establishment in an undercover capacity for the purposes of determining whether or not the tavern portion of the premises was open and operating. Upon entering the establishment, Chrissomallis requested access to the tavern portion of the premises for a drink. At that time, Mr. Satinder Singh, the bartender/store clerk was present and informed Chrissomallis that the “bar area was not open for business.” Chrissomallis then left the establishment and made contact with BLLC Inspector Cindy Tudhope, who was waiting outside of the establishment and communicated to her the results of his investigation. Chrissomallis and Tudhope then entered the establishment, identified themselves to the Mr. Singh, and informed him that whenever the package goods portion of a Class BD7 license was open and operating that the tavern portion must be as well. A violation was then issued to Mr. Singh.
7. **Carol D. Wilson, 627 Duncan Restaurant, LLC, T/a Janae’s 2, 625-27 N. Duncan Street – Class “D” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 3.08 (b) Sanitation and Safety – January 7, 2020** – At approximately 3:00 PM, BLLC Agent Andy Perez responded to the establishment based on a community complaint for illegal trash dumping. Upon arrival at the establishment Agent Perez noted that the location was closed. Agent Perez noted that the front of

the establishment was free and clear of debris. However, further investigation revealed that there were several black trash bags and several boxes containing empty liquor bottles of different brands dumped at an empty lot on the 600 block of the North Collington Avenue. This empty lot is located right behind the aforementioned establishment.

Violation of Rule 4.08 (a) Relations with Wholesalers – January 17, 2020 – At approximately 4:00 PM, BLLC Agent Andy Perez conducted a follow-up investigation of the establishment related to prior illegal dumping complaint. Upon arrival Agent Perez met with Mr. Rodney Brown, the manager of the establishment, for the purposes of conducting a routine inspection. While conducting the inspection, Agent Perez noted that all permits and licenses were in order, but a review of the establishment's inventory of 100 bottles of various spirits and six (6) cases of beer/malt beverages raised concerns. Specifically, Mr. Brown could not produce any invoices or wholesaler receipts for the inventory. At the time, Mr. Brown stated that the receipts were with his accountant and he would provide them to Agent Perez. Prior to conducting his inspection, Agent Perez had contacted the following wholesalers: Breakthru Beverage, Republic National, Chesapeake Beverage, and Bond Distributing to determine whether or not sales had been made to the establishment. Agent Perez's investigation revealed that all of the aforementioned distributors had not sold alcoholic beverages to the current licensee since the license was transferred on August 2, 2019. On January 22, 2020, Mr. Brown provided two invoices from Republic National and Bond Distributing that were dated for January 21, 2020. The invoices provided by Mr. Brown did not match the alcoholic beverages stock observed on January 17, 2020. Accordingly, Agent Perez issued a violation to the establishment for Relations with Wholesalers.