

BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY
DOCKET – THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2017 – 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 and Hardships):

- 1. Richard Craft, Jr. and Eduard Popescu, Guilford Brewing, LLC, T/a Trade Name Pending, 1611 Guilford Avenue – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application for a new Class “B” Beer, Wine and Liquor restaurant license under the provisions of Alcoholic Beverages Article §12-1603(C)(II) requiring \$200,000 in capital investment in restaurant fixtures and facilities and seating capacity for a minimum of 75 people with off-premise catering. If approved and issued applicant shall make application to the Comptroller for a Class 7 Micro-Brewery License under the provisions of Alcoholic Beverages Article §2-209(B).**
- 2. Jacob Lefenfeld, Minnow, LLC, T/a Minnow, 2 E. Wells Street – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application for a new Class “B” Beer, Wine and Liquor restaurant license under the provisions of Alcoholic Beverages Article §12-1609(a)-(b) the Board may issue an additional Class “B” Beer, Wine, and Liquor license to a current Class “B” Beer, Wine, and Liquor license holder if the new establishment has a (1) minimum capital investment of \$500,000 for restaurant facilities, which may not include the cost of land or buildings, and (2) a minimum seating capacity of 125 individuals.**
- 3. Aaron Hammons and Samori Wyatt, A.O. Hammons Group, Inc., T/a Shipyard Pub, 3500 O’Donnell Street – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership.**
- 4. Miguel Moraga and Inana Blankson, El Coyote Grill, LLC, T/a El Coyote Bar & Grill, 807 S. Broadway – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership.**
- 5. Ki Jeong Lee and Kye Sung Chung, Ja Ja Liquors, Inc. T/a Shamrock Liquors, 4300 Belair Road – Class “A” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership.**
- 6. David Redmond and Emmanuel Fishelman, Building Two Café, LLC, T/a Café Gourmet, 801 W. Baltimore Street – Class “B” Beer & Wine License – Application to transfer ownership with continuation of outdoor table service.**
- 7. David Tobash, Soldi Fossa, LLC, T/a The Chasseur, 3326-28 Foster Avenue – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request to expand premises to include 3rd floor.**

1:00 p.m.

II. Violations:

1. **Stephanie Oh, SNS Liquor Corporation, T/a SNS Liquor, 2135 E. North Avenue – Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times – July 28, 2016** – At approximately 11:10 pm, members of the Baltimore City Police Department conducted a routine inspection of the establishment. Upon conducting their inspection police officers observed that the bar area/tavern portion of the establishment was not properly set up for patrons: the bar stools were stacked and pit off to the side, personal items and tools covered the bar, the three tub sink was not in use, and the beer coolers had personal food stored with the alcohol. Police advised the bar manager of their observations and that they would be notifying the BLLC of the violation.

Violation of Rule 4.16 Illegal Conduct – October 16, 2016 – At approximately 12:04 pm, BLLC staff conducted a review of the corporate status of the entity known as "SNS Liquor Corporation." and found that the entity was deemed "forfeited" by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation. Also at that time, staff conducted a review and determined that a 2016-2017 trader's license had not yet been issued to the establishment.

Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times – October 18, 2016 – At approximately 3:00 pm, Inspector John Howard of the BLLC visited the location for the purposes of issuing notice to the establishment for an upcoming hearing. Upon entering the establishment, Howard observed trash, stock, and other materials on the bar. He also noticed that the bar stools were turned upside down and on top of the bar. Further investigation revealed that the hallway leading to the restrooms were filled with stock and there was cleaning equipment and buckets in the women's restroom that made it inaccessible to the any female patron that wanted to the use the restroom area. Based on the Inspector's observations the tavern portion of the establishment was incapable of allowing for patrons to consume beverages on-site. As the package goods area was open and operating, Inspector Howard violated the establishment for not having a non-functioning tavern.

2. **Annie Winston (S.S.), T/a Winston Lounge, 2343 E. Monument Street – Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.05 (a) Prohibited Hours – February 11, 2017** – At approximately 2:05 am, members of the Baltimore City Police Department – Det. Abraham Gatto and Det. L.C. Greenhill – conducted a special investigation based on anonymous information that the establishment was operating and serving alcoholic beverages during prohibited hours. While on location at the aforementioned date and time, detectives observed enter and exit the establishment. Upon making these observations Detectives entered the establishment and observed 10 to 12 patrons seated at the bar portion of the establishment and standing around the entrance. Detectives also observed seven (7) plastic cups containing mixed alcoholic beverages on the bar, which were being consumed by patrons. Detectives noted that there were also two (2) bartenders working at the time. At this time, detectives cleared the establishment of all patrons and informed the bartender on duty, Ms. Sarah English-Williams, of the violation.

Violation of Rule 4.05 (b) Prohibited Hours – February 11, 2017 – At approximately 2:05 am, members of the Baltimore City Police Department – Det. Abraham Gatto and Det. L.C. Greenhill – conducted a special investigation based on anonymous information that the establishment was operating and serving alcoholic beverages during prohibited hours. While on location at the aforementioned date and time, detectives observed enter and exit the establishment. Upon making these observations Detectives entered the establishment and observed 10 to 12 patrons seated at the bar portion of the establishment and standing around the entrance. Detectives also observed seven (7) plastic cups containing mixed alcoholic beverages on the bar, which were being consumed by patrons. Detectives noted that there were also two (2) bartenders working at the time. At this time, detectives cleared the establishment of all patrons and informed the bartender on duty, Ms. Sarah English-Williams, of the violation.

- 3. Scott Schleupner, SCS Holdings, LLC, T/a Social Pub and Pie, 25 E. Cross Street – Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.08(a) Relations with Wholesalers – January 19, 2017** – At approximately 1:15 pm, members of the Field Enforcement Division of the Comptroller of Maryland, which included Agent Pyle, were conducting a routine inspections in the area of Dock Street and Randall Street in Annapolis, Maryland. While conducting inspections, Agent Pyle noticed individuals exiting the location of 132 Dock Street, t/a Armadillos Restaurant, in Annapolis, Maryland carrying cases of Bud Light beer and loading them into the back of a waiting pick-up truck. Agent Pyle observed this activity for approximately 15 minutes. After the pick-up truck was loaded, a male entered the vehicle and drove it away from the location. Agent Pyle followed the vehicle to Baltimore City from Annapolis where it parked in the alley directly behind the establishment. At that time, Agent Pyle observed individuals begin to off-load the cases of alcohol from the vehicle and into the establishment. Upon making this observation, Agent Pyle, along with other members of the Field Enforcement Division identified themselves to the individuals and conducted an inspection. As per the inspection, Agents discovered numerous cases of alcoholic beverages located within the establishment, all of which were purchased from a wholesaler by "Armadillos Restaurant" and not the establishment. These items were seized. Further investigation by Agent Pyle revealed that the owner of "Armadillos Restaurant" purchased a number of alcoholic beverages from a wholesaler and made a verbal agreement with the licensee of the establishment to share the products in violation of BLLC Rule 4.08 (a) Relations with Wholesalers.

Violation of Alc. Bev. Art. 6-311(B)(3) Storage of Alcoholic Beverages – January 19, 2017 – At approximately 1:15 pm, members of the Field Enforcement Division of the Comptroller of Maryland, which included Agent Pyle, were conducting a routine inspections in the area of Dock Street and Randall Street in Annapolis, Maryland. While conducting inspections, Agent Pyle noticed individuals exiting the location of 132 Dock Street, t/a Armadillos Restaurant, in Annapolis, Maryland carrying cases of Bud Light beer and loading them into the back of a waiting pick-up truck. Agent Pyle observed this activity for approximately 15 minutes. After the pick-up truck was loaded, a male entered the vehicle and drove it away from the location. Agent Pyle followed the vehicle to Baltimore City from Annapolis where it parked in the alley directly behind the establishment. At that time, Agent Pyle observed individuals begin to off-load the cases of alcohol from the vehicle and into the establishment. Upon making this observation, Agent Pyle, along with other members of the Field Enforcement Division identified themselves to the individuals and conducted an inspection. As per the inspection, Agents discovered numerous cases of alcoholic beverages located within the establishment, all of which were purchased from a wholesaler by

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4. **Ralph Boarman, Sr. and Thomas Wirth, T/a Tom & Olive's Café, 2942 E. Monument Street – Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times – January 27, 2017** – At approximately 1:45 pm, Chief Inspector Mark Fosler and Agent John Howard conducted a special investigation into the establishment in response to citizen's call that the operator would not allow African Americans into the tavern portion of the establishment. At that time, Agent Howard entered the establishment and requested to be allowed entry into the tavern portion of location. The licensee/bartender, Ralph Boarman, stated that the tavern portion of the establishment was closed. However, Agent Howard observed that the packaged goods portion of the establishment was open and operating. Agent Howard left the establishment and returned with Chief Fosler. At that time both Fosler and Howard identified themselves and informed the licensee/bartender of the BD7 violation.

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