

BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY
DOCKET – THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024 – 10:30 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.

10:30 a.m.

I. Regular Items (90-day Transfer Hardship Extensions):

- 1. Harold Dams, Arepi, LLC, T/a Bmore Arepas, 1616 Thames Street – Class “D” Beer & Light Wine License – Request for a transfer hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages & Cannabis Article §12-1705(b).**
- 2. Nebiyou Seyoum, Hideout Liquors, LLC, T/a Trade Name Pending, 2101-03 E. North Avenue – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request for a transfer hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages & Cannabis Article §12-1705(b).**
- 3. Sajeet Singh Thapa and Buddha M. Stojanovic, Prasanna, LLC, T/a Tutti Gusti, 3100 Fait Avenue – Class “D” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request for a transfer hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages & Cannabis Article §12-1705(b).**
- 4. Darrell Rodney Howard, Howard’s Management, LLC, T/a Jewel Box, 419 E. Baltimore Street – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License & Class “AE” Adult Entertainment License – Request for a transfer hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages & Cannabis Article §12-1705(b).**
- 5. Antonio Cornell Foster, Mo Mac Enterprise, LLC, T/a The Manor, 924 N. Charles Street – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request for a transfer hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages & Cannabis Article §12-1705(b).**

II. Violations:

- 1. Jeum Rye Choe and Diana L. Diaz, JRC23, Inc., T/a OK Tavern, 2301 E. Biddle Street – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – **Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) – Prohibited Activities by License Type (Open and Operating Tavern at all Times) – March 1, 2024** – On March 1, 2024, at approx. 12:15pm Inspectors Washington and Nazir arrived at Ok Tavern to perform a routine inspection. Upon entering the property, it was found that the tavern part of the establishment was not operational at all. No liquor was out or on display to be used in preparation of alcoholic beverages for onsite consumption. There was an office desk set up on one side of the bar. Hot water and disinfectant solution were not present in the 3 compartment sink for sanitizing drinkware as is required. The restroom was used for storage and was not operational. Violation was issued and Mr. Park was instructed to have the tavern portion of the establishment fully operational in 30 days.**

Violation of Rule 3.09(a) – Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations (Non-Functioning Restroom) – March 1, 2024 – On March 1, 2024, at approx. 12:15pm Inspectors Washington and Nazir arrived at Ok Tavern to perform a routine inspection. Upon entering the property, it was found that the tavern part of the establishment was not operational at all. No liquor was out or on display to be used in preparation of alcoholic beverages for onsite consumption. There was an office desk set up on one side of the bar. Hot water and disinfectant solution were not present in the 3 compartment sink for sanitizing drinkware as is required. The restroom was used for storage and was not operational. Violation was issued and Mr. Park was instructed to have the tavern portion of the establishment fully operational in 30 days.

Violation of Rule 3.09(b) – Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations (Compliance with State and City Health Department laws, rules and regulations) – March 1, 2024 – On March 1, 2024, at approx. 12:15pm Inspectors Washington and Nazir arrived at Ok Tavern to perform a routine inspection. Upon entering the property, it was found that the tavern part of the establishment was not operational at all. No liquor was out or on display to be used in preparation of alcoholic beverages for onsite consumption. There was an office desk set up on one side of the bar. Hot water and disinfectant solution were not present in the 3 compartment sink for sanitizing drinkware as is required. The restroom was used for storage and was not operational. Violation was issued and Mr. Park was instructed to have the tavern portion of the establishment fully operational in 30 days.

- 2. Justin Hunt and Lamont Macey, Dream at Legacy Bar & Bistro, LLC, T/a Dream at Legacy Bar & Bistro, 10 S. Calvert Street – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 3.12 – General Welfare (Smoking on Premises) – March 22, 2024** – On March 22, 2024, at approximately 11:19 pm Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspectors Tudhope, Jordan, Brown, Agent Perez and Chief Inspector Chrissomallis along with the Social Club Task Force consisting (hereinafter referred to as “Task Force”) of members from Baltimore City Fire Marshal's, Baltimore City housing and Baltimore City Health department conducted an investigation at the establishment known as Dream at Legacy and Bistro located at 10 South Calvert Street for not operating as a restaurant and indoor smoking.

Task Force members were met at the entrance by licensee Mr. Lemont Macey as identified by his Maryland driver's license. Mr. Macey was informed that the task force was performing an inspection and Mr. Macey provided all agencies with his permits at that time. Upon entering the establishment, Inspector Tudhope observed multiple people smoking Charcoal hookah as well as an area set up at the back of the establishment providing patrons with Charcoal hookah. Inspector Tudhope and Task force members performed an inspection of the kitchen area. Establishment had one pot of oil on the stove and paper plates on the counter. Staff for the establishment indicated that they were serving fish and chips to patrons. Upon further inspection, it was determined that there were no fish or fries in the refrigerator. There was no food to be prepared and/or sold anywhere in the establishment. Half of the kitchen was filled with chairs and being used for storage. The refrigerator was blocked and was not working. Health Department stated that they could not perform a complete inspection as no food was on site. Mr. Macey could also not provide any food invoices. Inspector Tudhope proceeded behind the bar where she found sinks filled with bar mats and dirty canisters, the hand washing sink was filled with bottles and no handwashing/dish soap or sanitizer was available for cleaning. Bottles of water/mixers and drinks

were being cooled in the same ice being served and added into mixed drinks and a plastic cup was used to serve ice, staff found the general area to be dirty and unsanitary.

Inspector Tudhope went to the second floor and was immediately overwhelmed by the amount of smoke in the air. She observed people smoking hookah, cigarettes, Marijuana and a male individual rolling what appeared to be a marijuana joint on the table. Upon observing everything happening inside the establishment, Captain Quarles and Fire Marshal Jones made the decision to close establishment due to unsafe building conditions. Establishment was told to close, and patrons were asked to leave. Inspector Tudhope informed Mr. Macey that he would be receiving multiple violations from BLLC. A Legal notice and Order were posted on the front door for establishment to cease and desist and the Task Force left the establishment without further incident.

Violation of Rule 3.09(b) – Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations (Compliance with State and City Health Department laws, rules and regulations) – March 22, 2024 – On March 22, 2024, at approximately 11:19 pm Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspectors Tudhope, Jordan, Brown, Agent Perez and Chief Inspector Chrissomallis along with the Social Club Task Force consisting (hereinafter referred to as “Task Force”) of members from Baltimore City Fire Marshal's, Baltimore City housing and Baltimore City Health department conducted an investigation at the establishment known as Dream at Legacy and Bistro located at 10 South Calvert Street for not operating as a restaurant and indoor smoking.

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establishment to cease and desist and the Task Force left the establishment without further incident.

Violation of Rule 4.20(b)(i) – Class B Licensees: Functional Kitchen (Sufficient food to fill orders) – March 22, 2024 – On March 22, 2024, at approximately 11:19 pm Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspectors Tudhope, Jordan, Brown, Agent Perez and Chief Inspector Chrissomallis along with the Social Club Task Force consisting (hereinafter referred to as “Task Force”) of members from Baltimore City Fire Marshal's, Baltimore City housing and Baltimore City Health department conducted an investigation at the establishment known as Dream at Legacy and Bistro located at 10 South Calvert Street for not operating as a restaurant and indoor smoking.

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Violation of Rule 4.20(b)(ii) – Class B Licensees: Functional Kitchen (Fully functioning kitchen) – March 22, 2024 – On March 22, 2024, at approximately 11:19 pm Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspectors Tudhope, Jordan, Brown, Agent Perez and Chief Inspector Chrissomallis along with the Social Club Task Force consisting (hereinafter referred to as “Task Force”) of members from Baltimore City Fire Marshal's, Baltimore City housing and Baltimore City Health department conducted an investigation at the establishment known as Dream at

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Violation of Rule 4.20(b)(iii) – Class B Licensees: Functional Kitchen (Invoices of food purchases) – March 22, 2024 – On March 22, 2024, at approximately 11:19 pm Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspectors Tudhope, Jordan, Brown, Agent Perez and Chief Inspector Chrissomallis along with the Social Club Task Force consisting (hereinafter referred to as "Task Force") of members from Baltimore City Fire Marshal's, Baltimore City housing and Baltimore City Health department conducted an investigation at the establishment known as Dream at Legacy and Bistro located at 10 South Calvert Street for not operating as a restaurant and indoor smoking.

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- 3. Marvin Warfield, Fielders, LLC, T/a Fielder's Tavern, 1184-86 Nanticoke Street – Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 3.03(a) – Records (Records of Alcoholic Beverage Purchases) – January 29, 2024** – Agent Darryl Clark arrived at the establishment known as Fielders Tavern on January 29, 2024 at 1:05 PM in response to 311 complaint #24-00095904. Agent Clark could not obtain liquor invoices from a staff member named Mr. Harold Young, Sr. Mr. Young stated that the invoices were locked up at the time of the inspection. Staff from Fielders also stated they had leftover liquor from the now-closed establishment formally called the Red Door which was located at 1000 Payson Street, Baltimore Md 21217. While Agent Clark was at the establishment, employees also called manager Dontae Summer on the telephone phone. Agent Clark spoke to the manager on the telephone and told him that the establishment would receive a violation since employees could not produce liquor invoices at the time of inspection and they admitted they were using liquor from a closed establishment but could not produce a bulk transfer permit. The Agent left without further incident.

Violation of Rule 4.08(a) – Relations with Wholesalers – January 29, 2024 – Agent Darryl Clark arrived at the establishment known as Fielders Tavern on January 29, 2024 at 1:05 PM in response to 311 complaint #24-00095904. Agent Clark could not obtain liquor invoices from a staff member named Mr. Harold Young, Sr. Mr. Young stated that the invoices were locked up at the time of the inspection. Staff from Fielders also stated they had leftover liquor from the now-closed establishment formally called the Red Door which was located at 1000 Payson Street, Baltimore Md 21217. While Agent Clark was at the establishment, employees also called manager Dontae Summer on the telephone phone. Agent Clark spoke to the manager on the telephone and told him that the establishment would receive a violation since employees could not produce liquor invoices at the time of inspection and they admitted they were using liquor from a closed establishment but could not produce a bulk transfer permit. The Agent left without further incident.

4. **Addiszemen Bezabeh and Rajwinder Kaur, Kwik Marts, Inc., T/a Kwik Mart, 6656 Belair Road** – Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – **Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) – Prohibited Activities by License Type (Open and Operating Tavern at all Times) – March 13, 2024** – Inspectors Brown and Nazir went to establishment to conduct a routine inspection on March 13, 2024. Upon arrival, Inspectors observed that the "bar/tavern" was obstructed by a lottery table and chairs and the three-compartment sink was empty. The restroom was not accessible to the public as it was behind a locked door. Inspectors made contact with store employee Addiszemen Ephraim Bezabeh who was identified by Maryland driver's license. The employee was advised that a violation will be given for the tavern not operating and restroom not available to patrons. Inspectors left establishment without incident. On February 6, 2023, Inspector Brown conducted a routine inspection and gave a warning for failing to fill the 3-sink compartment according to health regulations and instructing them to provide stools for patrons to sit and consume alcohol.

Violation of Rule 3.09(a) – Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations (Shall provide restroom facilities for all patrons) – March 13, 2024 – Inspectors Brown and Nazir went to establishment to conduct a routine inspection on March 13, 2024. Upon arrival, Inspectors observed that the "bar/tavern" was obstructed by a lottery table and chairs and the three-compartment sink was empty. The restroom was not accessible to the public as it was behind a locked door. Inspectors made contact with store employee Addiszemen Ephraim Bezabeh who was identified by Maryland driver's license. The employee was advised that a violation will be given for the tavern not operating and restroom not available to patrons. Inspectors left establishment without incident. On February 6, 2023, Inspector Brown conducted a routine inspection and gave a warning for failing to fill the 3-sink compartment according to health regulations and instructing them to provide stools for patrons to sit and consume alcohol.

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5. **Marlene Sanders and Raminder Singh, Sultanpur Lodhi, LLC, T/a Liquorstation, 6506-10 Harford Road** - Class "A" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – **Violation of Rule 4.05 – Prohibited Hours – March 24, 2024** – On March 24, 2024 at approx. 12.03 am, Inspector Tudhope and Agent Perez conducted an investigation at 6506-10 Harford Rd at the establishment know as Liquor station after receiving an anonymous complaint that the establishment was open and operating past permitted time of 12:00 am. Inspector Tudhope and Agent Perez observed three (3) individuals enter the establishment at approx. 12:04 am and leave a few minutes later with what appeared to be alcohol. Subsequently, Agent Perez than entered the establishment in an undercover capacity and purchased a bottle of Bartenura Moscato for \$15.25. Agent Perez asked for a receipt which indicated that the purchase occurred approx. 12:08 am. Agent Perez exited the

establishment and informed Inspector Tudhope that he had made a purchase and witnessed a female inside drinking from a miniature bottle of crown royal. Inspector Tudhope entered the establishment and observed two individuals at the payment counter. Inspector Tudhope made contact with licensee Mr. Raminder Singh. He was informed that he was to be closed at 12:00 am and that he was operating past his permitted hours of operation. BLLC staff observed the establishment being closed for the night and left without further incident.

6. **Hak Jun Lee and Roosevelt Tyler, Lee L & M, Inc., T/a L & M Liquors, 1148 E. North Avenue – Class “A” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 3.05(a) – Alcoholic Awareness Certification – March 22, 2024** – On March 11, 2024, Inspector Tudhope arrived at 1148 E. North Ave at the establishment known as L&M Liquors to do a routine inspection. Upon arrival, she spoke with the licensee, Mr. Hak Lee, and asked to see all of his permits and required paperwork. She found that Mr. Lee had an Alcohol Awareness Certification that had expired on April 7, 2023. She informed the licensee that he had 10 days to get a current certification. She also indicated that she would follow up in 10 days if she had not heard back from him or received an email stating that he had made an appointment to take the class. Inspector Tudhope completed the inspection and provided Mr. Lee with her cell phone number and email.

On March 22, 2024 at approximately 7:30 pm, Inspectors Tudhope and Brown returned to L&M liquors to follow up with Mr. Lee as she had not received any correspondence from him. Mr. Lee indicated he had registered for the class so he did not have a current Alcohol Awareness Certification. He was informed that he would be receiving a violation. Inspectors left establishment without further incident.

Upon further review of the L&M Liquors files, it was determined that they had been given a warning from Inspector Brown on December 2, 2023 for having an expired Alcohol Awareness Certification.