

**BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY**  
**DOCKET – THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021 – 11:00 a.m.**  
**WEBEX VIRTUAL MEETING**

**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. Violations:**

- 1. Anthony L. Cushing and Ana C. Cushing, Cat's Eye LTD, T/a Cat's Eye Pub, 1730 Thames Street – Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.16 Illegal Conduct – April 17, 2021** – On March 17, 2021, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) of Baltimore City Inspector Cindy Tudhope along with BLLC Inspector Rosalba Jordan were patrolling the Fells Point area. Inspector Tudhope noticed there was a large number of people outside of the establishment awaiting entry to the premises. Upon entering the establishment, Inspector Tudhope observed a large number of people standing closely together not observing social distancing or wearing masks. Inspector Tudhope further determined that there were approximately 80 people inside and that the establishment was over the 25% maximum indoor capacity set forth by Mayor Brandon M. Scott's Executive Order effective March 12, 2021. Inspector Tudhope and Inspector Jordan contacted the owner and licensee, Anthony Cushing, and made him aware that the establishment was in violation of the Mayor's Executive Order. Mr. Cushing stated that his basement was flooding and that his door person was dealing with that issue and as a result, no one was restricting members of the public from entering the establishment. Inspector Tudhope and Inspector Jordan issued Mr. Cushing a written warning for being over capacity, for people dancing unmasked and for people not being seated while consuming alcohol, all of which were prohibited of the Mayor's Executive Order. Mr. Cushing immediately reduced the number of people to come into compliance with the capacity restrictions of the Mayor's Executive Order.

On April 17, 2021, at approximately 9:32PM, 311 compliant #21-00283748 was received by the BLLC. BLLC Inspector Cindy Tudhope along with BLLC Agent Steven Han responded to the incident location identified in this 311 compliant, which was the establishment. Upon arrival, Inspector Tudhope entered the establishment and counted over 75 people in the front room of the establishment. Inspector Tudhope then proceeded to the back room and counted approximately 15 additional patrons. Inspector Tudhope further proceeded to the back deck area and observed 11 additional persons. All throughout, Inspector Tudhope observed no social distancing being practiced, individuals not wearing masks, and drinking alcohol while not being seated—all of which were violations of Mayor Brandon M. Scott's Executive Order effective March 26, 2021. Inspector Tudhope contacted the owner and licensee, Anthony Cushing, and made him aware the establishment was over the 50% maximum indoor capacity of 55 persons as permitted by Mayor Scott's Executive Order, as well as the other activities mentioned above that were also not permitted by the Mayor's order. Inspector Tudhope informed Mr. Cushing that he would be receiving a violation for these infractions. Mr. Cushing immediately instructed his doorman to bring the establishment into compliance with the capacity restrictions. Inspector Tudhope and Agent Han left the establishment without further incident.

**Violation of Rule 3.12 General Welfare – April 17, 2021** – On March 17, 2021, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) of Baltimore City Inspector Cindy Tudhope along with BLLC Inspector Rosalba Jordan were patrolling the Fells Point area. Inspector Tudhope noticed there was a large number of people outside of the establishment awaiting entry to the premises. Upon entering the establishment, Inspector Tudhope observed a large number of people standing closely together not observing social distancing or wearing masks. Inspector Tudhope further determined that there were approximately 80 people inside and that the establishment was over the 25% maximum indoor capacity set forth by Mayor Brandon M. Scott's Executive Order effective March 12, 2021. Inspector Tudhope and Inspector Jordan contacted the owner and licensee, Anthony Cushing, and made him aware that the establishment was in violation of the Mayor's Executive Order. Mr. Cushing stated that his basement was flooding and that his door person was dealing with that issue and as a result, no one was restricting members of the public from entering the establishment. Inspector Tudhope and Inspector Jordan issued Mr. Cushing a written warning for being over capacity, for people dancing unmasked and for people not being seated while consuming alcohol, all of which were prohibited of the Mayor's Executive Order. Mr. Cushing immediately reduced the number of people to come into compliance with the capacity restrictions of the Mayor's Executive Order.

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**Violation of Rule 4.16 Illegal Conduct – April 24, 2021** – On April 24, 2021, at approximately 10:53pm, 311 compliant #21-00304263 was received by the BLLC. Said complaint alleged that the establishment was playing loud music, and that patrons of the establishment were not wearing face coverings and that the establishment was over capacity in violation of the Mayor's Executive Order effective March 26, 2021. BLLC Agent Andy Perez and Inspector Rosalba Jordan responded to the complaint and arrived at the establishment at approximately 11:50pm. Upon entry, Agent Perez observed that the bar was heavily crowded, that patrons were consuming alcoholic drinks—unseated—while dancing to music being played by the live band, and that social distancing was not being practiced, all of which were in violation of the Mayor's Executive Order in effect at that time. Agent Perez asked the door man what the permitted capacity of the establishment was under the order, and the door man responded, "65." At this time, Agent Perez began counting the number of individuals inside the establishment. As Agent Perez proceeded to the rear of the establishment,

Agent Perez observed a door man rushing patrons of the establishment out the rear door, which Agent Perez observed to be approximately 20 individuals. Upon further investigation, Agent Perez determined that there were approximately 80 individuals indoor at the establishment at the time BLLC inspectors arrived initially. Furthermore, Agent Perez determined that the 50% maximum capacity permitted by the Mayor's Executive Order only permitted 55 individuals to be inside the establishment. Agent Perez contacted owner and licensee, Anthony Cushing, and explained the aforementioned violations of the Mayor's Executive Order that he had observed. Mr. Cushing, who was present and in full operational control of the establishment, was instructed to bring his maximum capacity down to 55 individuals as permitted by the Mayor's Executive Order. Mr. Cushing immediately complied and BLLC staff departed the establishment at approximately 12:20am with no further incident.

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2. **Thomas W. Hamrick and Yenys Carolina Silva, Carolina Tex-Mex Restaurant, LLC T/a Carolina Tex-Mex Restaurant, 500 S. Wolfe Street** – Class "B" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – **Violation of Rule 4.14 Live Entertainment Without Authorization – March 19, 2021** – On March 19, 2021, at approximately 10:21pm, 311 compliant #21-00208137 was received by the BLLC. At approximately 10:45pm, BLLC Agent Andy Perez along with BLLC Agent Steven Han responded to the incident location identified in this 311 compliant, which was for loud music coming from the establishment. Upon arrival, Agent Perez could hear loud music emanating from the second floor bar, which he was able to hear from across the street at the northwest (NW) corner of the intersection of South Wolfe Street and Eastern Avenue. After making this observation, Agent Perez proceeded to enter the interior of the second floor bar via a stair door located on the Eastern Avenue side of the establishment. Once inside, Agent Perez observed approximately three (3)

unmasked individuals, standing and playing pool at the pool table while consuming alcoholic beverages—and not seated in their seats or at the bar—to his right. Agent Perez further observed to his left a disc jockey (DJ) table set up including turntables, mixers and amplified speakers from which the music that caused the disturbance outside the establishment. Agent Perez further observed a group of approximately eight (8) individuals dancing to the music that was being played, and not in seats of any kind. As a result of his observations, Agent Perez identified the night manager, Ms. Mayra Bernal and made her aware of the 311 compliant and the violations he had observed. While speaking to Ms. Bernal, Agent Perez was approached by an unidentified white male who apologized for the loud music and explained to Agent Perez that he had rented a portion of the establishment to host a birthday party. This same unidentified individual further stated that he had brought in the DJ to play music and was unaware that the establishment did not have live entertainment privileges associated with its liquor license. Agent Perez explained to all persons present that it was the responsibility of the licensed establishment and its management to abide by the rules and regulations and not the responsibility of the unidentified individual. Agent Perez further explained that Mayor Brandon M. Scott's Executive Order, effective March 12, 2021, did not permit patrons inside the establishment from consuming food or beverages or enjoying live entertainment unless they were seated in their seats. At this time, the DJ ceased playing music and the establishment's management instructed the patrons who were drinking while standing to go back to their tables.

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- 3. Eleanor A. Cotsoradis and Steven K. Cotsoradis, Jr., Garden Bar, Inc., T/a Garden Bar, 4809-11 Erdman Avenue – Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.16 Illegal Conduct – March 13, 2021** – On March 13, 2021, at approximately 12:10am, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) of Baltimore City Agent Andy Perez and members of the Baltimore City Social Club Task Force (SCTF), comprised of BLLC staff as well as members of the Baltimore City Health Department, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and Baltimore Police Department Vice Unit conducted a joint inspection to determine whether the establishment was in compliance with COVID-19 restrictions imposed by Mayor Brandon M. Scott's Executive Order effective March 12, 2021. Upon arrival, Agent Perez and members of the SCTF observed approximately 88 individuals inside the establishment, which exceeded the 25% maximum indoor capacity permitted under the Mayor's Executive Order, as the fire marshal ordinary rated capacity allowed for 215 persons, 25% of which allowed for 54 individuals. Agent Perez and members of the SCTF contacted the operator of the establishment, Mr. Victor Cotsoradis, who agreed to voluntarily close the establishment for the night in order to come into compliance with the Mayor's Executive Order. Agent Perez and SCTF members observed patrons exit the establishment and reported no further incident.

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4. **Julieanna McGuire, Sangria, LLC, T/a Sangria, 930 N. Charles Street – Class "B" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.16 Illegal Conduct – March 4, 2021** – On March 4, 2021 at approximately 9:10pm, the Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) of Baltimore City received 311 complaint #21-0016749 alleging that the establishment was playing loud music. Around approximately 9:50pm, BLLC Agent Andy Perez and Agent Steven Han arrived on scene in response to the 311 complaint. Upon arrival, Agent Perez observed a red colored SUV blasting music at the parking lot located in the rear of the establishment, but no loud music emanating from the premises of the establishment itself. However, Agent Perez did observe a large number of patrons entering the establishment, so he and Agent Han decided to conduct a COVID restrictions compliance check to determine whether the establishment was abiding by Mayor Brandon M. Scott's Executive Order effective February 22, 2021. Upon entry, Agent Perez determined that there were approximately 80 individuals on the licensed premises. Agent Perez identified the operator of the establishment, Mr. Ricardo Jones, and requested he produce the fire marshal permit in order to determine the maximum capacity rating for the establishment. Mr. Jones immediately produced the fire permit, which rated the normal maximum capacity at 90 individuals. Agent Perez then informed Mr. Jones about the COVID restrictions in effect from the Mayor's Executive Order and that establishments are only permitted to allow 25% of their maximum capacity rating indoors. Agent Perez further instructed Mr. Jones that only 22 individuals were permitted to be indoors at the establishment, per the Mayor's Executive Order. Agent Perez reported this observation to BLLC Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis, who requested the assistance of Baltimore Police Department (BPD) Vice unit in order to reduce the number of patrons inside the establishment. Shortly thereafter, BPD Vice arrived on scene and closed the establishment for the night due to safety concerns.

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there were approximately 80 individuals on the licensed premises. Agent Perez identified the operator of the establishment, Mr. Ricardo Jones, and requested he produce the fire marshal permit in order to determine the maximum capacity rating for the establishment. Mr. Jones immediately produced the fire permit, which rated the normal maximum capacity at 90 individuals. Agent Perez then informed Mr. Jones about the COVID restrictions in effect from the Mayor's Executive Order and that establishments are only permitted to allow 25% of their maximum capacity rating indoors. Agent Perez further instructed Mr. Jones that only 22 individuals were permitted to be indoors at the establishment, per the Mayor's Executive Order. Agent Perez reported this observation to BLLC Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis, who requested the assistance of Baltimore Police Department (BPD) Vice unit in order to reduce the number of patrons inside the establishment. Shortly thereafter, BPD Vice arrived on scene and closed the establishment for the night due to safety concerns.