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DOCKET – THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025 – 10:30 a.m.
LIQUOR BOARD HEARING ROOM – 200 SAINT PAUL PLACE, SUITE 2300

Please note: Hearings will no longer be held in City Hall. All hearings will be held in the Liquor Board Hearing room located at 200 Saint Paul Place, Suite 2300. 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. Monetary Penalty In lieu of Hearings:

In accordance with § 12-2105(a) of the MD Alcoholic Beverages & Cannabis Article and Liquor Board Rule 2.16, the following Licensees have participated in the Monetary Penalty In lieu of Hearings program by voluntarily admitting the violations as charged and paying the corresponding fines.

- 1. Anania Fantanhun and Ayele Mekdium, Annex, LLC, T/a Anyx Lounge, 1818 Maryland Avenue – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.14 – Live Entertainment without Authorization** “A Licensee shall only provide “live entertainment” or special amusement if h/she has obtained “Live Entertainment” approval by the City and this Board” on March 1, 2025 (Re: Engaging in live entertainment without authorization); **Violation of Rule 3.08(1)(a) – Sanitation and Safety** “A licensee shall operate their establishment in compliance with the sanitation, health and safety standards of ... The Department of Housing and Community Development” on March 1, 2025 (Re: Erecting a tent on the property without proper permits); **Violation of Rule 3.09 – Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations** “Licensees shall comply with all applicable State and City Health Department, rules, and regulations” on March 1, 2025 (Re: Lack of Hot Water) **Fine paid \$1,500.**
(City Council District: 7th; State Legislative District: 40th)

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

- 2. Surendra Banjade, Prapti Deep, LLC, T/a Geri’s Liquors, 2200 N. Charles Street – Class “A” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request for a transfer hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages & Cannabis Article §12-1705(b).**
(City Council District: 12th; State Legislative District: 43A)
- 3. Gurdeep Singh, Son-Son, Inc., T/a Son Son Tavern & Liquor Store, 310 N. Eutaw Street – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request for a transfer hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages & Cannabis Article §12-1705(b).**
(City Council District: 11th; State Legislative District: 40th)

III. Regular Items:

4. **Grace Pilet Jacobsen, Pusser's Landing Canton, LLC, T/a Pusser's Landing, 2711 Boston Street** – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Amended application to transfer ownership with continuation of outdoor table service, requesting delivery of alcoholic beverages.
(City Council District: 1st; State Legislative District: 46th)
5. **Timothy Langford Conder, 1502 Clipper Road, LLC, T/a Trade Name Pending, 1502 Clipper Road** – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership and location of a Class “BD7” BWL License presently located at 1014 W. 36th Street to 1502 Clipper Road requesting outdoor table service.
(City Council District: 7th; State Legislative District: 40th)
6. **Seung Cho and Nicolette P. Basiliere, Portriver, Inc., T/a Outpost Tavern, 1030-32 Riverside Avenue** – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request to add outdoor table service.
(City Council District: 11th; State Legislative District: 46th)
7. **Jason Bryce Thomas and Benjamin Attar, Striclops, LLC, T/a Night Shift, 1725 S. Ponca Street** – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License and Class “AE” Adult Entertainment License – Application to transfer ownership of a Class “BD7” BWL license and a Class “AE” Adult Entertainment license with continuation of live entertainment
(City Council District: 1st; State Legislative District: 46th)

IV. Violations:

8. **Anania Fantanhun and Ayele Mekdium, Annex, LLC, T/a Anyx Lounge, 1818 Maryland Avenue** – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – **Violation of Rule 4.14 – Live Entertainment without Authorization** “A licensee shall only provide “live entertainment” or special amusement if h/she has obtained “Live Entertainment” approval by the City and this Board” on April 26, 2025 (Re: Engaging in live entertainment outside without authorization); **Violation of Rule 3.12 – General Welfare** “Licensees shall operate their establishments in such a manner as to avoid disturbing the peace, safety, health, quiet, and to promote the general welfare of the community” on April 26, 2025 (Re: Loud music); **Violation Rule 3.09(2) – Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations** “Licensees shall comply with all applicable State and City Health Department laws, rules, and regulations” on April 26, 2025 (Re: violation of Baltimore City Health Code § 9-306(2)(i)); **Violation of Rule 3.08(2) – Sanitation and Safety** “Licensees shall: a. Provide containers for the disposition of garbage and refuse that meet the requirements of Baltimore City; b. Keep the garbage containers covered at all times; and c. Remove all refuse regularly” on April 26, 2025 (Re: Failing to keep garbage containers covered and excessive trash in the alley).
(City Council District: 7th; State Legislative District: 40th)
9. **Kwang H. Choi, S & K Tavern, Inc., T/a Danny's Lounge, 4316 Reisterstown Road** – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – **Violation of Rule 4.20(b) – Prohibited Activities by License Type** “The holder of a Class BD7 or Class D BWL license shall grant all patrons access to a fully operating tavern portion of the licensed premises, wherever that may be on the premises, whenever the packaged goods area is open and operating” on February 7, 2025 (Failing to open tavern area for onsite consumption when packaged goods area was open and operating); **Violation of Rule 3.05(2) – Alcohol Awareness Certification** “A copy of the alcohol awareness certification shall be on the licensed premises and be made available on request to a Board inspector or any other applicable State or City law enforcement officer while on official business” on February 7, 2025 (Re: Failing to provide an alcohol awareness certification when requested to do so by BLLC staff).
(City Council District: 6th; State Legislative District: 40th)

- 10. Ram B. KC and Saroj K. Puri, New MSB Group, LLC, T/a Blue Bay Bar & Liquor, 3724 Eastern Avenue – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.15(2) – Sexual Practices and Obscenity** “A licensee may not permit a person to appear in an act or other performance with breasts or the lower torso uncovered. A licensee may not knowingly permit the licensed premises to be used for sexual conduct, exhibition, or any unlawful performance.” on February 22, 2025 (Re: Unlicensed adult entertainment); **Violation of Rule 3.08(1)(b) – Sanitation and Safety** “A licensee shall operate their establishment in compliance with the sanitation, health and safety standards of... The Department of Health” on February 22, 2025 (Re: lit charcoal hookah inside establishment in violation of MD Code, Health - General, § 24-504 aka Clean Indoor Air Act); **Violation of Rule 3.01(1) – Ownership and Operation** “Every licensee shall be the actual owner and operator of the business conducted on the licensed premises. The identity of any person, other than the licensee, having any financial interest in and/or exercising dominion and control over a licensed premises shall be disclosed to the Board in writing” on February 22, 2025 (Re: Failure to disclose financial interest of Mohan Thapa and Josue Flores); **Violation of Rule 4.18(1) – Alterations** “A license holder may not make an alteration or addition to licensed premises or change the manner in which alcoholic beverages are dispensed without obtaining permission from the Board” on February 22, 2025 (Re: Storing alcohol in an unlicensed part of the establishment without approval from Board).
(City Council District: 1st; State Legislative District: 46th)
- 11. Bijou Penland and Blanca Pesquera, New Ecstasy Bar and Restaurant, LLC, T/a My Cousin’s Place, 3925-27 E. Lombard Street – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.08(1) – Relations with Wholesalers** “A licensee may not purchase alcoholic beverages except from a licensed manufacturer or wholesaler. ...” on February 7, 2025 (Re: Purchasing alcohol from an establishment that is not a licensed manufacturer or wholesaler); **Violation of Rule 3.08(1)(d) – Sanitation and Safety** “A licensee shall operate their establishment in compliance with the sanitation, health and safety standards of... Other applicable City, state, and federal laws or regulations” on February 7, 2025 (Re: Failure to have sufficient emergency lighting); **Violation of Rule 3.09(2) – Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations** “Licensees shall comply with all applicable State and City Health Department laws, rules, and regulations” on February 7, 2025 (Re: Failure to maintain the establishment in a sanitary condition and having a non-suctioning hood).
(City Council District: 1st; State Legislative District: 46th)
- 12. Thomas Bennett, Jr. and Reggie Ware, III, Bar Elite, LLC, T/a Bar Elite, 1571 Ridgely Street – Class “D” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.18(1) – Alterations** “A license holder may not make an alteration or addition to licensed premises or change the manner in which alcoholic beverages are dispensed without obtaining permission from the Board” on March 1, 2025 (Re: Allowing on the second floor without approval from the Board); **Violation of Rule 4.14 – Live Entertainment without Authorization** “A Licensee shall only provide “live entertainment” or special amusement if h/she has obtained “Live Entertainment” approval by the City and this Board” on March 1, 2025 (Re: Engaging in live entertainment without authorization).
(City Council District: 10th; State Legislative District: 46th)
- 13. Ho K. Lawler, HBS Enterprise, Inc., T/a Sugar Hill Tavern, 2361 Druid Hill Avenue – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.20(b) – Prohibited Activities by License Type** “The holder of a Class BD7 or Class D BWL license shall grant all patrons access to a fully operating tavern portion of the licensed premises, wherever that may be on the premises, whenever the packaged goods area is open and operating” on March 5, 2025 (Failing to open tavern area for onsite consumption when packaged goods area was open and operating).
(City Council District: 7th; State Legislative District: 40th)

- 14. Gerardo Garcia Sanchez, Garcia Restaurant, LLC, T/a Carnitas Rocio, 500 S. Wolfe Street – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.18(1) – Alterations** “A license holder may not make an alteration or addition to licensed premises or change the manner in which alcoholic beverages are dispensed without obtaining permission from the Board” on January 24, 2025 (Re: Establishing a bar on the second floor without approval from the Board); **Violation of Rule 4.18(2) – Alterations** “A licensee may not make installations or alterations on the licensed premises without obtaining the required permits and approvals from the City” on January 24, 2025 (Re: operating a kitchen on the second floor without a Health Dept. permit); **Violation of Rule 3.08(1)(d) – Sanitation and Safety** “A licensee shall operate their establishment in compliance with the sanitation, health and safety standards of...Other applicable City, state, and federal laws or regulations” on January 24, 2025 (Re: Blocked emergency exit).
(City Council District: 1st; State Legislative District: 46th)
- 15. Nebiyou Seyoum, Hideout Liquors, LLC, T/a Hideout Liquors, 2101-03 E. North Avenue – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.20(4)(b) – Specific Requirements and Prohibited Activities by License Type** “The holder of a Class BD7 or Class D BWL license shall grant all patrons access to a fully operating tavern portion of the licensed premises, wherever that may be on the premises, whenever the packaged goods area is open and operating” on March 4, 2025 (Re: Failing to operate the tavern when the packaged goods area is open); **Violation of Rule 3.05(2) – Alcohol Awareness Certification** “A copy of the alcohol awareness certification shall be on the licensed premises and be made available on request to a Board inspector or any other applicable State or City law enforcement officer while on official business” on March 4, 2025 (Re: Failing to provide an alcohol awareness certification when requested to do so by BLLC staff); **Violation of Rule 3.02(a) – Cooperation** “A licensee and its employees shall cooperate with a state or local agency in the course of conducting official business including but not limited to...The Board” on March 4, 2025 (Re: Failing to produce a fire permit when requested by BLLC staff).
(City Council District: 12th; State Legislative District: 45th)
- 16. Aisha Ali and Myrtle Johnson, Da Spot, LLC, T/a Da Spot, 1171-73 W. Hamburg Street – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.18(1) – Alterations** “A license holder may not make an alteration or addition to licensed premises or change the manner in which alcoholic beverages are dispensed without obtaining permission from the Board” on March 7, 2025 (Re: Patron consuming a Modelo beer on the unlicensed outdoor deck); **Violation of Rule 3.08(1)(b) – Sanitation and Safety** “A licensee shall operate their establishment in compliance with the sanitation, health and safety standards of... The Department of Health” on March 15, 2025 (Re: Individuals smoking hookah inside establishment in violation of MD Code, Health - General, § 24-504 aka Clean Indoor Air Act); **Violation of Rule 3.12 – General Welfare** “Licensees shall operate their establishments in such a manner as to avoid disturbing the peace, safety, health, quiet, and to promote the general welfare of the community” on March 31, 2025 (Re: Overcrowding); **Violation of Rule 3.08(1)(b) – Sanitation and Safety** “A licensee shall operate their establishment in compliance with the sanitation, health and safety standards of... The Department of Health” on March 31, 2025 (Re: Individuals smoking hookah inside establishment in violation of MD Code, Health - General, § 24-504 aka Clean Indoor Air Act); **Violation of Rule 4.07(1) – Open Containers and Illegal Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages** “A licensee or an agent or employee of the licensee may not permit a person to leave the licensed premises with an alcoholic beverage, unless it is wine in a bottle that has been properly recorked or recapped” on March 31, 2025 (Re: Patrons leaving establishment with alcoholic beverages).
(City Council District: 10th; State Legislative District: 46th)
- 17. Juileanna McGuire, Sangria, LLC, T/a Sangria, 930 N. Charles Street – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.20(2) – Specific Requirements and Prohibited Activities by License Type** “The holders of a Class B license shall have on premises: a) A fully functioning

kitchen having complete facilities and utensils for preparing and serving hot and/or cold meals to the public...b) The premises shall maintain a menu advertising the serving of a variety of meals. There shall be on the premises at all times sufficient food to fill orders from the menu” on March 28, 2025 (Re: Failure to maintain an operating kitchen and lack of food to be prepared and served); **Violation of Rule 3.03(4) – Records** “Licensees shall have applied, or have proof of application, for: (i) a certificate issued by the Director of Finance of the City showing that there are no unpaid taxes on the merchandise, fixtures and stock of the applicant due to the City or the State; and (ii) a trader’s license issued by the Circuit Court of Baltimore City” on March 28, 2025 (Re: Failure to provide a valid trader’s license when requested by BLLC); **Violation of Rule 3.08(1)(b) – Sanitation and Safety** “A licensee shall operate their establishment in compliance with the sanitation, health and safety standards of... The Department of Health” on March 28, 2025 (Re: Failure to maintain a valid health permit and lack of hot water).
(City Council District: 11th; State Legislative District: 40th)

18. **Arielle Speert, Maryland Yards, LLC, T/a Maryland Yards, 511 W. Pratt Street** – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – **Violation of Rule 3.12 – General Welfare** “Licensees shall operate their establishments in such a manner as to avoid disturbing the peace, safety, health, quiet, and to promote the general welfare of the community” on March 31, 2025 (Re: Overcrowding); **Violation of Rule 4.07(1) – Open Containers and Illegal Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages** “A licensee or an agent or employee of the licensee may not permit a person to leave the licensed premises with an alcoholic beverage, unless it is wine in a bottle that has been properly recorked or recapped” on March 31, 2025 (Re: Outdoor bar setup and failure to adhere to requirement that alcohol be served to patrons seated at tables).
(City Council District: 10th; State Legislative District: 46th)