

**BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY**  
**DOCKET – THURSDAY, JULY 8, 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. Elan Kotz, Orto Management, LLC, T/a Orto, 1709 N. Charles Street, Suite 101 – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.06 Alcoholic Beverage Containers – May 6, 2021** – On May 6, 2021 at approximately 3:50pm, the Comptroller of Maryland, Field Enforcement Division (FED) conducted a Routine Liquor Dealer Inspection at the establishment. FED Inspector Kevin Burley and Inspector Alan Southworth identified themselves to the manager, Nicholas Laporta, and explained the purpose of their visit. FED Inspectors requested the alcoholic beverage invoices for the current inventory at the restaurant. Mr. Laporta supplied FED Inspectors with invoices from several alcoholic beverage wholesalers. Inspector Burley began inspection of a storage area located on the 2nd floor where he observed a steel cage storage rack containing 1 (one) 1.75L bottle of Grey Goose vodka with other miscellaneous alcoholic beverages. Inspector Burley asked Mr. Laporta why this 1.75L bottle of Grey Goose vodka was in the cage since all the other vodka bottles in the restaurant were 750ml. Mr. Laporta explained that when he attempted to purchase 750ml bottles from the wholesaler, he was told they were not available. Mr. Laporta stated that he purchased the 1.75ml bottle and attempted to use it at the bar. However, he discovered the bottle was too big and awkward to handle, so he decided to pour the contents into the 750ml bottle instead, for better handling. At this time, Inspector Burley apprised Mr. Laporta that it is a violation of § 6-313(a)(1)-(2) of the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Code of Maryland to illegally tamper with and refill alcoholic beverage containers and that the alcohol in question was considered contraband and would be seized. Inspector Burley notified Mr. Laporta of the rights pertaining to contesting the seizure of alcoholic beverages from the establishment and added that this case would now be forwarded to the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City (BLLC) for review and disposition. Inspector Burley then prepared and completed an Alcohol Inspection form and had Mr. Laporta sign the documents. Inspector Burley took the seized property to the evidence room of the FED. The total value of the alcoholic beverage confiscated was \$26.99.

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2. **Justin Hunt, Lamont Macey, and Brooke Stanley, 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 3.08 Sanitation and Safety – June 14, 2021** – On June 14, 2021 at approximately 1:00pm, the Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspector Robinson along with Inspector Tudhope conducted an investigation of the establishment. The investigation was prompted by a trash complaint received by the BLLC. Upon arrival, Inspectors Robinson and Tudhope observed that the front of the building was clean. Inspectors then proceeded to the back of the building and noticed that there was trash located in the rear area behind the building. Amongst the trash, Inspectors discovered an alcohol delivery invoice and an empty box bearing the name and address of the establishment. The trash in question was in sight with trash from the establishment. BLLC Inspectors issued a violation.

**Violation of Rule 3.12 General Welfare – June 14, 2021** – On June 14, 2021 at approximately 1:00pm, the Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspector Robinson along with Inspector Tudhope conducted an investigation of the establishment. The investigation was prompted by a trash complaint received by the BLLC. Upon arrival, Inspectors Robinson and Tudhope observed that the front of the building was clean. Inspectors then proceeded to the back of the building and noticed that there was trash located in the rear area behind the building. Amongst the trash, Inspectors discovered an alcohol delivery invoice and an empty box bearing the name and address of the establishment. The trash in question was in sight with trash from the establishment. BLLC Inspectors issued a violation.

3. **Ganga Prasad Adhikari, Ram B. KC, and Joshua A.P. Patel, 517 Broadway, LLC, T/a Main Street Bar & Liquors, 3724 Eastern Avenue – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 3.12 General Welfare – April 4, 2021** – On April 4, 2021 at approximately 11:30pm, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspector Jordan along with Agent Han, arrived at the establishment for the purpose of conducting an inspection to ensure compliance with the Executive Order of Mayor Brandon M. Scott, effective March 26, 2021, that imposed certain restrictions to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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jockey playing music and patrons standing and dancing on the dance floor. The establishment does not have live entertainment privileges.

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4. **Terence Dickson, New Terra Café, LLC, T/a New Terra Café, 101 E. 25<sup>th</sup> Street – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 3.12 General Welfare – May 3, 2021** – On May 3, 2021 at approximately 10:44pm, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspectors Tudhope and Jordan received a 311 complaint (complaint #21-00329198) for the establishment. The complaint was for live music after 10:00pm on a weeknight for two consecutive weeks. Inspectors Tudhope and Jordan arrived at the establishment at approximately 11:15pm to conduct an investigation. Upon arrival, Inspectors could hear music at an extremely loud volume while standing outside the establishment. Inspector Tudhope noticed people exiting the establishment through an alleyway on the St. Paul Street side of the building. Upon further investigation, Inspectors Tudhope and Jordan discovered the back patio area belonging to the establishment was open and had live jazz music playing. Inspectors located the owner, Mr. Terence Dickson, and discussed the volume of the music with him. Mr. Dickson stated that the volume was louder than usual because it was the band's last song, and that the last song is usually louder and longer for jazz bands, and that their set was about to conclude. Inspectors asked Mr. Dickson to produce his license, which Mr. Dickson indicated that he was unable to do, as he did not know where his license was upstairs. Inspectors Jordan and Tudhope instructed Mr. Dickson to contact the BLLC the next day, and to send his license through to the office. Inspectors Tudhope and Jordan informed Mr. Dickson that the licensee would be receiving a violation for the loud music volume that evening. Inspectors left the establishment thereafter without any further incident. Upon subsequent review the following day, it was determined that while the licensee does have live entertainment, it only allows for live entertainment on the second floor of the establishment and not for the outside patio, where the live jazz band was performing the evening before.

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- 5. Christine Bogosh and Thomas A. Welsch Jr., Plug Ugly's Hospitality Group, LLC, T/a Cowboy Row Saloon & Chophouse, 2908 O'Donnell Street – Class "B" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 3.12 General Welfare – March 13, 2021** – On March 13, 2021 at approximately 7:30pm, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspector Jordan along with Baltimore City Fire Marshal Hine and members of the Baltimore Police Department arrived at the establishment. Inspector Jordan and other City agencies were conducting an inspection to ensure compliance with the Executive Order of Mayor Brandon M. Scott, effective March 12, 2021, that imposed certain restrictions to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. Inspector Jordan approached the front entrance and identified herself to the doorman, who could not provide a count for the patrons inside. Upon entering, Inspector Jordan observed the establishment to be overcrowded with some patrons standing shoulder-to-shoulder and not social distancing. Due to the large number of patrons, Inspector Jordan was unable to get an exact count. However, Inspector Jordan observed more than 18 patrons on the 1st floor and more than 14 patrons on the 2nd floor, which was 25% of the maximum occupancy for the respective floors—the maximum allowed by the Mayor's Executive Order. Due to her findings, Inspector Jordan issued the person in charge, Ms. Jennifer King, a violation and she agreed to make the necessary changes prior to our departure.

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- 6. Anastasia Vasilakopoulos, Egria, LLC, T/a Speakeasy Saloon, 2840 O’Donnell Street – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 3.12 General Welfare – March 13, 2021 –** On March 13, 2021 at approximately 8:00pm, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspector Jordan along with Baltimore City Fire Marshal Hine and members of the Baltimore Police Department arrived at the establishment. Inspector Jordan and other City agencies were conducting an inspection to ensure compliance with the Executive Order of Mayor Brandon M. Scott, effective March 12, 2021, that imposed certain restrictions to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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7. ~~Kathleen Church and Lorraine Parrish, Baltimore Eagle, LLC, T/a Baltimore Eagle, 2022 N. Charles Street – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.16 Illegal Conduct – November 20, 2020 – At approximately 9:20 PM, Baltimore City Liquor Board Inspector Cindy Tudhope, Inspector Walter Robinson, and Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis responded to location with members of the Social Club Taskforce, which consisted of the Baltimore City Police Department, Fire Department, Housing Department, and Health Department, to conduct an inspection of the establishment. Upon arrival, BLLC Inspectors observed about 10 patrons in the outdoor area of the establishment seated and consuming solely alcoholic beverages. The Social Club Taskforce contacted Ian Parrish, the owner of the establishment, and informed him the establishment was in violation of Mayor Bernard C. “Jack” Young’s Executive Order issued November 12, 2020, which required all patrons to be seated and eating food if they were to be provided alcoholic beverage service. As Mr. Parrish’s establishment did not have a fully functioning kitchen that was preparing and making food at the time of inspection, it was found to be in violation of Mayor Young’s Executive Order issued on November 12, 2020.~~

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