

BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY
DOCKET – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2020 – 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. ~~Myong Nam Kim and Yong Doo Park, Myongnam, Inc., T/a M & M Lounge, 2500 E. Biddle Street— Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License— Violation of Alc. Bev. Art. 12-905(d)(3)— July 29, 2020—~~ At approximately 8:28 AM, Baltimore City Liquor Board Agent Steven Han and Agent Darryl Clark visited the location to conduct a business check to determine if the establishment was in compliance with the limited hours of operation proscribed by HB954 that went into effect on July 1, 2020. As per the new law, the hours of operation for any Class of license, except Class B and Class C licenses, are restricted from 9:00 AM to 10:00 PM. Upon arrival, BLLC staff observed that the location was open and operating. BLLC staff entered the establishment, made contact with licensee Myong Kim and informed him of the violation and requested that he cease operations. Agent Clark then reminded the licensee of the new restrictions on his operations, issued a violation, and left the establishment.

~~Violation of Rule 4.05 (b) Prohibited Hours— July 29, 2020—~~ At approximately 8:28 AM, Baltimore City Liquor Board Agent Steven Han and Agent Darryl Clark visited the location to conduct a business check to determine if the establishment was in compliance with the limited hours of operation proscribed by HB954 that went into effect on July 1, 2020. As per the new law, the hours of operation for any Class of license, except Class B and Class C licenses, are restricted from 9:00 AM to 10:00 PM. Upon arrival, BLLC staff observed that the location was open and operating. BLLC staff entered the establishment, made contact with licensee Myong Kim and informed him of the violation and requested that he cease operations. Agent Clark then reminded the licensee of the new restrictions on his operations, issued a violation, and left the establishment.
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2. ~~Myong O. Friley and Brian Ward Knight, AZ Plus, Inc., T/a Cocky Lou’s, 2101-03 E. North Avenue— Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License— Violation of Alc. Bev. Art. 12-905(d)(3)— July 29, 2020—~~ At approximately 8:14 AM, Baltimore City Liquor Board Agent Steven Han and Agent Darryl Clark visited the location to conduct a business check to determine if the establishment was in compliance with the limited hours of operation proscribed by HB954 that went into effect on July 1, 2020. As per the new law, the hours of operation for any Class of license, except Class B and Class C licenses, are restricted from 9:00 AM to 10:00 PM. Upon arrival, BLLC staff observed that the location was open and operating. BLLC staff entered the establishment, made contact with employee Juarez Barrientos and informed him of the violation and requested that he cease operations. Agent Clark then reminded Mr. Barrientos of the new restrictions on his operations, issued a violation, and left the establishment.

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- 3. Stephen Saffran, Sole Proprietorship, T/a Smiley's Tavern, 1525-27 Ramsay Street – Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.16 Illegal Conduct – May 13, 2020** – At approximately 5:11 PM, Baltimore City Liquor Board Inspector Kenyatta Washington received a 311 Customer Service Request (#20-00283642) that alleged that individuals were allowed entry to the establishment and provided with alcoholic beverages to be consumed on premises in violation of Governor Lawrence J. Hogan's Executive Order (20-05-13-01) issued May 13, 2020, which amended Governor Hogan's earlier Executive Order (20-05-06-01) issued on May 6, 2020. Inspector Washington responded to the establishment at approximately 6:15 PM and observed numerous individuals entering the establishment. At that time, Inspector Washington contacted the Southern District of the Baltimore City Police Department and requested backup before entering the premises. Upon the arrival of a Patrol Officer, Inspector Washington gained entry to the establishment and observed 7 individuals, including the bartender, at the bar. Inspector Washington observed there were individuals with open beer bottles in front of them, money on the bar, and empty bottles in the trash can. At this time, Inspector made contact with the bartender/manager/licensee, Mr. Stephan Saffran and informed him that it was a violation of the Governor's Executive Order to allow for patrons to consume alcoholic beverages on-premises. Inspector then instructed all patrons to leave the establishment and closed the 311 Customer Service Request at approximately 7:35 PM.

Violation of Rule 3.12 General Welfare – May 13, 2020 – At approximately 5:11 PM, Baltimore City Liquor Board Inspector Kenyatta Washington received a 311 Customer Service Request (#20-00283642) that alleged that individuals were allowed entry to the establishment and provided with alcoholic beverages to be consumed on premises in violation of Governor Lawrence J. Hogan's Executive Order (20-05-13-01) issued May 13, 2020, which amended Governor Hogan's earlier Executive Order (20-05-06-01) issued on May 6, 2020. Inspector Washington responded to the establishment at approximately 6:15 PM and observed numerous individuals entering the establishment. At that time, Inspector Washington contacted the Southern District of the Baltimore City Police Department and requested backup before entering the premises. Upon the arrival of a Patrol Officer, Inspector Washington gained entry to the establishment and observed 7 individuals, including the bartender, at the bar. Inspector Washington observed there were individuals with open beer bottles in front of them, money on the bar, and empty bottles in the trash can. At this time, Inspector made contact with the bartender/manager/licensee, Mr. Stephan Saffran and informed him that it was a violation of the Governor's Executive Order to allow for patrons to consume alcoholic beverages on-premises. Inspector then instructed all patrons to leave the establishment and closed the 311 Customer Service Request at approximately 7:35 PM.

4. **Jonathan Richard Pannoni, John Porter, Jr., and George Watson, LP Grand Central, LLC, T/a No Trade Name (Grand Central), 1001-03 N. Charles Street – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.16 Illegal Conduct – July 30, 2020** – At approximately 10:50 PM, Baltimore City Liquor Board Agent Andy Perez, Inspector Terri Chase, Inspector Cindy Tudhope, and Inspector Kenyatta Washington responded to a 311 Customer Service Request (#20-00492974) that alleged that a “show was about to start” within the establishment and that individuals were “indoors without masks or social distancing” in violation of Mayor Bernard C. “Jack” Young’s Executive Order issued July 22, 2020, which received its authorization from Governor Lawrence J. Hogan’s earlier Executive Order (20-06-10-01) issued on June 10, 2020. Specifically, Mayor Young’s Executive Order issued July 22, 2020 prohibited indoor on-premises consumption of food and/or beverages and only allowed outdoor consumption of food and beverages to patrons seated at tables. Upon arriving at the location, Inspectors observed approximately 30 patrons at the within the outdoor seating area. A number of these patrons were standing and consuming alcoholic beverages in the pedestrian walkways and streets. Inspectors then proceeded to enter the establishment and observed approximately 15 patrons in the establishment, some of which were observed to be consuming alcoholic beverages. At this time, Inspectors made contact with the manager on duty, Mr. Marco Dimbo, and informed him of the infractions. Mr. Dimbo stated that he was the only employee on duty and it was difficult to control the operations of the establishment. Mr. Dimbo then proceeded to close the establishment for the evening and exit patrons from the premises. Inspector then closed the 311 Customer Service Request at approximately 11:11 PM.

Violation of Rule 3.12 General Welfare – July 30, 2020 – At approximately 10:50 PM, Baltimore City Liquor Board Agent Andy Perez, Inspector Terri Chase, Inspector Cindy Tudhope, and Inspector Kenyatta Washington responded to a 311 Customer Service Request (#20-00492974) that alleged that a “show was about to start” within the establishment and that individuals were “indoors without masks or social distancing” in violation of Mayor Bernard C. “Jack” Young’s Executive Order issued July 22, 2020, which received its authorization from Governor Lawrence J. Hogan’s earlier Executive Order (20-06-10-01) issued on June 10, 2020. Specifically, Mayor Young’s Executive Order issued July 22, 2020 prohibited indoor on-premises consumption of food and/or beverages and only allowed outdoor consumption of food and beverages to patrons seated at tables. Upon arriving at the location, Inspectors observed approximately 30 patrons at the within the outdoor seating area. A number of these patrons were standing and consuming alcoholic beverages in the pedestrian walkways and streets. Inspectors then proceeded to enter the establishment and observed approximately 15 patrons in the establishment, some of which were observed to be consuming alcoholic beverages. At this time, Inspectors made contact with the manager on duty, Mr. Marco Dimbo, and informed him of the infractions. Mr. Dimbo stated that he was the only employee on duty and it was difficult to control the operations of the establishment. Mr. Dimbo then proceeded to close the establishment for the evening and exit patrons from the premises. Inspector then closed the 311 Customer Service Request at approximately 11:11 PM.

5. **Marjorie Brumwell, Charles Burke, and William D. Green, M.R. Green, Inc., T/a Margaret’s Place, 349-51 S. Calhoun Street – Class “D” Beer & Wine License – Violation of Rule 4.16 Illegal Conduct – May 13, 2020** – At approximately 5:15 PM, Baltimore City Liquor Board Inspector Kenyatta Washington received a 311 Customer Service Request (#20-00269281) that alleged that individuals were allowed entry to the establishment and provided with alcoholic beverages to be consumed on premises in violation of Governor Lawrence J. Hogan’s Executive

Order (20-05-13-01) issued May 13, 2020, which amended Governor Hogan's earlier Executive Order (20-05-06-01) issued on May 6, 2020. Inspector Washington responded to the establishment at approximately 6:00 PM and found the exterior door to the establishment locked. Inspector Washington then knocked on the door and was allowed entry. Upon entering the establishment, Washington observed five (5) individuals seated at the bar with open bottles of beer in front of them. Inspector Washington also observed an individual seated at the poker machine with an open bottle of beer. Inspector Washington then informed the manager that it was a violation of the Governor's Executive Order to allow for patrons to consume alcoholic beverages on-premises. Inspector then instructed all patrons to leave the establishment and closed the 311 Customer Service Request at approximately 6:28 PM.

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