

BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY
DOCKET – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.
ROOM 215 – CITY HALL – 100 NORTH HOLLIDAY STREET

Please note: If you are interested in a particular case, please call (410) 396-4377 the day before these hearings to verify that a particular case is still scheduled for this date.

11:00 a.m.

I. Regular Items (New, Transfers, Expansions and Hardships):

- 1. Maurice Bradford, Sr. and Arielle Landrum, The Barbecue, LLC, T/a The BBQ Baltimore, 2602 Greenmount Avenue – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application for a new Class “B” Beer, Wine and Liquor restaurant license under the provisions of Alcoholic Beverages Article § 12-1603(C)(II) requiring \$200,000 in capital investment in restaurant fixtures and facilities and seating capacity for a minimum of 75 people, requesting outdoor table service and off-premise catering.**
- 2. Dana Evans, Jacqueline Patterson, and Sang M. Pak, Joey Bee, LLC, T/a Ebony Towne Store, 1801 W. North Avenue – Class “A” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership.**
- 3. Donald Higdon, Anthony Scardina, Jr, and Antony Scardina, III, Higgy’s, LLC, T/a Higgy’s, 1184 Cleveland Street – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership.**
- 4. Joshua Persing and Scott Farrell, Gay Holdings, LLC, T/a GAY, 518 N. Charles Street – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership with continuation of live entertainment, requesting outdoor table service.**
- 5. Joseph Brzuchalski, Management, Inc., T/a Patapsco Flea Market, 3301 Annapolis Road – Class “B (A-L)” Beer, Wine & Liquor Arena License – Application to add off-sale privilege of beer, wine, and liquor from a location within the licensed premises not to exceed 2,000 square feet under the provisions of Alcoholic Beverages Article § 12-1001(D)(3)(i)-(iv).**
- 6. Juan Portillo, Juan Portillo, LLC, T/a Santa Clara, 529 S. Bond Street – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request for a hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages Article § 12-2202.**

1:00 p.m.

II. Violations:

- 1. Michael Baldwin and Mehari Mengistab, 542 N. Luzerne, Inc., T/a Club Luzerne, 542 N. Luzerne Avenue – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times – June 29, 2017 – At approximately 9:25 PM, members of the Baltimore City Police Department’s Vice Unit and members of the**

BLLC's Inspection Division conducted an undercover investigation of this establishment to determine if staff would grant access to the tavern portion of the licensed premises to patrons. At this time, Det. Akinwande and Inspector Perez entered the establishment in an undercover capacity and attempted to gain access to the tavern portion of the premise. Mr. Ghebretnsae Manqisteab, who was the attendant present at the location, informed Akinwande and Perez that the bar was closed and he could not enter the tavern portion of the establishment to have a drink in response to a request made by Akinwande and Perez for access to the tavern. Akinwande and Perez left the establishment and informed members of the Vice Unit and BLLC inspection division of the violation. Members from each team entered the establishment and informed Mr. Manqisteab of the violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii).

- 2. Aklilu Gebre and Yosief Tesfazion, Wehazit, Inc., T/a Opposite Sidewalk Saloon, 132 S. Carey Street** – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – **Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times – May 18, 2017** – At approximately 12:15 AM, members of the Baltimore City Police Department's Vice Unit and members of the BLLC's Inspection Division conducted an undercover investigation of this establishment to determine if staff would grant access to the tavern portion of the licensed premises to patrons. At this time, Det. Akinwande and Inspector Perez entered the establishment in an undercover capacity and attempted to gain access to the tavern portion of the premise. Mr. Gebreyesus, who was the attendant present at the location, told Akinwande “No” when the Detective asked if the bar area was open. Akinwande and Perez left the establishment and informed members of the Vice Unit and BLLC inspection division of the violation. Members from each team entered the establishment and informed Mr. Gebreyesus, the manager on location, of the violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii).
- 3. James Dimitri and Karen Green, Sole Proprietorship, T/a Dimitri's Tavern, 3820 Falls Road** – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – **Violation of Rule 4.14 (a) Live Entertainment without Authorization – June 2, 2017** – At approximately 9:38 PM, members of the Department of Housing and Community Development and Agent John Chrissomallis of the BLLC (“Officials”) conducted an inspection of this establishment. At this time, Officials observed a live Disc Jockey (DJ) on the premises playing music over an amplified system with speakers. In addition, it was learned that the establishment held “karaoke nights” on both Friday and Saturday nights. Agent Chrissomallis informed the establishment of the violation regarding the live DJ and informed them not to have a live DJ or karaoke until they obtained the proper permits and approvals from the City and BLLC.
- 4. Tania Ramos, La Rumba, LLC, T/a La Rumba, 1650-54 E. Pratt Street** – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – **Violation of Rule 4.08 (a) Relations with Wholesalers – July 8, 2017** – At approximately 10:30 PM, Agent John Chrissomallis conducted an investigation into the operations of this establishment. At this time, Agent Chrissomallis was operating his vehicle on Broadway and observed individuals loading cases of beer into the establishment from a parked private car. After making these observations, Agent Chrissomallis parked his vehicle and entered the establishment. Upon entering the establishment, Chrissomallis observed two females behind the bar placing the cases of beer in the establishment's cooler. Chrissomallis then asked the employees for a copy of the invoice for the purchase of the cases of beer. Chrissomallis was handed copies of a receipt from Club 7400, which is a retail establishment, located at 7400 Pulaski Highway. The items identified in the receipt matched both the items that Agent Chrissomallis

observed being transported from the car and those that were being placed in the cooler. At that time, Agent Chrissomallis informed personnel within the establishment of the violation.

5. ~~James Dipino, Jr. and Michael McDevitt, Pull the Trigger, LLC, T/a Wayward Southern Bar and Kitchen, 1117-21 S. Charles Street — Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License — Violation of Alc. Bev. Art. §12-1604(c)(3) 51% Food Receipts Requirement for Class B Licensees in the 46th Legislative District — September 29, 2017~~ — At approximately 4:00 PM, BLLC staff conducted a review of the 46th District Annual Food Sales affidavit submitted by the licensee’s certified public accountant as required by law at the time of renewal. A review conducted by BLLC staff indicated that the average food sale receipts for the establishment for license year 2016-2017 was approximately 20%.

~~Violation of Rule 4.16 Illegal Conduct - September 29, 2017~~ — At approximately 4:00 PM, BLLC staff conducted a review of the 46th District Annual Food Sales affidavit submitted by the licensee’s certified public accountant as required by law at the time of renewal. A review conducted by BLLC staff indicated that the average food sale receipts for the establishment for license year 2016-2017 was approximately 20%. **POSTPONED**

**Please note that times given above are approximate. Parties are encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the time noted above.*