

BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY
DOCKET – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023 – 10:30 a.m.
ROOM 215 – CITY HALL – 100 NORTH HOLLIDAY STREET

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.

10:30 a.m.

I. Regular Items (180-day Hardship Requests):

1. **Rajeev Kunich, Contract Purchaser, T/a No Trade Name, 508 Washington Boulevard – Class “D” Beer & Light Wine License – Request for a hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages & Cannabis Article § 12-2202.**
2. **Brent Fuller, Secured Creditor, T/a No Trade Name, 737 Carroll Street – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request for a hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages & Cannabis Article § 12-2202.**

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

3. **Stephen Ofori, 1613 Grocery, LLC, T/a Trade Name Pending, 1209 W. North Avenue – Class “A” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request for a transfer hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages & Cannabis Article §12-1705(b).**
4. **Jasmine M. Norton, The Urban Oyster, LLC, T/a The Urban Oyster, 916 W. 36th Street – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request for a transfer hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages & Cannabis Article §12-1705(b).**
5. **Edward Lee Mahan and Suzanne Mahan, Steel Horse 349, LLC, T/a Trade Name Pending, 349-51 S. Calhoun Street – Class “D” Beer & Light Wine License – Request for a transfer hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages & Cannabis Article §12-1705(b).**

III. Violations:

1. **Rodney Brown (PR), 627 Duncan Restaurant, LLC, T/a Janae’s 2, 625-27 N. Duncan Street – Class “D” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – **Violation of Rule 4.05(a) – Prohibited Hours – September 8, 2023** – On September 8, 2023, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspectors Rosalba Jordan and Cindy Tudhope and a member of the Baltimore Police Department Vice Unit (BPD Vice) conducted a compliance check for licensees in the East Baltimore corridor whose hours of operation had been restricted by legislation to a 10:00pm closure.**

At approximately 10:25pm, BLLC and BPD Vice arrived at the establishment. Inspector Jordan found the establishment open and numerous customers drinking at the bar and playing pool in violation of operating after 10:00pm as required by 2020 House Bill 954. Inspector Jordan also found a group gathered outside consuming alcohol. Inspector Jordan documented her

observations and took several photos attached to her report prior to BLLC and BPD Vice departing the establishment without any further incident.

Violation of Rule 4.07(e) – Open Containers and Illegal Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages – September 8, 2023 – On September 8, 2023, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspectors Rosalba Jordan and Cindy Tudhope and a member of the Baltimore Police Department Vice Unit (BPD Vice) conducted a compliance check for licensees in the East Baltimore corridor whose hours of operation had been restricted by legislation to a 10:00pm closure.

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- 2. Karen A. Patten, Kali's Court, LLC, T/a Kali's Court, 1602-08 Thames Street – Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 3.12 – General Welfare – September 30, 2023** – On September 30, 2023, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspector Regina Brown and Agent Andy Perez were on duty when 311 Complaint #23 00775896 was reported. This complaint was the most recent of several that had been received in a short period of time. BLLC Inspections Division responded to the complaint and arrived at the establishment at approximately 11:40pm. Upon arrival, Inspector Brown observed the establishment open and operating and that the doors and windows were open with loud music playing. Inspectors spoke to the licensee about the noise complaint. Licensee did close the windows and the doors. Inspector Brown then conducted a compliance inspection and observed an outdoor bar operating. The liquor license for the establishment references "No outdoor bar on premises per BMZA 198-99X." Licensee was issued two violations and inspectors left without further incident.

Violation of Rule 4.16 – Illegal Conduct – September 30, 2023 – On September 30, 2023, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspector Regina Brown and Agent Andy Perez were on duty when 311 Complaint #23 00775896 was reported. This complaint was the most recent of several that had been received in a short period of time. BLLC Inspections Division responded to the complaint and arrived at the establishment at approximately 11:40pm. Upon arrival, Inspector Brown observed the establishment open and operating and that the doors and windows were open with loud music playing. Inspectors spoke to the licensee about the noise complaint. Licensee did close the windows and the doors. Inspector Brown then conducted a compliance inspection and observed an outdoor bar operating. The liquor license for the establishment references "No outdoor bar on premises per BMZA 198-99X." Licensee was issued two violations and inspectors left without further incident.

- 3. Jim Pei, United Penn Operating, LLC, T/a Wonderland Liquors, 2043-45 Pennsylvania Avenue – Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.20(c) – Prohibited Activities By License Type: Class BD7 Licenses: Open and Operating Tavern At All Times – September 26, 2023** – On September 26, 2023, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspectors Cindy Tudhope and Rosalba Jordan conducted an inspection of the establishment to

determine if the establishment had a fully open and operating tavern as required by the class of license it holds. Upon entering the tavern section, Inspector Tudhope found the lights to be off, and the tavern appeared to be being used as a storage area. Inspector Tudhope also found that the three compartment sink was empty, with a mop placed inside of it. The women's bathroom could not be used as it was inaccessible due to various items blocking access, and the men's bathroom was in an unsanitary condition. Inspector Tudhope spoke to a Mr. Brian Elzey of the establishment, who stated that the tavern was not open at that time, but that it could be open by the following day. Inspector Tudhope informed Mr. Elzey that he would be receiving a violation for failing to have the tavern be open and operating, and then inspectors left without further incident.

Violation of Rule 3.09(a) – Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations – September 26, 2023 – On September 26, 2023, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspectors Cindy Tudhope and Rosalba Jordan conducted an inspection of the establishment to determine if the establishment had a fully open and operating tavern as required by the class of license it holds. Upon entering the tavern section, Inspector Tudhope found the lights to be off, and the tavern appeared to be being used as a storage area. Inspector Tudhope also found that the three compartment sink was empty, with a mop placed inside of it. The women's bathroom could not be used as it was inaccessible due to various items blocking access, and the men's bathroom was in an unsanitary condition. Inspector Tudhope spoke to a Mr. Brian Elzey of the establishment, who stated that the tavern was not open at that time, but that it could be open by the following day. Inspector Tudhope informed Mr. Elzey that he would be receiving a violation for failing to have the tavern be open and operating, and then inspectors left without further incident.

4. **Cathy Williams, Three K Partners, LLC, T/a Rosie's Sports Bar, 482 S. Bentalou Street – Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.05(b) – Prohibited Hours – September 22, 2023** – On September 22, 2023, Inspectors Cindy Tudhope and Rosalba Jordan, and Agent Andy Perez were on duty at approximately 10:18pm when 311 Complaint #23-007576209 was received alleging the establishment was operating after hours. BLLC Inspections Division received two additional 311 complaints for disturbing the peace/loud noise, #23-00751210 and #23-0075212 at 10:21pm and 10:25pm, respectively. BLLC Inspections Division responded to all complaints and arrived at the establishment at approximately 11:05pm. Upon arrival, Inspector Tudhope observed people in a back fenced in area behind the establishment and the back door open with music coming from the inside. Inspectors attempted to open through the front door and found it to be locked. Inspectors then proceeded to the back fenced in area where a security guard was letting people out of a side fence gate. Inspectors gained access to the back patio area, where Inspector Tudhope observed people sitting outside drinking alcoholic beverages and smoking hookah. Inspector Tudhope also observed approximately 20 people exiting out the back door and leaving. Upon entering the interior of the establishment, inspector Tudhope observed approximately 10 people inside the bar area not including staff behind the bar. Inspector Tudhope observed many drinks sitting on the bar. Inspector Tudhope then made contact with Mrs. Latasha Ann Burgess, who stated she was the new owner and in the middle of a transfer of ownership. Inspector Tudhope asked Mrs. Burgess if she was aware she was to be closed and not in operation after 10:00pm as stated on her license and she stated that she did know she was supposed to close at 10:00pm. Inspector Tudhope also asked Mrs. Burgess if she had any permits for using the outdoor area since her license does not give her permission to use the outdoor area. Mrs. Burgess told Inspector Tudhope that the Fire Inspector said she could. Inspector Tudhope

then informed Mrs. Burgess that she would be receiving violations and inspectors left the establishment without further incident.

Violation of Rule 4.07(a) – Open Containers and Illegal Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages – September 22, 2023 – On September 22, 2023, Inspectors Cindy Tudhope and Rosalba Jordan, and Agent Andy Perez were on duty at approximately 10:18pm when 311 Complaint #23-00757648 was received alleging the establishment was operating after hours. BLLC Inspections Division received two additional 311 complaints for disturbing the peace/loud noise, #23-00751210 and #23-0075212 at 10:21pm and 10:25pm, respectively. BLLC Inspections Division responded to all complaints and arrived at the establishment at approximately 11:05pm. Upon arrival, Inspector Tudhope observed people in a back fenced in area behind the establishment and the back door open with music coming from the inside. Inspectors attempted to open through the front door and found it to be locked. Inspectors then proceeded to the back fenced in area where a security guard was letting people out of a side fence gate. Inspectors gained access to the back patio area, where Inspector Tudhope observed people sitting outside drinking alcoholic beverages and smoking hookah. Inspector Tudhope also observed approximately 20 people exiting out the back door and leaving. Upon entering the interior of the establishment, inspector Tudhope observed approximately 10 people inside the bar area not including staff behind the bar. Inspector Tudhope observed many drinks sitting on the bar. Inspector Tudhope then made contact with Mrs. Latasha Ann Burgess, who stated she was the new owner and in the middle of a transfer of ownership. Inspector Tudhope asked Mrs. Burgess if she was aware she was to be closed and not in operation after 10:00pm as stated on her license and she stated that she did know she was supposed to close at 10:00pm. Inspector Tudhope also asked Mrs. Burgess if she had any permits for using the outdoor area since her license does not give her permission to use the outdoor area. Mrs. Burgess told Inspector Tudhope that the Fire Inspector said she could. Inspector Tudhope then informed Mrs. Burgess that she would be receiving violations and inspectors left the establishment without further incident.

5. **Shrijana Khanal and Dhaman B. Shah, Uprety, LLC, T/a The Point, 525-29 E. Patapsco Avenue – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.18(a) – Alterations – September 21, 2023** – On September 21, 2023, Inspector Cindy Tudhope was on duty at approximately 5:24pm when 311 Complaint #23-00739543 was received alleging the establishment had illegally constructed a separate packaged goods area inside the bar and that alterations were done without Board approval. Inspector Tudhope advised the complainant that she would follow up the next day after she had reviewed the establishment's file. On September 21, 2023, Inspector Tudhope made a copy of the floor plan submitted to the Board on the most recent transfer application heard by the Board and approved on March 25, 2021, and confirmed that no subsequent approval had been granted by the Board to conduct renovations. Inspector Tudhope also researched the Inspections database and made note that Agent Terri Chase made a note in her inspection dated February 23, 2023 that the establishment had been cleaned out and that she believed construction may be taking place. Inspectors Tudhope and Jordan then visited the establishment at approximately 5:36pm on September 21, 2023. Upon arrival, Inspector Tudhope made contact with an unidentified Male Employee and asked to speak to the owner and the person in charge. The male employee—who was at the time of the visit the person selling liquor to customers—stated that he did not work there, and that he would get the manager. A second individual then arrived out of the rear of the establishment and at this time, Inspector Tudhope asked him if he was the manager, at which point he stated that he also did not work there and had

only been there for 5 days and was just helping out. Neither individual would provide inspectors with their names, and stated repeatedly that they did not work there, but were just helping out. Inspector Tudhope then asked for the establishment's employee records, and asked the unidentified individuals to get the owner on the phone. Inspector Tudhope then made phone contact with a Mr. Uprety, who identified himself as the owner and the person running the establishment, and then stated that the individual who handed Inspector Tudhope the phone was the manager of the establishment. Hearing this information over the phone, the unidentified individual shook his head in the universal fashion for "No" and the individual repeated that he was not the manager and was just helping out. Inspector Tudhope then informed Mr. Uprety of the 311 complaint, and noted that the floor plan approved by the Liquor Board did not match what she was observing. Mr. Uprety stated that he did not do any renovations, but that is how he purchased the establishment. Inspector Tudhope informed Mr. Uprety that he would be receiving a violation for the alterations without Board approval and for failing to provide Inspector Tudhope with employee records upon request. One of the employees, a Mr. Kivan Pun did agree to provide his information and sign receipt of Inspector Tudhope's inspection sheet. Inspectors then left the establishment without further incident.

Violation of Rule 3.03(c) – Records (Employees) – September 21, 2023 – On September 21, 2023, Inspector Cindy Tudhope was on duty at approximately 5:24pm when 311 Complaint #23-00739543 was received alleging the establishment had illegally constructed a separate packaged goods area inside the bar and that alterations were done without Board approval. Inspector Tudhope advised the complainant that she would follow up the next day after she had reviewed the establishment's file. On September 21, 2023, Inspector Tudhope made a copy of the floor plan submitted to the Board on the most recent transfer application heard by the Board and approved on March 25, 2021, and confirmed that no subsequent approval had been granted by the Board to conduct renovations. Inspector Tudhope also researched the Inspections database and made note that Agent Terri Chase made a note in her inspection dated February 23, 2023 that the establishment had been cleaned out and that she believed construction may be taking place. Inspectors Tudhope and Jordan then visited the establishment at approximately 5:36pm on September 21, 2023. Upon arrival, Inspector Tudhope made contact with an unidentified Male Employee and asked to speak to the owner and the person in charge. The male employee—who was at the time of the visit the person selling liquor to customers—stated that he did not work there, and that he would get the manager. A second individual then arrived out of the rear of the establishment and at this time, Inspector Tudhope asked him if he was the manager, at which point he stated that he also did not work there and had only been there for 5 days and was just helping out. Neither individual would provide inspectors with their names, and stated repeatedly that they did not work there, but were just helping out. Inspector Tudhope then asked for the establishment's employee records, and asked the unidentified individuals to get the owner on the phone. Inspector Tudhope then made phone contact with a Mr. Uprety, who identified himself as the owner and the person running the establishment, and then stated that the individual who handed Inspector Tudhope the phone was the manager of the establishment. Hearing this information over the phone, the unidentified individual shook his head in the universal fashion for "No" and the individual repeated that he was not the manager and was just helping out. Inspector Tudhope then informed Mr. Uprety of the 311 complaint, and noted that the floor plan approved by the Liquor Board did not match what she was observing. Mr. Uprety stated that he did not do any renovations, but that is how he purchased the establishment. Inspector Tudhope informed Mr. Uprety that he would be receiving a violation for the alterations without Board approval and for failing to provide Inspector

Tudhope with employee records upon request. One of the employees, a Mr. Kivan Pun did agree to provide his information and sign receipt of Inspector Tudhope's inspection sheet. Inspectors then left the establishment without further incident.

Violation of Rule 4.20(c) – Prohibited Activities By License Type: Class BD7 Licenses: Open and Operating Tavern At All Times – September 21, 2023 – On September 21, 2023, Inspector Cindy Tudhope was on duty at approximately 5:24pm when 311 Complaint #23-00739543 was received alleging the establishment had illegally constructed a separate packaged goods area inside the bar and that alterations were done without Board approval. Inspector Tudhope advised the complainant that she would follow up the next day after she had reviewed the establishment's file. On September 21, 2023, Inspector Tudhope made a copy of the floor plan submitted to the Board on the most recent transfer application heard by the Board and approved on March 25, 2021, and confirmed that no subsequent approval had been granted by the Board to conduct renovations. Inspector Tudhope also researched the Inspections database and made note that Agent Terri Chase made a note in her inspection dated February 23, 2023 that the establishment had been cleaned out and that she believed construction may be taking place. Inspectors Tudhope and Jordan then visited the establishment at approximately 5:36pm on September 21, 2023. Upon arrival, Inspector Tudhope made contact with an unidentified Male Employee and asked to speak to the owner and the person in charge. The male employee—who was at the time of the visit the person selling liquor to customers—stated that he did not work there, and that he would get the manager. A second individual then arrived out of the rear of the establishment and at this time, Inspector Tudhope asked him if he was the manager, at which point he stated that he also did not work there and had only been there for 5 days and was just helping out. Neither individual would provide inspectors with their names, and stated repeatedly that they did not work there, but were just helping out. Inspector Tudhope then asked for the establishment's employee records, and asked the unidentified individuals to get the owner on the phone. Inspector Tudhope then made phone contact with a Mr. Uprety, who identified himself as the owner and the person running the establishment, and then stated that the individual who handed Inspector Tudhope the phone was the manager of the establishment. Hearing this information over the phone, the unidentified individual shook his head in the universal fashion for "No" and the individual repeated that he was not the manager and was just helping out. Inspector Tudhope then informed Mr. Uprety of the 311 complaint, and noted that the floor plan approved by the Liquor Board did not match what she was observing. Mr. Uprety stated that he did not do any renovations, but that is how he purchased the establishment. Inspector Tudhope informed Mr. Uprety that he would be receiving a violation for the alterations without Board approval and for failing to provide Inspector Tudhope with employee records upon request. One of the employees, a Mr. Kivan Pun did agree to provide his information and sign receipt of Inspector Tudhope's inspection sheet. Inspectors then left the establishment without further incident.

Violation of Rule 3.01 – Ownership and Operation – September 21, 2023 – On September 21, 2023, Inspector Cindy Tudhope was on duty at approximately 5:24pm when 311 Complaint #23-00739543 was received alleging the establishment had illegally constructed a separate packaged goods area inside the bar and that alterations were done without Board approval. Inspector Tudhope advised the complainant that she would follow up the next day after she had reviewed the establishment's file. On September 21, 2023, Inspector Tudhope made a copy of the floor plan submitted to the Board on the most recent transfer application heard by the Board and approved on March 25, 2021, and confirmed that no subsequent approval had been granted by the Board to

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6. **Joginder Samra and Joginder Singh, 2300 W Baltimore St, LLC, T/a Club 2300, 2300 W. Baltimore Street – Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.20(c) – Prohibited Activities By License Type: Class BD7 Licenses: Open and Operating Tavern At All Times – October 11, 2023** – On October 11, 2023, at approximately 12:10pm, Inspector Regina Brown conducted an inspection at the establishment to determine if the tavern was fully open and operating. Upon arrival, Inspector Brown entered the tavern, and found the lights to be off, and the tavern being used as a storage area. Inspector Brown also found the 3-compartment sink empty and alcohol boxes covering the counter area. Inspector Brown also found the bathroom inaccessible as the path to access it was blocked with various detritus. Inspector Brown spoke with employee Sam Singh, who stated that the tavern was not open right now but that it could be open tomorrow and that she would send pictures. Inspector Brown informed Ms. Singh that she would be receiving a violation for the tavern not being open and operating. Inspector Brown then left the establishment without further incident.

Violation of Rule 3.09 – Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations – October 11, 2023 – On October 11, 2023, at approximately 12:10pm, Inspector Regina Brown conducted an inspection at the establishment to determine if the tavern was fully open and operating. Upon arrival, Inspector Brown entered the tavern, and found the lights to be off, and the tavern being used as a storage area. Inspector Brown also found the 3-compartment sink empty and alcohol boxes covering the counter area. Inspector Brown also found the bathroom inaccessible as the path to access it was blocked with various detritus. Inspector Brown spoke with employee Sam Singh, who

stated that the tavern was not open right now but that it could be open tomorrow and that she would send pictures. Inspector Brown informed Ms. Singh that she would be receiving a violation for the tavern not being open and operating. Inspector Brown then left the establishment without further incident.

7. **Ronnie Player, New Club Thunderbird, Inc., T/a Club Thunderbird, 2201 E. Chase Street – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.05(a) – Prohibited Hours – September 8, 2023** – On September 8, 2023, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspectors Rosalba Jordan and Cindy Tudhope and a member of the Baltimore Police Department Vice Unit (BPD Vice) conducted a compliance check for licensees in the East Baltimore corridor whose hours of operation had been restricted by legislation to a 10:00pm closure.

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Violation of Rule 3.01 – Ownership and Operation – September 8, 2023 – On September 8, 2023, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspectors Rosalba Jordan and Cindy Tudhope and a member of the Baltimore Police Department Vice Unit (BPD Vice) conducted a compliance check for licensees in the East Baltimore corridor whose hours of operation had been restricted by legislation to a 10:00pm closure.

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8. **Xianting Charles Cao and Jason Jose Acevedo Rosario, Castle Seafood, Inc., T/a Castle Seafood Restaurant, 3720 Potee Street – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule – 4.14(a) – Live Entertainment without Authorization – September 3, 2023** – On September 3, 2023, Inspector Kenyatta Washington was on duty when 311 Complaint #23-00690669 was received for the establishment. Inspector Washington responded to the complaint

and arrived at the establishment at approximately 12:27am. Upon arrival, Inspector Washington entered the courtyard, and observed an outside bar and a live DJ. Inspector Washington spoke with the person charge, later identified as the licensee, Jason Acevedo. Inspector Washington informed Mr. Acevedo that the DJ and the outside bar were not permitted as he had previously been informed and violated for these same issues by the Board for the same. Inspector Washington then issued violations and contacted the Complainant per the Inspections Division Standard Operating Procedures on 311 Responses.

Violation of Rule – 4.16 – Illegal Conduct (Violating BMZA Resolution #240-04 – No Jukebox, or Other Form of Live Entertainment) – September 3, 2023 – On September 3, 2023, Inspector Kenyatta Washington was on duty when 311 Complaint #23-00690669 was received for the establishment. Inspector Washington responded to the complaint and arrived at the establishment at approximately 12:27am. Upon arrival, Inspector Washington entered the courtyard, and observed an outside bar and a live DJ. Inspector Washington spoke with the person charge, later identified as the licensee, Jason Acevedo. Inspector Washington informed Mr. Acevedo that the DJ and the outside bar were not permitted as he had previously been informed and violated for these same issues by the Board for the same. Inspector Washington then issued violations and contacted the Complainant per the Inspections Division Standard Operating Procedures on 311 Responses.

Violation of Rule – 4.18 – Alterations (Outdoor Bar) – September 3, 2023 – On September 3, 2023, Inspector Kenyatta Washington was on duty when 311 Complaint #23-00690669 was received for the establishment. Inspector Washington responded to the complaint and arrived at the establishment at approximately 12:27am. Upon arrival, Inspector Washington entered the courtyard, and observed an outside bar and a live DJ. Inspector Washington spoke with the person charge, later identified as the licensee, Jason Acevedo. Inspector Washington informed Mr. Acevedo that the DJ and the outside bar were not permitted as he had previously been informed and violated for these same issues by the Board for the same. Inspector Washington then issued violations and contacted the Complainant per the Inspections Division Standard Operating Procedures on 311 Responses.

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Violation of Rule – 4.14(a) – Live Entertainment without Authorization – September 30, 2023 – On September 30, 2023, Inspector Regina Brown was on duty when 311 Complaint #23-00775883 was received for the establishment. Inspector Brown responded to the complaint and arrived at the establishment at approximately 10:20pm. Upon arrival, Inspector Brown could hear loud music coming from the establishment. Inspector Brown then entered the courtyard and

observed a live DJ. Inspector Brown then spoke with personnel in charge, later identified as the licensee Jason Acevedo and informed him that the live DJ was not permitted. Inspector Brown noted that the establishment had been informed and violated in the past for these same actions. Inspector Brown issued violations and contacted the Complainant per the Inspections Division Standard Operating Procedures on 311 Responses.

Violation of Rule – 4.16 – Illegal Conduct (Violating BMZA Resolution #240-04 – No Jukebox, or Other Form of Live Entertainment) – September 30, 2023 – On September 30, 2023, Inspector Regina Brown was on duty when 311 Complaint #23-00775883 was received for the establishment. Inspector Brown responded to the complaint and arrived at the establishment at approximately 10:20pm. Upon arrival, Inspector Brown could hear loud music coming from the establishment. Inspector Brown then entered the courtyard and observed a live DJ. Inspector Brown then spoke with personnel in charge, later identified as the licensee Jason Acevedo and informed him that the live DJ was not permitted. Inspector Brown noted that the establishment had been informed and violated in the past for these same actions. Inspector Brown issued violations and contacted the Complainant per the Inspections Division Standard Operating Procedures on 311 Responses.

9. **Lisa Ireland and Thomas Malinowski, PP & G, Inc., T/a Norma Jean's, 10 Custom House Avenue – Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License and Class "AE" Adult Entertainment License – Violation of Rule 4.05(b) – Prohibited Hours – September 18, 2023** – On September 18, 2023, Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis as on duty and, along with two (2) Baltimore Police Department (BPD) officers, was monitoring the closings of the bars on what is known as "The Block." Chief Chrissomallis and the BPD officers walked the entire footprint to ensure that all establishments were closed. Upon arriving at the establishment, they could hear loud music coming from inside. Chief Chrissomallis knocked on the door and was granted access by a security guard. Once inside, Chief Chrissomallis observed bartenders serving customers alcohol and several dancers performing on the stage and on the floor. There was a large group on the side of the establishment drinking and tipping the dancers that were performing. Chief Chrissomallis asked security for the manager and asked him to instruct the DJ to stop the music and to start telling customers to exit the premises. At that time, a white male individual, tall and thin, approached Chief Chrissomallis and identified himself as the manager. Due to his youthful look and the possibility that he was underage, Chief Chrissomallis asked for his ID. At that time, another individual, a white male who was shorter than the first individual approached Chief Chrissomallis and identified himself as the owner. Again, suspecting that the second individual may be underage, Chief Chrissomallis asked to see his ID. Both individuals were over the age of 18 but under the age of 21. Chief Chrissomallis explained to the individual who identified himself as the owner (later identified as a Mr. Tristan Ireland) that the establishment must be closed by 2:00am and that all customers must have exited the establishment by that time. While speaking to Mr. Ireland, Chief Chrissomallis identified several customers exiting the premises while carrying open containers of alcohol as they passed security guards. Chief Chrissomallis made Mr. Ireland aware that he would be issuing a violation for operating after hours, and would be giving him a warning for the open containers issue. Chief Chrissomallis explained to Mr. Ireland that it appeared to him that he was not in operational control of the establishment and that he should address these issues immediately if he wanted to continue to operate a liquor and adult entertainment business in the City of Baltimore. All parties were cooperative and Chief Chrissomallis and BPD officers exited without any further incident.

Violation of Adult Entertainment Rule 3.05 – Incorporation of Liquor License Rules and Regulations to Applicable Licensees – September 18, 2023 – On September 18, 2023, Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis as on duty and, along with two (2) Baltimore Police Department (BPD) officers, was monitoring the closings of the bars on what is known as “The Block.” Chief Chrissomallis and the BPD officers walked the entire footprint to ensure that all establishments were closed. Upon arriving at the establishment, they could hear loud music coming from inside. Chief Chrissomallis knocked on the door and was granted access by a security guard. Once inside, Chief Chrissomallis observed bartenders serving customers alcohol and several dancers performing on the stage and on the floor. There was a large group on the side of the establishment drinking and tipping the dancers that were performing. Chief Chrissomallis asked security for the manager and asked him to instruct the DJ to stop the music and to start telling customers to exit the premises. At that time, a white male individual, tall and thin, approached Chief Chrissomallis and identified himself as the manager. Due to his youthful look and the possibility that he was underage, Chief Chrissomallis asked for his ID. At that time, another individual, a white male who was shorter than the first individual approached Chief Chrissomallis and identified himself as the owner. Again, suspecting that the second individual may be underage, Chief Chrissomallis asked to see his ID. Both individuals were over the age of 18 but under the age of 21. Chief Chrissomallis explained to the individual who identified himself as the owner (later identified as a Mr. Tristan Ireland) that the establishment must be closed by 2:00am and that all customers must have exited the establishment by that time. While speaking to Mr. Ireland, Chief Chrissomallis identified several customers exiting the premises while carrying open containers of alcohol as they passed security guards. Chief Chrissomallis made Mr. Ireland aware that he would be issuing a violation for operating after hours, and would be giving him a warning for the open containers issue. Chief Chrissomallis explained to Mr. Ireland that it appeared to him that he was not in operational control of the establishment and that he should address these issues immediately if he wanted to continue to operate a liquor and adult entertainment business in the City of Baltimore. All parties were cooperative and Chief Chrissomallis and BPD officers exited without any further incident.

Violation of Adult Entertainment Rule 3.01(a) – Hours of Operation – September 18, 2023 – On September 18, 2023, Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis as on duty and, along with two (2) Baltimore Police Department (BPD) officers, was monitoring the closings of the bars on what is known as “The Block.” Chief Chrissomallis and the BPD officers walked the entire footprint to ensure that all establishments were closed. Upon arriving at the establishment, they could hear loud music coming from inside. Chief Chrissomallis knocked on the door and was granted access by a security guard. Once inside, Chief Chrissomallis observed bartenders serving customers alcohol and several dancers performing on the stage and on the floor. There was a large group on the side of the establishment drinking and tipping the dancers that were performing. Chief Chrissomallis asked security for the manager and asked him to instruct the DJ to stop the music and to start telling customers to exit the premises. At that time, a white male individual, tall and thin, approached Chief Chrissomallis and identified himself as the manager. Due to his youthful look and the possibility that he was underage, Chief Chrissomallis asked for his ID. At that time, another individual, a white male who was shorter than the first individual approached Chief Chrissomallis and identified himself as the owner. Again, suspecting that the second individual may be underage, Chief Chrissomallis asked to see his ID. Both individuals were over the age of 18 but under the age of 21. Chief Chrissomallis explained to the individual who identified himself as the owner (later identified as a Mr. Tristan Ireland) that the establishment must be closed by 2:00am and that all customers must have exited the establishment by that time. While speaking to Mr.

Ireland, Chief Chrissomallis identified several customers exiting the premises while carrying open containers of alcohol as they passed security guards. Chief Chrissomallis made Mr. Ireland aware that he would be issuing a violation for operating after hours, and would be giving him a warning for the open containers issue. Chief Chrissomallis explained to Mr. Ireland that it appeared to him that he was not in operational control of the establishment and that he should address these issues immediately if he wanted to continue to operate a liquor and adult entertainment business in the City of Baltimore. All parties were cooperative and Chief Chrissomallis and BPD officers exited without any further incident.

10. **Tisha Powell, Sole Proprietorship, T/a Pole Play Lounge, 417 E. Baltimore Street – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License and Class “AE” Adult Entertainment License – Violation of Rule 4.05(b) – Prohibited Hours – September 15, 2023** – On September 14, 2023, Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis as on duty at approximately 11:15pm when he received an anonymous complaint that the establishment would be having an after hours event. The complainant was very specific in the details of the party and mentioned that the establishment would be allowing patrons to enter through the rear which as access from the parking lot on Custom House Avenue. Being familiar with “The Block”, Chief Chrissomallis had knowledge that several clubs have back exits that lead out to a roof and through a metal door onto the parking lot on Custom House Avenue. Chief Chrissomallis notified Baltimore Police Department (BPD) Sergeant Pow, who was the supervisor on duty, of the anonymous tip to make him aware. Sergeant Pow agreed to have officers available on scene at 2:00am, so that a check could be conducted on the establishment. At approximately 2:00am on September 15, 2023, Chief Chrissomallis notified Detective Hazemihalis, who was working the cameras for the Central District, and asked him to position a camera to view the rear door of the establishment to see if there was any activity. At approximately 2:05am, Chief Chrissomallis received a call from Detective Hazemihalis who informed him that there was a security guard at the rear door who was allowing approximately 10 females to enter the establishment. At approximately 2:10am, Chief Chrissomallis met Sergeant Pow and a few of his officers and they made their way to the front door of the club, while 2 BPD officers positioned themselves at the rear door. Once at the front door, Chief Chrissomallis observed a security guard sitting on a stool directly inside the heavily tinted door. Chief Chrissomallis knocked on the door and the security guard opened it slightly. Chief Chrissomallis requested that the guard open the door as he wished to conduct a check on the premises. The guard asked Chief Chrissomallis to wait outside until he got the manager, and the Chief responded that no, they would not wait, and that he would enter and go find the manager himself. After a slight hesitation, the guard moved aside and allowed Chief Chrissomallis and BPD officers to enter. Once inside, Chief Chrissomallis observed approximately 40 customers and 10 dancers on the stage performing and walking around. The lights were low, a DJ was performing, and bartenders were serving customers alcoholic beverages at the bar. Chief Chrissomallis instructed the DJ to stop playing music and asked the security guards to start telling customers that the establishment was closed and they needed to exit. All parties complied with the Chief’s requests. Chief Chrissomallis and a BPD officer went to the second floor which was clear of customers. Chief Chrissomallis observed approximately 15 dancers walking up the stairs to go to the dressing room. Thereafter, Chief Chrissomallis went back downstairs and the establishment was cleared of patrons and only employees were remaining. Chief Chrissomallis spoke with the licensee and informed her that the establishment must be closed by 2:00am and that under no circumstances could an after hours party take place. The licensee was cooperative during the

investigation, and Chief Chrissomallis and all BPD officers left the establishment without further incident.

Violation of Adult Entertainment Rule 3.05 – Incorporation of Liquor License Rules and Regulations to Applicable Licensees – September 15, 2023

– On September 14, 2023, Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis as on duty at approximately 11:15pm when he received an anonymous complaint that the establishment would be having an after hours event. The complainant was very specific in the details of the party and mentioned that the establishment would be allowing patrons to enter through the rear which as access from the parking lot on Custom House Avenue. Being familiar with “The Block”, Chief Chrissomallis had knowledge that several clubs have back exits that lead out to a roof and through a metal door onto the parking lot on Custom House Avenue. Chief Chrissomallis notified Baltimore Police Department (BPD) Sergeant Pow, who was the supervisor on duty, of the anonymous tip to make him aware. Sergeant Pow agreed to have officers available on scene at 2:00am, so that a check could be conducted on the establishment. At approximately 2:00am on September 15, 2023, Chief Chrissomallis notified Detective Hazemihalis, who was working the cameras for the Central District, and asked him to position a camera to view the rear door of the establishment to see if there was any activity. At approximately 2:05am, Chief Chrissomallis received a call from Detective Hazemihalis who informed him that there was a security guard at the rear door who was allowing approximately 10 females to enter the establishment. At approximately 2:10am, Chief Chrissomallis met Sergeant Pow and a few of his officers and they made their way to the front door of the club, while 2 BPD officers positioned themselves at the rear door. Once at the front door, Chief Chrissomallis observed a security guard sitting on a stool directly inside the heavily tinted door. Chief Chrissomallis knocked on the door and the security guard opened it slightly. Chief Chrissomallis requested that the guard open the door as he wished to conduct a check on the premises. The guard asked Chief Chrissomallis to wait outside until he got the manager, and the Chief responded that no, they would not wait, and that he would enter and go find the manager himself. After a slight hesitation, the guard moved aside and allowed Chief Chrissomallis and BPD officers to enter. Once inside, Chief Chrissomallis observed approximately 40 customers and 10 dancers on the stage performing and walking around. The lights were low, a DJ was performing, and bartenders were serving customers alcoholic beverages at the bar. Chief Chrissomallis instructed the DJ to stop playing music and asked the security guards to start telling customers that the establishment was closed and they needed to exit. All parties complied with the Chief’s requests. Chief Chrissomallis and a BPD officer went to the second floor which was clear of customers. Chief Chrissomallis observed approximately 15 dancers walking up the stairs to go to the dressing room. Thereafter, Chief Chrissomallis went back downstairs and the establishment was cleared of patrons and only employees were remaining. Chief Chrissomallis spoke with the licensee and informed her that the establishment must be closed by 2:00am and that under no circumstances could an after hours party take place. The licensee was cooperative during the investigation, and Chief Chrissomallis and all BPD officers left the establishment without further incident.

Violation of Adult Entertainment Rule 3.01(a) – Hours of Operation – September 15, 2023

– On September 14, 2023, Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis as on duty at approximately 11:15pm when he received an anonymous complaint that the establishment would be having an after hours event. The complainant was very specific in the details of the party and mentioned that the establishment would be allowing patrons to enter through the rear which as access from the

parking lot on Custom House Avenue. Being familiar with "The Block", Chief Chrissomallis had knowledge that several clubs have back exits that lead out to a roof and through a metal door onto the parking lot on Custom House Avenue. Chief Chrissomallis notified Baltimore Police Department (BPD) Sergeant Pow, who was the supervisor on duty, of the anonymous tip to make him aware. Sergeant Pow agreed to have officers available on scene at 2:00am, so that a check could be conducted on the establishment. At approximately 2:00am on September 15, 2023, Chief Chrissomallis notified Detective Hazemihalis, who was working the cameras for the Central District, and asked him to position a camera to view the rear door of the establishment to see if there was any activity. At approximately 2:05am, Chief Chrissomallis received a call from Detective Hazemihalis who informed him that there was a security guard at the rear door who was allowing approximately 10 females to enter the establishment. At approximately 2:10am, Chief Chrissomallis met Sergeant Pow and a few of his officers and they made their way to the front door of the club, while 2 BPD officers positioned themselves at the rear door. Once at the front door, Chief Chrissomallis observed a security guard sitting on a stool directly inside the heavily tinted door. Chief Chrissomallis knocked on the door and the security guard opened it slightly. Chief Chrissomallis requested that the guard open the door as he wished to conduct a check on the premises. The guard asked Chief Chrissomallis to wait outside until he got the manager, and the Chief responded that no, they would not wait, and that he would enter and go find the manager himself. After a slight hesitation, the guard moved aside and allowed Chief Chrissomallis and BPD officers to enter. Once inside, Chief Chrissomallis observed approximately 40 customers and 10 dancers on the stage performing and walking around. The lights were low, a DJ was performing, and bartenders were serving customers alcoholic beverages at the bar. Chief Chrissomallis instructed the DJ to stop playing music and asked the security guards to start telling customers that the establishment was closed and they needed to exit. All parties complied with the Chief's requests. Chief Chrissomallis and a BPD officer went to the second floor which was clear of customers. Chief Chrissomallis observed approximately 15 dancers walking up the stairs to go to the dressing room. Thereafter, Chief Chrissomallis went back downstairs and the establishment was cleared of patrons and only employees were remaining. Chief Chrissomallis spoke with the licensee and informed her that the establishment must be closed by 2:00am and that under no circumstances could an after hours party take place. The licensee was cooperative during the investigation, and Chief Chrissomallis and all BPD officers left the establishment without further incident.