

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS



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REGULAR SESSION

September 4, 2024

- 1. t/a Pleasant Liquors, Gurpreet Bhinder, President, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, AJR Group, Inc., 5704 Martin Luther King Highway, Seat Pleasant, 20743. Request for a Special Sunday Sales Permit.
- **2. t/a Marlton Liquors,** Geetaben S. Patel, Member-Manager, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, Marlton Spirits, LLC, 9518 Crain Highway, Upper Marlboro, 20772. Request for a Delivery Permit. Represented by Robert Kim, Esquire.
- **3. t/a Azteca Restaurant,** Diana Odett Bedolla Hernandez, President, Secretary, Treasurer Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, NSPKH, Inc., 15101 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 101, Laurel, 20707. Request for a Special Entertainment Permit. Represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.
- **4. t/a Sonesta Select Greenbelt College Park,** Kanwal Mac Singh, Member Manager, Linda Carter, Member, Authorized Person, Class B(BH), Beer, Wine and Liquor, MAC Hotels, LLC, 6301 Golden Triangle Drive, Greenbelt, 20770. Request for a Special Entertainment Permit. Represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.
- 5. t/a Doubletree by Hilton/La Curva Bar & Grill, Natacha Lyn Saint-Firmin, Authorized Person/Member, Class B(BH), Beer, Wine and Liquor, MHI Laurel West, LLC, 15101-15107 Sweitzer Lane, Laurel, 20707. Request for a Special Entertainment Permit. Represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.
- 6. Tanetta Merritt, Authorized Person, Susan Vogel, Authorized Person, t/a La'Caj, 4531 Telfair Blvd, Camp Springs, 20746, Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor, is summonsed to show cause for an alleged violation of R.R. No. 37(E) of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County. "Change in Mode of Operation" Specifically, the establishment was having entertainment without an Entertainment Permit. "In the event a licensee decides to significantly alter the mode of operation contained in the original application approved by the Board, at the time of issuance of the license, such change must first be presented to the Board for approval. Changes in the mode of operation would include but not be limited to, entertainment, alteration of physical premises, and presentation of food, alcoholic beverages, seats, and/or physical environment both inside and outside of the licensed premises." To wit: On Wednesday, July 24, 2024, at approximately 9:15 PM, I, Inspector Kinney conducted a Routine Inspection at La'Caj, located at 4535 Telfair Blvd, Suite 109 and Suite 110, Camp Springs, MD 20746. Inspector Kinney entered La'Caj and requested to speak with the manager who was identified as Tanetta Merritt. During the inspection, it was observed that the establishment was providing entertainment (Live DJ controlling board), after 9:00 PM, without the required Special Entertainment Permit or Family Entertainment Permit as required by Rules and Regulations and provisions of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The licensee has had no previous violations in the past two years. The licensee is subject to all

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potential penalties identified in the Alcoholic Beverage Article, Rule 26 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County and any other provision(s) governing said license, which may include other violation(s) identified at the hearing.

- 7. Tanetta Merritt, Member/Authorized Person, t/a Burgers@ Apollo, 4531 Telfair Blvd Suite 108, Camp Springs, 20746, Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, is summonsed to show cause for an alleged violation of R.R. No. 37(E) of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County. "Change in Mode of Operation" Specifically, the establishment was having entertainment without an Entertainment Permit. "In the event a licensee decides to significantly alter the mode of operation contained in the original application approved by the Board, at the time of issuance of the license, such change must first be presented to the Board for approval. Changes in the mode of operation would include but not be limited to. entertainment, alteration of physical premises, and presentation of food, alcoholic beverages, seats, and/or physical environment both inside and outside of the licensed premises." To wit: On Wednesday, July 24, 2024, at approximately 9:23 PM, Inspector Kinney conducted a Routine Inspection at Burgers@Apollo, located at 4531 Telfair Blvd, Suite 108, Camp Springs, MD 20746. Inspector Kinney entered Burgers@Apollo and requested to speak with the manager who was identified as Dennis Green. During the inspection, it was observed that the establishment was providing entertainment (Karaoke), after 9:00 PM, without the required Special Entertainment Permit or Family Entertainment Permit as required by Rules and Regulations and provisions of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The licensee had one previous violation in the past two years for R.R. No.1 - Sale to Minor on July 19, 2023. The licensee is subject to all potential penalties identified in the Alcoholic Beverage Article, Rule 26 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County and any other provision(s) governing said license, which may include other violation(s) identified at the hearing.
- 8. Mozuenorinmi P. Okolie, Member-Manager, t/a Calabar Kitchen and Lounge, 3524 Crain Highway, Bowie, 20716, Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, is summonsed to show cause for non-payment of fines related to of R.R. No. 1 Sale to Minor of the Rules and Regulations of Prince George's County. To wit: On Wednesday, March 13th, 2024, at approximately 8:30 pm, two female underage police explorers, (aged 17 and 18 years old) entered Calabar Kitchen and Lounge, located at 3524 Crain Highway, Bowie Md. 20716. Once inside the establishment, the underage operatives sat at the bar and ordered two (2) Margaritas from the server. After requesting to see the underage operative's IDs, the server conferred with a second server regarding the birthdates on the identification. After a brief discussion, the server proceeded to take the order and served the margaritas to the underage operatives. The licensee is subject to all potential penalties identified in the Alcoholic Beverage Article, Rule 26 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County and any other provision(s) governing said license, which may include other violation(s) identified at the hearing.
- 9. Darnell Dinkins, Authorized Person, t/a House of Comedy and Jazz, 9430 Annapolis Road, Lanham, 20706, Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, is summonsed to show cause for non-payment of violation fines related to violation of 26-1903 A licensed holder may not provide entertainment unless authorized to do so, of the Alcoholic Beverage Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and R.R. No. 37 (E) Change in mode of operation (Having entertainment without a permit), of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County. To wit: On Saturday, March 23, 2024, at approximately 9:15 pm, Liquor Inspector Clinkscale of the Board of License Commissioners, entered the House of Comedy and Jazz, located at 9430 Annapolis Road, Lanham, MD, to conduct an Entertainment Inspection. The inspection was generated from an anonymous tip that this establishment was providing entertainment

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without a permit. The licensee is subject to all potential penalties identified in the Alcoholic Beverage Article, Rule 26 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County and any other provision(s) governing said license, which may include other violation(s) identified at the hearing.

- 10. Dandy Chukwuezi, Managing Member, t/a Base Restaurant, 5451 Annapolis Road, Hyattsville, 20710, Class B(DD), Beer, Wine and Liquor, is summonsed to show cause for an alleged violation of Section 26-208 of the Alcoholic Beverage Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and R.R No. 26 B (7) & (14) The Board may suspend or revoke any license issued under the provision of the Alcoholic Beverage Article of the annotated Code of Maryland for any action(s) which, in the judgment of the Board, does not promote the peace and safety of the community in which the business is situated. Such action(s) include but are not limited to (7) Repetitive disturbances or disorders occurring on or about the licensed premises. (14) The commission of any act by the licensee, his/her agents, or employees that constitutes a danger to the peace and safety of the neighborhood. To wit: On or about the following dates, July 22, 2023, June 10, 2024, July 7, 2024, and other dates throughout both years, the Prince George's County Police responded to the Base Restaurant, located at 5451 Annapolis Road, Hyattsville, MD 20710, for assault calls for service, shooting calls for service and other calls for service totaling approximately 42 calls for service. One shooting resulted with a bullet entering the wall of a private home. On another occasion, an altercation started inside the establishment, spilled over into the parking lot, and resulted with a female patron being shot. For these reasons, the licensee is being summoned regarding danger to the peace and safety to the community. The licensee is subject to all potential penalties identified in the Alcoholic Beverage Article, Rule 26 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County and any other provision(s) governing said license, which may include other violation(s) identified at the hearing. Represented by G. Emeka Onwezi, Esquire.
- 11. Jamil Jamaldinia, Managing Member, Mynor Hernandez, Managing Member, t/a The Greene Turtle, 15914 Crain Highway, Unit A, Brandywine, 20613, Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor, is summonsed to show cause for an alleged violation of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County R.R. No. 1 – Sales to Or Possession by Underage Persons and R.R. No. 32 – Inspections: Uncooperative. To wit: On Thursday, July 25, 2024, at approximately 9:55 PM, Inspector Clinkscale, Inspector Kinney, and an 18-year-old underage operative (D.O.B. 05/10/2006) from the Prince Georges County Summer Youth Program conducted an Underage Compliance Inspection at the Greene Turtle, located at 15914 Crain Highway #A, Brandywine, Maryland 20613. Inspector Kinney and the underage operative entered Greene Turtle and took a seat at the bar. Once seated, the underage operative ordered a glass of Strawberry Mojito. The bartender, Sharif Holt, proceeded to make and furnish the drink to the underage patron without asking for or checking her identification. The sale to the underage operative, witnessed by Inspector Kinney, was in direct violation of Section 6-304 and 26-2707 of the Alcoholic Beverage Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and Rule and Regulation #1: Sale to or Possession of Underage Person- A. a licensee or any of his/her employees or agents, may not sell, serve or furnish or allow the consumption or possession of any alcoholic beverages at any time to any person under the age of 21. Additionally, the manager (Ashley Hunter) became rude and uncooperative, as she refused to provide the Inspectors with a to-go cup needed to confiscate the evidence and refused the request by the Inspectors to take the glass used to serve the underage operative. Ms. Hunter was informed that she was in direct violation of R.R. No. 32 - Inspections: All license holders, their agents, and employees, must cooperate with representatives of the Board of License Commissioners, members of the Police Department,

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Fire Authorities, Health Department, Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement, Grand Jury, and representatives of other authorized agencies whenever any of these persons are on the licensed premises on official business and shall comply with any reasonable order of such authorities or other public authority designed to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the public at large. The licensee has had no previous violations in the past two years. The licensee is subject to all potential penalties identified in the Alcoholic Beverage Article, Rule 26 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County and any other provision(s) governing said license, which may include other violation(s) identified at the hearing. Represented by Robert Kim, Esquire.

A virtual hearing will be held via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 4, 2024. If you would like to attend, the link to the virtual hearing will be available one week prior on the BOLC's website at http://bolc.mypgc.us or you may email BLC@co.pg.md.us to request the link. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Board's Office at 301-583-9980.

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Attest: Terence Sheppard Director September 3, 2024