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November 27, 2023

The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
Attn: Executive Secretary  
Room 409, City Hall  
100 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Resolution 23-0192R – Approval for the Exchange of a Class B-D-7 License to a Class A-7 License for Use at 1000 W. Lombard Street, 21223

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Resolution 23-0192R for form and legal sufficiency. The resolution would provide the required approval under Section 12-902.1(d)(1) of the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Maryland Code to allow a holder of a valid Class B-D-7 beer, wine and liquor license to apply to the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City (“Liquor Board”) to exchange that license for a Class A-7 beer, wine and liquor license for use at 1000 W. Lombard Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21223. The applicable section of the MD Code applies to any holder whose Class B-D-7 liquor license was valid as of July 1, 2018, provided that the business is not in the 43<sup>rd</sup> state legislative district. Once the liquor license holder receives approval by the City Council Resolution, the licensee can then demonstrate to the Liquor Board that it meets the criteria for the license exchange. Since this business does not appear to be in the 43<sup>rd</sup> state legislative district, the Law Department can approve the resolution for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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