



**Committee: Economic and Community Development**

**City Council Resolution 21-0066R**

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**Approval for the Exchange of a Class B-D-7 License to a Class A-7 License –  
1609 Laurens Street**

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**Sponsor:** *Councilmember Bullock*

**Introduced:** *October 4, 2021*

**Purpose:**

For the purpose of providing the required approval under Md. Code Ann., Alc. Bev. § 12-902.1(d)(1) to allow the license holder holding a valid Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License issued for use at 1609 Laurens Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21217 to apply to the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City to exchange their Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License for a Class A-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License.

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**AGENCY REPORTS**

City Solicitor	
Board of Liquor License Commissioners	
Police Department	No Objection
Health Department	
Department of Transportation	
Department of Finance	Not Opposed

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## **Analysis**

If approved, City Council Resolution 21-0066R would grant the holder of a Class B-D-7 BWL license issued for use at 1609 Laurens Street, authority to apply to the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for a Class A-7 BWL license.

### **Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City**

The State of Maryland grants the Board authority to issue beer, wine and liquor licenses (BWL). In its deliberations, the Board determines whether a license is reasonably necessary for the convenience of the public. The Board also considers the number of beer, wine, and liquor outlets in a given area and the number of days the outlets are open, rather than the nature of the outlets.

### **Exchange of Class B-D-7 License**

Section 12-902.1(d)(1) of the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland authorizes a license holder of a valid Class B-D-7 BWL license issued on or before July 1, 2018, to apply to the Board to exchange the license for a Class A-7 BWL license if the license holder first obtains approval by resolution of the Baltimore City Council. The Board may not issue a Class A-7 BWL license on or after July 1, 2022.

### **Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine and Liquor License**

The Class B-D-7 beer, wine and liquor license holder is authorized to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail at the place described in the license, for on- and off-premises consumption.

The hours of operation for Class B-D-7 license holders are 9 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. The annual license fee is \$1,320.

### **Class A-7 Beer, Wine and Liquor License**

The Class A-7 beer, wine and liquor license holder is authorized to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail at the place described in the license, for off-premises consumption.

The hours of operation for Class A-7 license holders are Monday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. midnight. The annual license fee is \$1,500.

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## Additional Information

**Fiscal Note:** Not Available

**Information Source(s):** Resolution 21-0066R; Annotated Code of Maryland, Alcoholic Beverage Article, Division II, Title 12, Agency Reports; Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners – License Detail Sheet.

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