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**The Honorable Eric T. Costello
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PUBLIC HEARING

**TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2024
10:10 AM**

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Council Resolution #24-0221R

**Approval for the Exchange of a Class B-D-7 License to a
Class A-7 License for Use at 3601 Elm Avenue, 21211**

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BILL SYNOPSIS

Committee: Ways and Means

Resolution: 24-0221R

Approval for the Exchange of a Class B-D-7 License to a Class A-7 License for Use at 3601 Elm Avenue, 21211

Sponsor: Councilmember Ramos at the request of Wells Enterprises
Introduced: June 10, 2024

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 3601 Elm Avenue, 21211 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.

Effective: Upon enactment.

Agency Reports

Law Department	None as of this writing
Department of Transportation	None as of this writing
Board of Liquor License Commissioners	None as of this writing
Health Department	None as of this writing
Police Department	None as of this writing

Analysis

Current Law

Maryland Annotated Code – Alcohol Beverages, outlines the rules, regulations and etc., for the exchange of Liquor Licenses.

Background

The Maryland Annotated Code under Alcoholic Beverages allows a license holder who holds a valid Class B-D-7 beer, wine, and liquor license issue on or before July 1, 2018 to apply to the Board of Liquor License Commissioners to exchange the license for a Class A-7 license if the license holder first obtains approval by Resolution of the Baltimore City Council.

24-0221R is the Resolution necessary to allow for the exchange of the Liquor License for the establishment located at 3601 Elm Avenue, zip code 21211.

If the Resolution is enacted, the establishment may sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail for off-premises consumption from 10:00 am to midnight, seven (7) days per week.¹

Additional Information

Fiscal Note: None

Information Source(s): Maryland Annotated Code, Resolution 24-0221R and all agency reports received as of this writing.

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Analysis Date: June 28, 2024

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¹ See MD. CODE ANN. ALC. BEV. § § 12-902.1(c) and (e).

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AGENCY REPORT(S)

None received as of this writing

CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 24-0221R
(Resolution)

Introduced by: Councilmember Ramos
At the request of: Wells Enterprises, LLC
Address: c/o Caroline L. Hecker, Esquire
25 S. Charles Street, 21st Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21201
Telephone: (410) 727-6600
Introduced and read first time: June 10, 2024
Assigned to: Ways and Means Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Transportation, Board of Liquor License Commissioners, Health Department, Police Department

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Approval for the Exchange of a Class B-D-7 License**
3 **to a Class A-7 License for Use at 3601 Elm Avenue, 21211**

4 FOR the purpose of providing the required approval under Md. Code Ann., Alc. Bev.
5 § 12-902.1(d)(1) to allow the license holder holding a valid Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine, and
6 Liquor License issued for use at 3601Elm Avenue, 21211 to apply to the Board of Liquor
7 License Commissioners for Baltimore City to exchange their Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine, and
8 Liquor License for a Class A-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License.

9 **Recitals**

10 Under Md. Code Ann., Alc. Bev. § 12-902.1(d)(1), a City Council resolution is required to
11 allow a current holder of a valid Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License issued on or before
12 July 1, 2018, to apply to the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City (the
13 “Board”) to exchange their Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License for a Class A-7 Beer,
14 Wine, and Liquor License.

15 The Class A-7 License authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail at
16 the place described in the license for off-premise consumption. The holder of a Class A-7
17 License may sell beer, wine, and liquor on Monday through Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to midnight.

18 The license holder wishes to apply to the Board to exchange the Class B-D-7 License issued
19 for use at 3601Elm Avenue, 21211. Accordingly, representatives of the license holder have
20 applied to the Baltimore City Council for approval of the exchange.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the City
2 Council authorizes, by and through this resolution, that the current holder of a Class B-D-7 Beer,
3 Wine, and Liquor License located at 3601Elm Avenue, 21211, may apply to the Board of Liquor
4 License Commissioners for Baltimore City (the “Board”) to exchange its Class B-D-7 Beer,
5 Wine, and Liquor License for a Class A-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License and may be afforded
6 all the privileges and responsibilities of that license class and type under the Alcoholic Beverages
7 Article for the State of Maryland.

8 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Executive
9 Secretary of the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City.