



**BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY
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On behalf of the Citizens of Baltimore City, the Committee on Economic and Community Development (ECD) is responsible for supporting strong thriving communities ECD will review proposed zoning and land use changes, tackle issues related to economic development, oversee housing policy, and promote equitable economic opportunity for all Baltimore residents.

The Honorable Sharon Green Middleton

PUBLIC HEARING

March 9, 2021

2:00 PM

Virtual Webex Meeting

City Council Resolution #21-0013R

**Approval for the Exchange of a Class B-D-7 License to a Class A-7 License -
1220 W. North Avenue**

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Committee: Economic and Community Development

City Council Resolution 21-0013R

**Approval for the Exchange of a Class B-D-7 License to a Class A-7 License –
1220 W. North Avenue**

Sponsor: *Councilmember Torrence*

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 1220 W. North Avenue, 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.

Effective Date: Date of Enactment

AGENCY REPORTS

City Solicitor	Favorable
Board of Liquor License Commissioners	
Police Department	
Health Department	
Department of Transportation	
Department of Finance	Not Opposed

Analysis

If approved, City Council Resolution 21-0013R would grant **Bacchus Bar & Liquors, Inc.**, the holder of a Class B-D-7 BWL license issued for use at **1220 North Avenue**, authority to apply to the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for a Class A-7 BWL license. Attached is a **License Detail Report** from the Board for the grant holder.

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 10 p.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 midnight. The annual license fee is \$1,500.

Additional Information

Fiscal Note: Not Available

Information Source(s): Resolution 21-0013R; Annotated Code of Maryland, Alcoholic Beverage Article, Division II, Title 12, Agency Reports

Analysis by: Jennifer L. Coates

Direct Inquiries to: (410) 396-1260

Analysis Date: March 3, 2021



Liquor Board System

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License Detail

Close the License

Print License

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License Info

License Num: **LBD7 307**

Cert Num: **0745**

Fee: **\$1,320.00**

Status: **Renewed**

License Date: **5/1/2020**

License Year: **2020**

CR Number: **12153785**

Payment Date: ********

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2020 Trader's License

Update Info

Click to Start License Renewal

Add Adult Entertainment License

Add New Adult Entertainment License

Location

Corp Name: **BACCHUS BAR & LIQUORS, INC.**

Trade Name: **BACCHUS BAR & LIQUORS**

Zone Code: 19

Phone: **410-669-5351**

Block Num: **1220**

City: **BALTIMORE**

Street: **NORTH AVENUE WEST**

State: **MD**

Zip: **21217**

CR Number: **12153785**

Portion of Business Used:

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Restriction:

Edit the License Location Info

Alternate Mailing Address

License Owners

First Name	Last Name	Street	City	State	Zip	Action	Change Owner
SEON JOO	LEE S.S.	12077 SAND HILL MANOR DRIVE	MARRIOTTSVILLE	MD	21105	Edit	Remove Owner

Comments

Date	Comment	Action

02/24/2020	Mailed letter of recognition for underage drinking compliance check on 2/18/2020 /kk	Delete
11/25/2019	Mailed letter of recognition for underage drinking compliance check on 11/12/19 /kk	Delete
12/14/2018	Mailed letter of recognition for underage drinking compliance check on 12/12/18 /kk	Delete
09/28/2018	Mailed letter of recognition on 9/28/18 for underage drinking compliance check on 9/25/18 /kk	Delete
03/01/2018	Mailed letter of recognition for underage drinking compliance check on 1/16/2018 /kk	Delete
11/03/2017	09/28/17 Public Hearing Re: Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(iii) and Rule 3.09(b) GUILTY (3-0 VOTE), Rule 4.20(c)(ii). GUILTY (3-0 VOTE); Rule 4.20(c)(ii) – Fined \$375 + Rule 3.09(b) – Fined \$375.00 + \$125 admin fee = \$875.00 Total Fine. PAID at hearing.... /sb	Delete
09/29/2017	PAID IN FULL - Violation Hearing dated September 28, 2017; Invoice #7566.... /sb	Delete
08/01/2017	7/27/17- Violation of Rule 4.20 (c)(ii)- Open and Operating tavern at all times & Violation of Rule 3.09(b) - Restroom Facilities and Health Regulations- POSTPONED	Delete
07/12/2017	Application to covert current Class "BD7" BWL license to a Class "A" BWL license filed on behalf of Bacchus Bar & Liquors, Inc. T/a Bacchus Bar & Liquors, Seon Joo Lee on 6/26/17 /kk	Delete
04/26/2016	Licensee brought another check written out correctly new check #6954.... /sb	Delete
04/22/2016	Spoke with Seon Joo Lee on the phone and explain check #6945 was spelled out incorrectly, she will come back down to office on Monday, 04/25/16.... /sb	Delete
04/17/2015	PAID \$1,125.00 FOR HEARING DATED ON 10/02/14..... /sb	Delete
03/25/2015	PAST DUE LETTER SENT TO MERCHANT TO RECOVER AMOUNT OF \$1,125.00...../sb	Delete
03/12/2015	MERCHANT OWES LIQUOR BOARD \$1375.00 FOR HEARING ON 10/02/14.	Delete
10/15/2014	10/2/14 Public Hearing re: Violation of Rule 5.03(c) GUILTY \$250 Violation of Rule 3.02 (Cooperation) GUILTY \$250 Violation of Rule 3.06 (Sanitation and Safety) GUILTY \$250 Violation of Rule 5.03 (a) GUILTY \$250 (\$1000 Fine + \$125 admin fee \$1250 Fine 1 MONTH SUSPENSION to start 10/10/14) 30 days to pay	Delete
11/30/2009	11/24/09 \$100 COMPLIANCE CONF.PAID IN FULL #70430	Delete
03/16/2009	03/16/09 \$3000 FINE PAID IN FULL \$66064	Delete
03/13/2009	03/12/09 Public hearing re: Violation of rules 4.01(a) & rule 4.18. DECISION: RULE 4.01(a) GUILTY \$3000, WAIVED ADM.FEE = \$3000	Delete
11/14/2008	07/18/08 \$2250 FINE PAID IN FULL #64489	Delete
11/14/2008	06/19/08 Public Hearing re: Violation of rule 4.01(a) DECISION: GUILTY \$3000/SUSPENDE \$750,\$125 ADM.FEE WAIVED.FINE \$2250	Delete
02/19/2008	02/19/08 FINE \$2375 PAID IN FULL #62009	Delete
01/14/2008	01/10/08 Public Hearing re: Violation of rule 4.01(a)and rule 3.02 DECISION: rule 4.01(A)GUILTY \$3000/SUSPENDE \$750 & RULE 3.02 GUILTY \$500 + \$125 ADM.FEE = \$2375	Delete

[Print History \(Print Card\)](#)

License num: LBD7 307 Address: 1220 NORTH AVENUE WEST
Trade Name: BACCHUS BAR & LIQUORS

Comment:

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**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 21-0013R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Torrence
Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2021
Assigned to: Economic and Community Development Committee

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

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Approval for the Exchange of a Class B-D-7 License to a**
3 **Class A-7 License – 1220 W. North Avenue**

4 FOR the purpose of providing the required approval under Md. Code Ann., Alc. Bev. § 12-
5 902.1(d)(1) to allow the license holder holding a valid Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor
6 License issued for use at 1220 W. North Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21217 to apply to the
7 Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City to exchange their Class B-D-7
8 Beer, Wine, and 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 1220 W. North Avenue for a Class A-7 License. Accordingly, representatives of the
20 license holder have applied to the Baltimore City Council for approval of the exchange.

21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the City
22 Council authorizes, by and through this resolution, that the current holder of a Class B-D-7 Beer,
23 Wine, and Liquor License located at 1220 W. North Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21217, may
24 apply to the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City (the “Board”) to
25 exchange its Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License for a Class A-7 Beer, Wine, and
26 Liquor License and may be afforded all the privileges and responsibilities of that license class
27 and type under the Alcoholic Beverages Article for the State of Maryland.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

Council Bill 21-0013R

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

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

City Council Resolution 21-0013R

AGENCY REPORTS

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City Solicitor	Favorable
Board of Liquor License Commissioners	
Police Department	
Health Department	
Department of Transportation	
Department of Finance	Not Opposed

CITY OF BALTIMORE

BRANDON M. SCOTT
Mayor



DEPARTMENT OF LAW

JAMES L. SHEA
100 N. HOLLIDAY STREET
SUITE 101, CITY HALL
BALTIMORE, MD 21202

March 5, 2021

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

Re: City Council Bill 20-0013R – Approval for the Exchange of a Class B-D-7 License
to a Class A-7 License – 1220 W. North Avenue.

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 21-0013R for form and legal sufficiency. The bill provides the required approval under Md. Code Ann., Alc. Bev. § 12-902.1(c)(4) to allow the license holder holding a valid Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License issued for use at 1220 North Ave., 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.

The Md. Ann. Code Alcoholic Beverages Art. Sec. 12-902.1 allows a license holder who holds a valid Class B-D-7 beer, wine, and liquor license issued on or before July 1, 2018, to apply to the Board to exchange the license for a Class A-7 license if the license holder first obtains approval by resolution of the Baltimore City Council.

This resolution complies with the State law. The Law Department is prepared to approve it for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elena DiPietro".

Elena R. DiPietro
Chief Solicitor

cc: James L. Shea, City Solicitor
Nina Themelis, Mayor's Legislative Liaison
Nikki Thompson, President's Legislative Director

Natawna Austin
Hilary Ruley, Chief Solicitor
Ashlea Brown, Special Solicitor
Victor Tervalo, Chief Solicitor
Avery Aisenstark

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FROM	NAME & TITLE	Robert Cename, Chief	CITY of BALTIMORE MEMO	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Bureau of the Budget and Management Research Room 432, City Hall (410) 396-4774		
	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 21-0013R—Approval for the Exchange of a Class B-D-7 License to Class A-7 License-1220 W. North Avenue		

TO

DATE:

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400

March 5, 2021

Position: Does Not Oppose

The Department of Finance is herein reporting on City Council Bill 21-0013R, the purpose of which is to approve the exchange of a Class B-D-7 License to a Class A-7 License for 1220 W. North Avenue.

Background

The passage of Senate Bill 519, Baltimore City-Alcoholic Beverages-Class A-7 License, in the 2018 Maryland General Assembly session authorized the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners to issue a Class A-7 license. A Class A-7 License authorizes the sale of beer, wine, and liquor from 9:00am to 10:00pm Monday through Sunday and prohibits on-site consumption. The current license for 1220 W. North Avenue, Class B-D-7, authorizes the sale of beer, wine, and liquor for on- and off-premises consumption from 6:00am to 2:00am.

Fiscal Impact

The annual license fee for an A-7 license is \$1,500, compared to \$1,320 for a Class B-D-7 License. The City will receive an additional \$180 from this license change. While the license change reduces hours of operation, the City does not receive sales revenue from these purchases.

Conclusion

This bill approves the exchange of a Class B-D-7 License to a Class A-7 License for 1220 W. North Avenue, as authorized by the Maryland General Assembly. There is minimal fiscal impact of this license change.

For the reasons stated above, the Department of Finance does not oppose City Council Bill 21-0013R.

cc: Henry Raymond
Natasha Mehu
Nina Themelis