

**BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS
CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND
MINUTES**

On December 12, 2018, the Board of License Commissioners met in Room 003/004 of the Carroll County Office Building, 225 North Center Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157. Board members David Brauning, Chair; George Harmening and George Barnhart were present as well as Jo Vance, Administrative Hearings Coordinator; Assistant County Attorney Timothy Dixon, Counsel to the Board; Keith Benfer, Senior Liquor Inspector; and Adam Reid, Liquor Inspector.

10:00 a.m. the Board addressed the following official business:

1. **The Board proceeded to hold their Business Meeting at this time:** The Board approved the minutes from the November 14, 2018 meeting upon a motion by George Harmening and seconded by George Barnhart. The Board was informed that the restaurant Arigato 2 in Eldersburg has gone out of business. A letter from O’Lordan’s restaurant stating a change in their operating hours for Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve was review by the Board. Mr. Benfer and Mr. Reid shared a report with the Board explaining the age compliance checks and the percentage drop of violations in the past year. The Board questioned why no compliance checks had yet been done at Merritt Athletic Club. Mr. Benfer explained that he has not been able to get the passes from them as promised. The Board stated that if Mr. Benfer could not get the passes in his next conversation with them that the Board would require them to attend a meeting to explain why they have not yet complied with that requirement. George Barnhart thanked the inspectors on a job well done on compliance checks. Mr. Brauning then briefly went over the proposed legislation that will be presented to the County Commissioners this week. After discussion, George Barnhart made a motion to approve the proposed legislation as presented. Mr. Harmening seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to approve. Dave Johansson appeared to explain to the Board that he will be remodeling the restaurant in July and during the remodel the restaurant will be completely closed for a few days, and then open only in the evening on other days. He will send a letter with the details and plans for the Board’s review before the remodeling takes place. At this time the Board revisited the changes proposed for the Rules and Regulations. Upon a motion by George Barnhart and seconded by George Harmening, the board voted to approve the changes as presented pending approval from the County Commissioners. Since the new legislation, if passed, will not take effect until July, it was decided by the Board not to print out the new books until that time. However, the new Rules and Regulations will be posted on the website and will be emailed to all establishments.

At this time, there being no further business, upon a motion by George Barnhart and seconded by George Harmening, and a unanimous vote, Mr. Brauning adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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