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May 22nd, 2012

Mr. David Tanner
Executive Director
Baltimore City
Board of Municipal & Zoning Appeals
417 E Fayette St #1432
Baltimore, MD 21202

Mr. Tanner:

This letter is in support of Mr. Clark J. Hudak, Jr. & Mr. Antoine Pettaway's (The Hill, 1015 – 1019 S. Charles Street) application for a live entertainment zoning variance. We recently met with Mr. Hudak and Mr. Pettaway to discuss their original live entertainment application and subsequent BMZA approval. Mr. Hudak and Mr. Pettaway work with our Board members to come to an agreement that is consistent with our neighborhood association's Live Entertainment Acceptable Guidelines document (see attached).

Specifically, Mr. Hudak and Mr. Pettaway have agreed to only conduct live entertainment during the following days / times:

- Fridays, 5:00pm – 1:00am;
- Saturdays, 5:00pm – 1:00am; and
- Mondays, 5:00pm – 11:00pm.

In addition, Mr. Hudak and Mr. Pettaway have agreed to all of the conditions found on the attachment to this letter. As such, the Federal Hill Neighborhood Association's Board unanimously supports the Hill's application for live entertainment with the conditions stated above and in the attached document. In addition, I will be attending their Liquor License Board hearing on May 24th, 2012, to testify on their behalf, with the above conditions and attached condition.

We believe Mr. Hudak and Mr. Pettaway epitomize the type of establishment that we want to work with in Federal Hill. Their establishment is truly a gem in our neighborhood, and we are excited to continue to work with them in a manner that is conducive to a successful neighborhood for both residents and businesses.

Sincerely,

Eric Costello
Vice President, FHNA

cc: Lamberto Camacho, FHNA, Former Treasurer
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Attachment: Federal Hill Neighborhood Association Live Entertainment Acceptable Guidelines



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**Federal Hill Neighbor Association
Live Entertainment Acceptable Criteria**

1- History of the Establishment: The establishment should not have a history of repeat violations of applicable Liquor or Zoning laws, or previous suspensions of a Liquor License. In addition, any establishment applying for live entertainment should have had a liquor license for at least two (2) years prior to applying, in order to demonstrate that such a history does not exist.

2- Hours and Days: The business must close its doors at 2:00 AM with no extended hours of operation under any circumstances. Live entertainment should be limited to three (3) specified days per week (at the discretion of the establishment). It is not to take place outside of the following hours on the following days: 5:00pm – 11pm on Monday through Thursday; 5:00pm – 1:00am on Friday and Saturday; and 9:00am – 6:00pm on Sunday, to ensure local businesses are not adversely affected and to facilitate the removal of the entertainers and their equipment well before closing and the dispersal of customers from the area at closing.

3- Sound Levels: All live entertainment may not exceed sound levels specified in the Baltimore City Health Code. In addition, in circumstances in which any amplification is used in conjunction with live entertainment, all windows and doors must be shut.

4- Parking Plan: As required by the Baltimore City Zoning Code, the applicant should identify how it plans to maintain or decrease the parking load on the neighborhood. Specifically, the application should provide for the development and maintenance of such a plan.

5- Neighborhood Relations: Any applicant agrees to provide the neighborhood association ample notice of (at least three weeks), and a copy of its application to ensure it meets the criteria set here. If ample notice is not provided, the neighborhood will formally request the Zoning Board postpone a hearing until ample notification is provided. In addition, FHNA agrees to conduct future negotiations in good faith to determine if an amendment to the variance will be supported by FHNA, provided the establishment has a variance that has been in place for at least one (1) year and no violations have occurred. This in no way indicates that FHNA will support an amendment, only that it will have good faith discussions with the establishment.