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July 20, 2021 – ELLICOTT CITY. The Howard County Board of License Commissioners (“Liquor Board”) met on Wednesday, July 14 to consider various rule changes, including those required to continue alcoholic beverage carry-out and delivery programs. The Liquor Board unanimously approved a continuation of these opportunities for at least the next two years.

David Yungmann, District 5 Councilmember and Liquor Board Chair, commented that “Consumers and businesses want the delivery and carry-out of alcoholic beverages to continue beyond the pandemic, so I am pleased our Board has approved these new rules in response to that market demand.”

These programs were created last year via the Governor’s state of emergency as a way for restaurants and taverns to generate income during the COVID-related closures and limited seating capacity. Earlier this year, the state legislature approved legislation to allow a continuation of these opportunities. Pursuant to state law, some of these provisions will sunset in two years. The carry out provision will be permanent for Class B Restaurants and Hotels pursuant to a bill approved by our Howard County delegation. The updated rules can be found at [this link](#) on the County Council website.

"Throughout this pandemic, we've seen our businesses adapt and shift on a dime to make their services safer and more accessible," said Howard County Executive Calvin Ball. "Businesses in Howard County approached the temporary changes responsibly and we're pleased that this permanent change will provide additional opportunities for restaurants and other establishments to thrive."