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**City Sends Notice of Padlock Hearing to Linden Bar and Liquors,  
Jimmy's Carryout**  
*City will attempt to close problem establishments In Reservoir Hill*

Baltimore, MD (July 30, 2008) – The Baltimore City Police Department, working with the Department of Housing, has sent the owners of Jimmy's Carryout and Linden Bar and Liquors notice of a hearing to determine whether those establishments should be padlocked in the wake of a rash of criminal activity there.

“The owners of Linden Liquors have been allowing drug activity in and around their stores for too long,” said Mayor Sheila Dixon. “It is time for them to close, and allow the neighborhood to move forward.”

Over the past 18 months, more than 17 incidents of violence or drug activity have been logged by police at one or the other location. After a thorough analysis by the Housing Commissioner, Police Commissioner and State's Attorney, it was determined that Linden Bar and Jimmy's Carryout fit the definition of a public nuisance and should be closed. Baltimore City public nuisance laws allow the Police Department to close establishments that present a consistent threat to the safety and security of a neighborhood.

“Linden Liquors is a catalyst for violence,” said Police Commissioner Fred Bealefeld. “We can keep sending police cars there every night, but to really make the neighborhood safer, we need to close these places down.”

"I applaud Commissioner Bielefeld's efforts to use tough enforcement measures to crack down on irresponsible and dangerous liquor establishments that refuse to abide by City liquor laws and regulations," said City Council President Stephanie Rawlings Blake.

“These two establishments have been a major obstacle for this neighborhood,” said Councilman William Cole. “The Mayor and her commissioners did the right thing by acting quickly to close the businesses down.”

The hearing for Linden Liquors is scheduled for August 13<sup>th</sup>, for Jimmy's Carryout the hearing will take place September 9<sup>th</sup>.

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