

**THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD**

In the Matter of:

African Kitchen, LLC
t/a Open Crumb

Applicant for a New
Retailer's Class CR License

at premises
822 H Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002

License No.: ABRA-134513
Order No.: 2026-287

African Kitchen, LLC, t/a Open Crumb, Applicant

Jeff Giertz, Commissioner, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A

BEFORE: Donovan Anderson, Chairperson
Silas Grant, Jr., Member
Teri Janine Quinn, Member
Ryan Jones, Member
David Meadows, Member

ORDER ON SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

The official records of the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board (Board) reflect that African Kitchen, LLC, t/a Open Crumb (Applicant), and ANC 6A have entered into a Settlement Agreement (Agreement), dated February 5, 2026, that governs the operations of the Applicant's establishment.

The Agreement has been reduced to writing and has been properly executed and filed with the Board. The Applicant and Commissioner Jeff Giertz, on behalf of ANC 6A, are signatories to the Agreement.

Accordingly, it is this 25th day of March 2026, **ORDERED** that:

1. The above-referenced Settlement Agreement submitted by the parties to govern the operations of the Applicant's establishment is **APPROVED** and **INCORPORATED** as part of this Order, except for the following modification:

Subsection 2.2.5 (Public Safety) – This Subsection shall be removed.

The parties have agreed to this modification.

2. Copies of this Order shall be sent to the Parties.

District of Columbia
Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board

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Donovan Anderson, Chairperson



Silas Grant, Jr., Member

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Ryan Jones, Member



David Meadows, Member

Any party adversely affected may file a Motion for Reconsideration of this decision or other motion permitted by law within ten days of service of this Order. If a motion is filed, the opposing party may file a response within seven days. If a response is filed, the movant may file a reply within three days. All filings should be served on all parties to the matter and delivered to the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration, 899 North Capitol Street, N.E., Suite 4200-B, Washington, D.C. 20002, or sent by email to abca.legal@dc.gov. Parties are further advised that the failure to properly serve the other parties or to present all matters of record that have allegedly been erroneously decided in a motion for reconsideration may result in the waiver of those matters being considered by the Board. The Board also reserves the right to summarily deny or not consider multiple and repetitive motions.

In addition to filing a Motion for Reconsideration, pursuant to § 11 of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, Pub. L. 90-614, 82 Stat. 1209, D.C. Official Code § 2-510 (2001), and Rule 15 of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, a party that is adversely affected may have the right to appeal this Order by filing a petition for review, within 30 days of the date of service of this Order, with the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, located at 430 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001. Parties are advised that the timely filing of a Motion for

Reconsideration stays the time for filing a petition for review in the District of Columbia Court of Appeals until the Board rules on the motion. *See* D.C. App. Rule 15(b) (2004).

Parties are also advised that the Superior Court of the District of Columbia may have jurisdiction to hear appeals in non-contested cases or in matters where that court is specifically provided jurisdiction by law. Finally, advisory neighborhood commissions (ANCs) are advised that their right to appeal or challenge a decision of the Board may be limited by the laws governing ANCs. *See e.g.*, D.C. Code § 1-309.10(g).



Made this 5th day of February, 2026
by and between

Africa Kitchen, LLC dba Open Crumb (ABCA – 134513)
822 H St NE, Washington, DC 20002

and Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

Witnessed

Through this Settlement Agreement, both parties aim to create an environment whereby the applicant may operate as a viable contributing business to the Near Northeast community, while curtailing any adverse effects the business could have on the surrounding neighborhood. The Applicant is encouraged to work regularly with the ANC, neighborhood associations, and residents to ensure the business operations do not adversely affect the surrounding neighborhood. All parties believe the statements and provisions contained in this agreement are reasonable and must become integrated into the day-to-day operations of the establishment.

The Applicant's premises is within the boundaries of ANC 6A. The parties desire to enter into an agreement regarding the issuance, renewal, or modification of a Retailer's Class "A" or Class "B" Liquor License, including any special endorsements. The parties wish to state their mutual commitment to neighborhood peace, safety, and equity. Both parties recognize the importance of commercial districts and limited commercial operations within residential districts and of adjacent neighborhoods that are safe, clean, and pedestrian-friendly.

The Parties Agree As Follows:

1. **As Required by District of Columbia Law:** Listed for informational purposes only:
 - 1.1. **Public Space:** Applicant shall not allow parking on sidewalks or in RPP or other restricted zones and not locate trash bins, chairs, tables, or other items on public space without a public space permit.
 - 1.2. **Alcohol and Other Controlled Substances:** Applicant shall comply with all laws related to production, sales, distribution, and use of alcohol and other controlled substances.
 - 1.3. **Written Notification (24 Hours):** As required by Section 5604.4 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, the establishment will provide to the ABCA and Law Enforcement Written Notice, within 24 hours of discovery of evidence of the following 'triggering events:' (1) any alarm activation; (2) any other event which requires public safety response; (3) any breach of security; (4) the failure of the security alarm system due to loss of electrical support or mechanical support; (5) fire; (6) any incident involving hazardous material; and (7) any incident that requires an emergency response.
 - 1.4. **Noise:** Applicant shall comply with [DC Code § 25-725: Noise from licensed premises](#), including that the Applicant "shall not produce any sound, noise, or music of such intensity that it may be heard in any premises other than the licensed establishment".

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2. As Required by ANC 6A:

2.1. Noise and Odor Mitigation: Applicant shall:

- 2.1.1. Ensure that smoke or smells are not of such intensity that it is detectable in any premises other than the licensed establishment.
- 2.1.2. Monitor outdoors areas to ensure guests do not raise their voices above normal speaking tones, enclose the entire perimeter of a summer garden and/or sidewalk cafe with a fence or other barrier, and not offer any type of entertainment or pre-recorded music outdoors.
- 2.1.3. Close sidewalk cafes and/or summer gardens by 11:00pm Sunday through Thursday evenings and by 12:00am on Friday and Saturday evenings. Sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages must end at that time and the patio must be cleared of all patrons and staff.

2.2. Public Safety: Applicant shall:

- 2.2.1. Make every reasonable effort to prohibit and prevent crime and patron rowdiness, including refusing admission/service to rowdy and/or unruly persons.
- 2.2.2. Call appropriate emergency services if Applicant observes illegal or dangerous activity or situations.
- 2.2.3. Keep a written record of dates and times (a "call log") when the Applicant calls emergency services for assistance;
- 2.2.4. Maintain a detailed incident log. An incident is defined as any activity by patrons of the establishment that lead to acts of violence or damage to property. Each incident will contain the date, time, and location of each incident with a concise summary. Guests and staff involved or witnesses of the incident will be identified and listed. If there is a medical or police response, that information will also be noted.
- 2.2.5. Maintain and make available to the ANC, upon request, a comprehensive security plan.

2.3. Sanitation: Applicant shall:

- 2.3.1. Maintain public space (minimally the front sidewalk up to and including the gutter in front of the subject premises, and the alleyway behind or on the side of the subject premises) adjacent to the establishment in a clean and litter-free condition.
- 2.3.2. Pick up trash and recycling a minimum of twice daily, once before business hours and after closing.
- 2.3.3. Maintain regular trash, garbage, and recycling removal service; regularly remove trash and recycling from the trash and dumpster area; and see that the trash and dumpster area remain clean.
- 2.3.4. Follow all current recommendations by DC Health "Using Dumpsters to Prevent Rodent Problems".¹

2.4. Other:

- 2.4.1. Applicant shall make best efforts to prevent illegal public consumption of alcohol and cannabis adjacent to the licensed premises.
- 2.4.2. Applicant is encouraged to attend or send a representative, from time to time, to ANC 6A public meetings posted on anc6a.org

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- 3. As Required to Modify or Enforce this Settlement Agreement:** Applicant and ANC agree:
- 3.1.1. To retain a copy of this Settlement Agreement in the establishment and on the ANC website and have it available for review upon request.
- 3.1.2. That if any provision of this agreement or any portion thereof is held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the agreement shall nonetheless remain in full force and effect.
- 3.1.3. To respond within 10 days to any party that believes in good faith that the Applicant or ANC is in violation of this agreement and provides a written notice specifying the alleged violation to the applicant. In cases where the defaulting Party reasonably requires more than 10 days to come into compliance, the defaulting Party shall, within 10 days, make substantial efforts toward compliance and pursue those efforts until the default is corrected.
- 3.1.4. That if the applicant should breach the conditions of this agreement and fail to come into compliance or make substantial efforts toward compliance, ANC 6A and/or its committees, or others may immediately petition the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABCA) to investigate violations of this agreement and take appropriate actions per 23 D.C.M.R.
- 3.1.5. This agreement is binding on the applicant and its successors and that it will continue in force for any and all subsequent license holders at this location.

¹ Using Dumpsters to Prevent Rodent Problems (accessed via DC Health website on July 21, 2024) Mice, rats, gulls, pigeons, and other animal pests can find food, water, and shelter in and around Dumpsters. Follow these tips to prevent rodent problems near Dumpsters.

- Use Dumpsters with tight-fitting lids. Keep lids and doors closed at all times. This prevents trash from overflowing onto the ground, wind from blowing trash out, and rodents from jumping inside. Dumpsters with lightweight plastic lids or sliding doors are easier for children and seniors to use.
- Rats can jump three feet vertically and four feet horizontally! Mice can run up concrete walls. Consider these facts and place Dumpsters away from walls and fences. Place them on pavement rather than soil, because rats like to burrow in soil and underneath large objects.
- Choose the right type and size of Dumpster for your needs, and don't allow trash to overflow.
- Dumpsters sometimes rust along their bottom edges, resulting in holes and access for rodents. Insist that your waste disposal company provide a Dumpster made of sound metal or heavy-duty plastic, and free of openings ¼-inch or larger. • Rodents can enter Dumpsters through the 1¼-inch or 1½-inch drain sometimes present in the rear wall or side. Ask your waste disposal company to put a drain plug in the Dumpster. If drain threads are damaged, a rubber plug can be installed. Supermarkets sell inexpensive copper scrubbers that can be used as temporary barriers in drain holes. • Clean under and around dumpsters daily if necessary, and sweep up any spilled debris after collection. Trash tends to accumulate especially under and around compactors. Ask your waste disposal company for a dumpster or compactor that will minimize spillage.
- Clean Dumpsters and storage areas with a hose. Make sure the water flows into a drain so there are no puddles left, since rats need water.
- Use a chain and lock on the Dumpster lid if necessary to prevent scavenging and unauthorized use. Keep chains and cables from touching the ground, since rats can climb them.

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3.1.6. Modifications of this agreement are permissible by mutual agreement of the parties in writing and subsequent approval of the modification by the ABC Board pursuant to [DC Code § 25-446. Settlement agreements; approval process; penalties for violations.](#)

This is an agreement between Africa Kitchen, LLC dba Open Crumb (ABRA License No. 134513), and ANC 6A.

Applicant:

By: Peter Opare Date: 2/5/2026

Signature: Peter Opare

ANC 6A Representative:

By: Jeff Giertz, Secretary, ANC 6A Date: 2/5/2026

Signature: 