

**THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD**

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In the Matter of: )

Jefferson Grill, Inc., t/a )  
 Macombo Lounge )

Case Nos.: N/A  
 License No.: 000771  
 Order No: 2018-129

Holder of a )  
 Retailer's Class CN License )

5335 Georgia Avenue, N.W. )  
 Washington, D.C. 20009 )

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**TO:** Michael A. Woodfolk  
 Managing Member  
 Jefferson Grill, Inc., t/a  
 Macombo Lounge  
 5335 Georgia Avenue, N.W.  
 Washington, D.C. 20011

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**ORDER TO SURRENDER LICENSE, CEASE AND DESIST, AND DENIAL OF  
EXTENSION**

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On March 28, 2018, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board reviewed compelling evidence that Jefferson Grill, Inc., t/a Macombo Lounge, (Respondent) allowed its business license to expire and orders the Respondent to cease operations and surrender its license into safekeeping pursuant to 23 DCMR § 809 and D.C. Official Code § 25-791. *Notice of Intent to Issue Order to Cease and Desist*, 1 (Mar. 13, 2018).

In accordance with 23 DCMR § 809.2, the Board issued the appropriate written notice regarding the Respondent's failure to maintain its business license. *Id.* In a letter dated March 26, 2018, the Respondent provided an explanation and asked the Board to stay the decision while he resolves various issues raised by other District agencies. *Letter from Michael A. Woodfolk*, at 1-2. Under D.C. Code § 25-829(b) and 23 DCMR § 809.1, the failure to maintain one's business license is grounds for issuing a cease and desist order. Moreover, the failure to maintain one's business license constitutes a discontinuation of the business in accordance with D.C. Official Code § 25-791(a), which requires that the license be placed in safekeeping.

The Board also denies the request for an extension because the violation risks harm to the public. *See* D.C. Code § 25-829(a). Specifically, operating without the business license interferes with the ability of the District to ensure the health and safety of the business's operations, the ability of the District and the public to identify the business and its owners, and hold the business accountable for its actions.

## **ORDER**

Therefore, the Board on this 28th day of March 2018, hereby orders the Respondent to cease distributing, purchasing, selling, serving, or otherwise permitting the consumption of alcoholic beverages at 2479 18th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the parties shall surrender the license to the Board for safekeeping pursuant to § 25-791. In the alternative, ABRA is simultaneously authorized to seize the license in order to place it in safekeeping.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 25-115(c) and 23 DCMR § 1003.1, that ABRA shall no longer issue temporary licenses and one-day substantial change licenses for the above mentioned address.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 25-801(e), that ABRA refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia (OAG) for prosecution. The Board further requests that OAG seek the enforcement of this Order in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia under D.C. Official Code §§ 25-829(f) (cease and desist orders) and 25-805 (nuisance) should it be deemed necessary.

Please be **ADVISED** that a copy of this Order is being forwarded to the Metropolitan Police Department to ensure compliance. If it is found that you are continuing to sell, serve, or permit the consumption of alcoholic beverages without approval from the Board, you may be subject to both civil and criminal penalties.

ABRA shall serve notice by certified mail or personal delivery on the parties.

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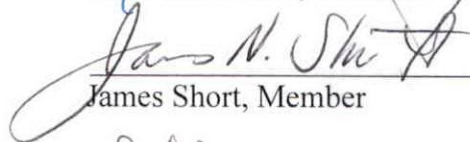
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You have the right to request a hearing before the Board conducted in accordance with subchapter I of Chapter 5 of Title 2. Pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 25-829(b)(1), you may submit a written request to the Board for a hearing within fifteen (15) days of service of this Order. Additionally, you also have the option of submitting a written request to the Board for an expedited hearing pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 25-829(c)(1) within ten (10) days of service of this Order. Please note that if you fail to request a hearing, this Order shall be deemed final. D.C. Official Code § 25-829(d).

If you request a hearing, you may appear personally at the hearing, and you and the establishment, may be represented by legal counsel. You have the right to produce witnesses and evidence on your behalf and to cross-examine witnesses. You may examine evidence produced, and have subpoenas issued on your behalf to require the production of witnesses and evidence.

All hearings are conducted in the English language. If you, any corporate officer, or any witnesses to be called are deaf, have a hearing impediment, or cannot readily understand or communicate the spoken English language, an application may be made to the Board for the appointment of a qualified interpreter.

Your failure to appear at the time and place set for the hearing, if requested, either in person or through counsel, or both, will not preclude the Board from proceeding in this matter. Should you have any questions, contact ABRA Adjudication Specialist Danette Walker at 202-442-4418.

Finally, pursuant to section 11 of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, Pub. L. 90-614, 82 Stat. 1209, District of Columbia Official Code § 2-510 (2001), and Rule 15 of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, any party adversely affected has the right to appeal this Order by filing a petition for review, within thirty (30) days of the date of service of this Order, with the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001. However, the timely filing of a Motion for Reconsideration pursuant to 23 DCMR § 1719.1 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).