

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

In the Matter of:

Columbia Room, LLC
t/a Columbia Room

Holder of a
Retailer's Class CT License

at premises
1224 9th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20001

License No.: ABRA-100376
Order No.: 2019-526

Columbia Room, LLC, t/a Columbia Room, Licensee

John Fanning, Chairperson, on behalf of Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2F

BEFORE: Donovan Anderson, Chairperson
Mike Silverstein, Member
James Short, Member
Bobby Cato, Member
Rema Wahabzadah, Member

ORDER ON SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

The official records of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (Board) reflect that Columbia Room, LLC, t/a Columbia Room (Licensee), and ANC 2F entered into a Settlement Agreement (Agreement), dated May 24, 2019, in accordance with D.C. Official Code § 25-446 (2001).

The Agreement has been reduced to writing and has been properly executed and filed with the Board. The Licensee and Chairperson John Fanning, on behalf of ANC 2F, are signatories to the Agreement.

Accordingly, it is this 26th day of June, 2019, **ORDERED** that:

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

Section 9(a)(iv) (Entertainment Endorsement) – The following language shall be removed: "at or below 60dB."

The parties have agreed to this modification.

2. This Settlement Agreement replaces and supersedes previous Settlement Agreements between the parties; and
3. Copies of this Order shall be sent to the Licensee and ANC 2F.

District of Columbia
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board



Donovan Anderson, Chairperson



Mike Silverstein, Member



James Short, Member



Bobby Cato, Member



Rema Wahabzadah, Member

Pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 25-433(d)(1), any party adversely affected may file a Motion for Reconsideration of this decision within ten (10) days of service of this Order with the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration, 2000 14th Street, N.W., Suite 400S, Washington, DC 20009.

Also, pursuant to section 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, 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, 430 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001; (202/879-1010). However, the timely filing of a Motion for Reconsideration pursuant to 23 DCMR §1719.1 (2008) 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).

AMENDMENT TO SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

THIS AMENDMENT TO SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made on this 24th day of May, 2019 by and between **Columbia Room LLC** (“Applicant”) and Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2F (“ANC 2F”).

RECITALS

(a) Applicant has applied for a Retailer Class CT License (the “License”) for a business establishment (“Establishment”) located at **124 Blagden Alley NW**, Washington, DC (the “Premises”); and,

(b) Applicant desires to cooperate with the ANC in order to mitigate concerns related to the potential impact of operation of the Establishment on the surrounding community; and,

(c) In lieu of contested protest proceedings regarding the application for the License, the Parties wish to enter into a Settlement Agreement pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 25-446 to address such concerns:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the recitals set forth above and the mutual covenants and conditions set forth below, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Recitals Incorporated. The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein by reference.
2. Probationary Term. The Settlement Agreement below is valid up to one year from date of signing. After the probationary term is complete the applicant must return to the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2F for a permanent endorsement.
3. Replaced Settlement Agreement. The Settlement Agreement dated November 4th, 2015 is amended hereby replacing the entire Settlement Agreement with the agreement below:

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

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5. Nature of the Business. The applicant will manage and operate a Tavern. Any change from this model shall require prior approval by the ABC Board.
6. Hours of Operation. It is understood that upon expiration of the below hours of operation, no patron may remain on the interior or exterior of the Premises. Applicant's hours will not exceed the following:
 - a. Alcohol service shall end 30 minutes prior to closing.
 - i. Sunday – Thursday: 8am to 1:00am
 - ii. Friday – Saturday: 8am to 2:00am
 - b. Exceptions shall be granted for:
 - i. Days designated by the ABC Board as "Extended Hours for ABC Establishments" or "Daylight Savings Time Extension of Hours" - Applicant may operate for one additional hour (that is, one hour later);
 - ii. In the event the Council of the District of Columbia or the ABC Board grants licensees in general extended operating hours for specific occasions, such as Inauguration or World Cup, Applicant may avail itself of such extended hours;
 - iii. And, on January 1 of each year Applicant may operate for one additional hour.
 - c. As a C/T hours shall be no later than:
 - i. Sunday – Thursday: 8am to 1:30am
 - ii. Friday – Saturday: 8am to 2:30am

7. No Sidewalk Café

8. Summer Garden. The applicant may have outside seating in accordance with a summer garden endorsement to its ABC license; patrons may be served in the summer garden area only during the below hours and shall otherwise be free of patrons.
 - a. Sunday- Thursday: 8am to 12:30am
 - b. Friday- Saturday: 8am to 1:30am

Applicant will inspect the summer garden regularly for compliance.

9. Entertainment Endorsement.

- a. Hours shall restricted to:
 - i. Sunday – Thursday: 6PM to 12 AM
 - ii. Friday – Saturday: 6PM – 1 AM
 - iii. No cover charge or valet car parking is permitted
 - iv. Entertainment limited to amplified music at or below 60dB, without dancing; Furthermore, noise shall not be audible from the sidewalk or alley.

10. Noise. App Applicant shall adhere to DC Code 25-725 with respect to emanation of noise from the establishment. Applicant shall undertake such measures as reasonably are required to preclude unreasonable disturbance to occupants of abutting residential properties from emanation of noise or vibration from the Establishment, including from patrons at, entering, or exiting the establishment. Applicant will not install any exterior speakers to the Establishment, and agrees that no speakers will be installed in or in any way be directed outside the establishment.

11. Public Space and Trash. Applicant shall keep the sidewalk (up to and including the curb), tree boxes and alley free of litter, bottles, chewing gum, trash, and other debris in compliance with D.C. Code and Municipal Regulations. Applicant shall police these areas daily for refuse and other materials. Applicant shall also provide cigarette urns and cigarette butt receptacle wherever patron gather to smoke. Trash receptacles should be removed from the premises monthly to be cleaned.
12. Trash and Recycling. Applicant will contract with a trash and recycling contractor to provide sealable container(s) for trash, food waste, and recycling designed to prevent rodent intrusion, and further agrees to keep the containers closed and sealed at all times when waste is not being disposed. Applicant further agrees to hold all trash, food waste, and recycling within the building until the morning of the scheduled pick-up. The Applicant shall require its trash and recycling contractors to pick up trash and materials not earlier than 7:00 a.m. Applicant's employees shall not dispose of bottles or glass into trash containers or dumpsters in a manner which creates noise audible outside of the premises after 11:00 p.m.
13. Rat and Vermin Control. Applicant will contract with a professional, licensed rat, pest, and vermin control company to provide for weekly control for the interior and exterior of the premises to control pests. The professional will use, correctly locate and secure enclosed rat traps (not bait stations), replace worn out parts inside the traps periodically and take reasonable measures to prevent food and grease from washing down alleys and streets. Restaurant equipment, such as but not limited to kitchen mats and hood vent filters, should be cleaned offsite and not in the surrounding area of the restaurant. Power washing in surrounding areas is prohibited.
14. Patrons. Applicant shall take reasonable steps to prevent its patrons from causing noise or disturbances in front of, or immediately adjacent to, the Establishment during the hours of operation and as they depart at closing.
15. Complaint Log. The Establishment's website will prominently feature the name and contact information for an individual to which any comments about the operation of the establishment may be addressed. The Applicant shall maintain a log for every complaint lodged with the establishment for any issue relating to this Agreement, including, but not limited to, complaints of noise, parking congestion, traffic congestion, security, trash, rodents, incidents, violence, crime, and/or operating hours. The log shall include, for each separate complaint, to the extent provided by any such complainant, the name of the complainant, the date of the complaint, any contact information provided by the complainant, the nature of the complaint, and the response taken by the Applicant or the Establishment. Every complaint shall be kept on file in the complaint log for a minimum of three years from the date on which the complaint was made. Applicant shall make the complaint log available to the Board for inspection and copying upon reasonable advance request.
16. Agreement Available Upon Demand. A copy of this Agreement shall be kept on the premises and made available to law enforcement officers and Alcoholic Beverage Regulatory Administration inspectors immediately upon request.
17. Compliance with ABRA Regulations. Applicant shall abide by applicable Alcoholic Beverage Administration (ABRA) regulations regarding ownership of the License.

18. Participation in the Community. Applicant is encouraged to send a representative from time to time to meetings of the ABRA Policy Committee of ANC 2F. Participation in such meeting promotes open lines of communication, neighborhood involvement, and awareness of current ABRA issues. Dates and times can be found at www.ANC2F.org.
19. License Ownership. Applicant agrees not to transfer or sell the license to any other entity before obtaining approval from the Alcohol Beverage Control Board. Applicant agrees to specifically notify any prospective transferee of the existence of this Agreement and to provide them with a copy.
20. Binding Effect. This Agreement shall be binding upon and enforceable against the successors of the Applicant.
21. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed simultaneously in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.
22. Notice and Opportunity to Cure. In the event that either party believes that the other materially breached any obligations under this Agreement, such party shall give written notice to the other of the existence of the breach and the specific nature thereof. The party alleged to be in breach shall have fourteen (14) days from the receipt of notice to cure the alleged breach (or if the breach shall relate to excessive noise or disturbance, the lesser of 72 hours or such shorter period as may be reasonable under the circumstances to immediately restore peace, order and quiet). If the breach is not cured within the notice period—or, with respect to a breach which reasonably requires more than fourteen (14) days to cure, efforts to cure the breach have not been commenced— failure should constitute cause for the ANC to file a complaint with the ABC Board pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 25-446(e) in order to enforce the provisions of the Agreement. In the case of a continuing violation, no notice or opportunity to cure need be provided for subsequent violations of this Agreement, following the initial provision of notice. Any notices required to be made under this Agreement shall be in writing and sent either via e-mail or U.S. mail, postage prepaid, to the parties to this Agreement at the addresses below. Notice shall be deemed given as of the time of receipt or refusal of receipt.

If to Applicant: Columbia Room LLC
1224 9th Street, NW
Washington DC, 20001

If to the ANC: Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2F
5 Thomas Circle, NW
Washington, DC 20005
ANC2FOffice@gmail.com

Either party may change its notice address by written notice to the other. Failure to give notice shall not constitute waiver or acquiescence to the violation, but notice shall be a prerequisite to the filing of a complaint with the ABC Board or any other enforcement action.

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2F



By: _____
John Fanning
Chairman

APPLICANT



By: _____
Angie Fetherston
Owner