

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

In the Matter of:

VFAZ, LLC
t/a Spirits & Spice

Applicant for a New
Retailer's Class A License

at premises
1700 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20009

License No.: ABRA-121299

Order No.: 2022-316

VFAZ, LLC, t/a Spirits & Spice, Applicant

Matthew Holden, Chairperson, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2B

BEFORE: Donovan Anderson, Chairperson
James Short, Member
Bobby Cato, Member
Rafi Crockett, Member
Jeni Hansen, Member
Edward S. Grandis, Member

ORDER ON SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

The official records of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (Board) reflect that VFAZ, LLC, t/a Spirits & Spice (Applicant), Applicant for a new Retailer's Class A License and ANC 2B have entered into a Settlement Agreement (Agreement), dated June 15, 2022, that governs the operation 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 ANC 2B, are signatories to the Agreement. The Applicant and Chairperson Matthew Holden, on behalf of ANC 2B, are signatories to the Agreement.

Accordingly, it is this 13th day of July 2022, **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; and
2. Copies of this Order shall be sent to the Applicant and ANC 2B.

District of Columbia
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

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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 II 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).

**SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN VFAZ, LLC AND ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2B**

THIS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made on this ___ day of June 2022, by and between VFAZ, LLC t/a Spirits & Spice (“Applicant”) and Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B (“ANC2B”), also referred to collectively as the “Parties.”

RECITALS

Whereas, the Applicant has applied to the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (“ABRA”) for a new Retailer’s Class A ABC License, ABRA- 121299 (“License”) with Tasting Endorsement for the premises located at 1700 Connecticut Avenue, NW (“Premises”);

Whereas, the Parties wish to enter into a Settlement Agreement pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 25-446 to address concerns related to peace, order and quiet;

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. **Hours:** Applicant agrees that its hours of operation and hours of sales of alcoholic beverages shall not exceed: 10:00am to 10:00pm daily.
3. **Business Operations:**
 - a. No music played inside the Premises or other noise coming from the Premises shall be audible outside of the Premises at any time;
 - b. While the establishment may offer tastings and classes pertaining to alcoholic beverages and may charge a fee for such educational programming, cover charges for such classes will never be collected to enter the Premises or partake in Applicant’s offerings;
 - c. Applicant shall use reasonable efforts to discourage loitering in the vicinity of the Premises; Applicant’s staff shall report all incidences of public consumption of alcoholic beverages sold on the Premises which are witnessed by a staff member to the Metropolitan Police Department;
 - d. Applicant shall maintain the storefront in a clean and tidy manner. Furthermore, Applicant shall ensure that all litter related to Applicant’s business in the public space adjacent to and in front of the premises shall be picked up by Applicant’s staff at least once a day and shall be kept, generally, in a clean and tidy manner at all times.
 - e. Applicant shall not engage in check cashing services or lottery sales as part of its operations.
 - f. Protestants do not object to Applicant seeking approval of a one-day substantial change permit from the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board seeking permission to allow for on-premises consumption and use of adjacent public space as part of a specific event up to twelve times per calendar year;
 - g. This ABRA license shall only provide for use of interior space. Should the Applicant desire to expand its service outdoors permanently, including but not limited to use of a sidewalk cafe, parklet, streatery, or summer garden,

Applicant will work with ANC2B to update this Agreement to include specific provisions governing the use of such outdoor space.

4. **Binding Effect.** This Agreement shall be binding upon and enforceable against the Applicant and its successors or transferees.

In consideration of the agreements set forth above, ANC2B shall, upon approval of this agreement by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, agree to refrain from filing a Protest of the application for the License at the Premises.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The Parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first above written.

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2B

By: _____ Date: _____
Meg Roggensack, Vice Chair, ANC 2B01

By: Matthew Holden Date: 6/15/2022
Matthew Holden, Chairperson, ANC 2B08

VFAZ, LLC

By: _____ Date: _____
Lois K. Weiss, Managing Member

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VFAZ, LLC

By:  Date: 6/3/22
Lois K. Weiss, Managing Member