

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

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<b>In the Matter of:</b>	)
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Zenebech Restaurant, LLC	)
t/a Zenebech Restaurant	)
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Application for Substantial Change	)
(Entertainment Endorsement)	)
to a Retailer’s Class CR License	)
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License No.: ABRA-106670	)
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Order No.: 2019-134	)
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at premises	)
2420-2422 18th Street, NW	)
Washington, D.C. 20009	)
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Zenebech Restaurant, LLC, t/a Zenebech Restaurant (Applicant)

Amir Irani, Commissioner, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 1C

Denis James, President, on behalf of Kalorama Citizens Association (KCA)

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

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**ORDER ON AMENDMENT TO SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND  
WITHDRAWAL OF PROTESTS**

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The Application filed by Zenebech Restaurant, LLC, t/a Zenebech Restaurant (Applicant), for a Substantial Change was protested by ANC 1C and KCA.

The official records of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (Board) reflect that the Applicant, ANC 1C, and KCA entered into a Settlement Agreement (Agreement), dated July 5, 2017 that governs the operation of the Applicant’s establishment. This

matter comes now before the Board to consider the Parties' Amendment to Settlement Agreement (Amendment), dated March 6, 2019, in accordance with D.C. Official Code § 25-446 (2001).

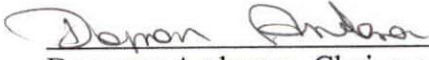
The Amendment has been reduced to writing and has been properly executed and filed with the Board. The Applicant; Commissioner Amir Irani, on behalf of ANC 1C; and Denis James, on behalf of KCA; are signatories to the Amendment.

This Amendment constitutes a withdrawal of the Protests filed by ANC 1C and KCA.

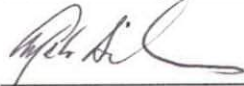
Accordingly, it is this 13th day of March, 2019, **ORDERED** that:

1. The Application filed by Zenebech Restaurant, LLC, t/a Zenebech Restaurant, for a Substantial Change is **GRANTED**;
2. The Protests of ANC 1C and KCA in this matter are hereby **WITHDRAWN**;
3. The above-referenced Amendment to Settlement Agreement submitted by the Parties to govern the operations of the Applicant's establishment is **APPROVED** and **INCORPORATED** as part of this Order;
4. All terms and conditions of the original Settlement Agreement not amended by the Amendment, shall remain in full force and effect; and
5. Copies of this Order shall be sent to the Applicant, ANC 1C, and KCA.

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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 14<sup>th</sup> 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).

## First Amendment To Settlement Agreement

The parties, Zenebech Ethiopian Restaurant, LLC, 2420-22 18th Street, NW (Applicant), Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C (ANC 1C) and the Kalorama Citizens Association (KCA), are party to a Settlement Agreement on License Number ABRA-106670, dated July 5, 2017, approved by the DC ABC Board in Order Number 2017-383 on July 12, 2017.

Whereas, on January 18, 2019, Zenebech applied for an Entertainment Endorsement. Both ANC 1C and KCA protested that application. To resolve the protests, the Parties agree, this 6th day of March, 2019, as follows:

A new provision, 13, shall be added to the Settlement Agreement as shown below:

13. Applicant may feature live music for the enjoyment of its patrons during the following days and hours:

- Thursdays from 8:00 pm and ending no later than 12:30 am.
- Fridays and Saturdays from 8:00 pm and ending no later than 1:00 am each night.

Every effort will be made to prevent music from being heard outside of the establishment. Up to half of the tables and chairs in the open area of the dining room may be removed or rearranged during live music presentations. Music shall be unamplified and may be played on only the following instruments and the human voice:

- Kebero - hand drum
- Krar - a 5 or 6 stringed, bowl-shaped lyre-type instrument
- Masenqo - single-stringed lute played with a bow
- Bageña - ten-stringed instrument of the lyre family
- Washint - a wooden flute.

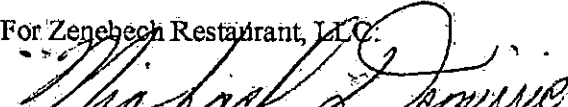
There shall be:

- No cover charge;
- No designated dance floor;
- No advertising on any media that patron dancing is allowed, including advertising by performers.

The presentation of the music shall be considered an integral part of the restaurant's activities, and as such, the provision of food to patrons shall continue to be emphasized whenever live music is featured.

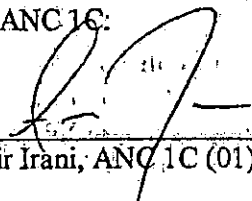
Applicant shall not permit a line for entry to form outside the restaurant on nights that live music is featured, and in particular, the sidewalk cafe shall continue to operate to provide food and drink to seated patrons during such performances while the cafe is operating.

For Zenebech Restaurant, LLC:

  
Michael Demissie, ~~managing member~~ (title)

Date: 03/5/19

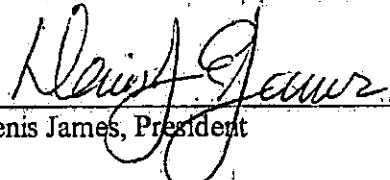
For ANC 1C:

  
Amir Irani, ANC 1C (01)

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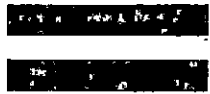
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For the Kalorama Citizens Association:

  
Denis James, President

Date:

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## Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C

PO Box 21009, NW, Washington, DC 20009

[www.anc1c.org](http://www.anc1c.org)

*Representing Adams Morgan*

March 8, 2019

**Commissioners:**

Amir Irani (1C01)

Bridget Pooley (1C02)

Ted Guthrie (1C03)

Douglas Ely (1C04)

Damiana Dendy (1C05)

Michaela Wright (1C06)

Japer Bowles (1C07)

Amanda Fox Perry (1C08)

Donovan Anderson

Chairperson, Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

2000 14th Street NW, Suite 400S

Washington, DC 20009

sent by attachment to email to [abra.legal@dc.gov](mailto:abra.legal@dc.gov)

Re: ABRA 106670

Zenebech Ethiopian restaurant, LLC

Dear Mr. Anderson:

At a duly-noticed public meeting held on March 6, 2019, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C passed a resolution approving the attached Settlement Agreement by a vote of 8-0-0.

Please advise if anything further is necessary.

Ted Guthrie

Chair, ANC 1C

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The Agreement has been reduced to writing and has been properly executed and filed with the Board. The Applicant; Commissioner Amir Irani, on behalf of ANC 1C; and Denis James, on behalf of KCA; are signatories to the Agreement.

Accordingly, it is this 12th day of July, 2017, **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, ANC 1C, and KCA.



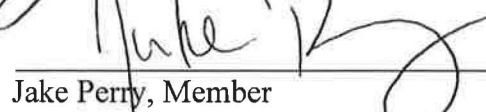
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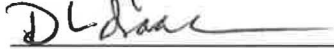
  
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**SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT CONCERNING  
ISSUANCE OF NEW LICENSE FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

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**NEW AGREEMENT**, made this \_\_\_\_ day of July, 2017, by and between Zenebech Restaurant, LLC (hereinafter "Applicant"), Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C (hereinafter "ANC 1C"), and the Kalorama Citizens Association (hereinafter "KCA"), witnesseth:

**Whereas**, Applicant has applied for a class CR license (No 106670) to be located at 2420- 2422 18<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Washington DC,

**Whereas**, The restaurant is located within the boundaries of ANC 1C and is within the membership boundaries of the KCA.

**Whereas**, the parties desire to enter into an Agreement whereby applicant will agree to adopt certain measures to address concerns of ANC 1C and KCA and to include this Agreement as a formal condition of its application, and ANC 1C and KCA will agree to the approval of such license provided that such Agreement is incorporated into the Board's order approving such application.

**Now, therefore**, in consideration of the mutual covenants and undertakings memorialized herein, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

**1. Nature of Establishment**

At all times, the Applicant shall operate with the primary purpose of food preparation and consumption. Applicant shall maintain a menu featuring, but not limited to, a selection of hot, cooked food items. Menus with food selections will be offered to patrons. The kitchen shall be staffed and maintained, open and operational, with cooked food menu items available at all times until one (1) hour before closing.

Applicant shall keep on hand sufficient food supplies to fulfill menu items, with staff to serve them, at all times when the establishment is open for business.

**2. Hours of Operation**

Inside:

Sunday through Thursday: 9:00 am – 1:00 am

Friday and Saturday: 9:00 am – 2:00 am

Sidewalk Café:

Sunday through Thursday: 9:00 am – 11:00 pm

Friday and Saturday: 9:00 am – 12:00 am (midnight)

*(interior only)*

Provided that Applicant may operate for one (1) additional hour on: (a) days designated by the DC ABC Board as “Holiday Extension of Hours,” “Daylight Savings Time Extension of Hours” or “Inaugural Week” (b) in the event the Council of the District of Columbia or the ABC Board grants licensees in general extended operating hours for special events (such as World Cup); and (c) on January 1 of each year.

*See MD 7.5.17*

Applicant agrees to announce last call 35 minutes before closing, sell no alcohol within 25 minutes before closing and that all alcohol will be cleared and patrons will exit before closing.

It is understood between the parties that the 9:00 am opening time is not a requirement, but may be used at the discretion of the Applicant.

For the Sidewalk Cafe, patrons will be provided adequate seating for the approved occupancy, and the cafe will abide by all public space regulations.

**3. Occupancy**

Interior capacity will not exceed the interior seating capacity as specified in the Certificate of Occupancy: 83.

For purposes of this Alcoholic Beverage Control license application, the ANC and KCA agree in principle to a sidewalk cafe with maximum occupancy of 20 patrons; provided, however, that such café be established and operated in conformance with the ANC’s “Proposed Guidelines for Use of Public Space Following New Streetscape Construction,” as such Guidelines may be relaxed upon the ANC’s

consideration of applicant's public space permit application presently pending before the Public Space Committee of the District's Department of Transportation .

#### **4. Noise**

Applicant acknowledges familiarity with and agrees to comply with all applicable noise-control provisions of District of Columbia law and regulations. Applicant expressly agrees:

- a.) to prevent emissions of sound, capable of being heard outside the premises, by any amplification device or other device or source of sound or noise, in accordance with D.C. Official Code section 25-725. Further the Applicant agrees to abide by all relevant provisions of the D.C. Noise Control Act of 1977 (D.C. Law 2-53), including 20 DCMR, Chapters 27 and 28, as amended.
- b.) Applicant agrees not to place outside in the public space any loudspeaker, tape player, CD player or other similar device, or to place any inside speaker in such a way that it projects sound into the public space.
- c.) Sound from inside will not be audible in residential housing units.

#### **5. Trash/Garbage/Rodents**

- a.) Applicant shall maintain regular trash/garbage removal service, regularly remove trash from the trash and dumpster area, and see that the trash and dumpster area remains clean. Applicant shall deposit trash and garbage only in rodent-proof dumpsters, and shall see that dumpster covers fit properly and remain fully closed except when trash or garbage is being added or removed. Applicant will make every reasonable effort to eliminate food sources for rodents and help eliminate the rat population.
- b.) Applicant agrees to segregate and recycle bottles and glass refuse from trash and agrees to make all reasonable efforts to minimize noise associated with the disposal of bottles and glass refuse in the outside trash dumpsters between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.
- c.) Applicant agrees not to place or cause to be placed any fliers, handbills or other similar advertisements in the public space, specifically on lampposts, street signs or any vehicle parked in the public space.
- d.) Applicant will provide for the proper removal of grease and fatty oils from the establishment and will not deposit grease or fatty oils in the trash dumpsters.

#### **6. Exterior including public space**

- a.) Applicant shall assist in the maintenance of the alleyway behind and the space in front of the establishment to at least 18 inches outward from the curb as needed to keep them free of trash and to

remove snow and ice from the sidewalk and comply with all applicable D.C. laws and regulations in these respects.

b.) Applicant shall make every reasonable effort to prevent or disperse loitering or any other source of noise or disturbance in the areas in front or to the rear of the premises during business hours and at closing, and to cause patrons to leave those areas quietly at closing.

**7. Third Party Events**

Applicant agrees to operate the establishment under the terms of its license and will not rent out the establishment to third parties for events where the owner/manager is not present and managing the business.

**8. Bar/Pub Crawls**

Applicant agrees not to promote or participate in bar or pub "crawls", "tours", or similar events.

**9. Consideration of Neighbors**

Applicant will encourage employees and patrons to be considerate of neighboring residents at all times. Applicant will encourage employees and patrons leaving the establishment to keep conversations and noise down from 11:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

**10. Modification**

This Agreement can be modified only by the ABC Board, by mutual agreement of all the parties with the approval of the ABC Board, or as required by District law. In the case of ANC IC, any modification must

be approved by a majority of the commissioners at a duly noticed public meeting, a quorum being present.


**11. Regulations**

In addition to the foregoing, Applicant shall operate in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. Further, nothing in this Agreement shall preclude ANC or KCA from filing an objection to any request by the Applicant to the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

**12. Availability of Settlement Agreement**


Applicant agrees to keep available at all times a copy of this Agreement at its establishment and shall familiarize all employees with its conditions.

FOR Zenebech Restaurant, LLC,

  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date 7/5/17

Michael Demissie, Managing Member

FOR ANC 1C

  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date 7/5/17

Amir Irani, Commissioner ANC 1C01

FOR KALORAMA CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date 7-5-2017  
Denis James, President