

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

**In the Matter of:**

Venus 2, Inc.  
t/a 9 & P St. Liquor  
  
Holder of a  
Retailer's Class A License  
  
at premises  
1428 9th Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20001

Case No.: 17-CMP-00679  
License No.: ABRA-101095  
Order No.: 2018-266

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Venus 2, Inc., t/a 9 & P St. Liquor, Respondent

Walter Adams, II, Assistant Attorney General, on behalf of the  
District of Columbia

Martha Jenkins, General Counsel  
Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration

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**ORDER APPROVING THE OFFER-IN-COMPROMISE**

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This matter arises from a Notice of Status and Show Cause Hearing (Notice) issued by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (Board) in the matter of Venus 2, Inc., t/a 9 & P St. Liquor (Respondent), located at 1428 9th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001.

The Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) served the Notice in Case No. 17-CMP-00679 on the Respondent on April 4, 2018. *ABRA Show Cause File No. 17-CMP-00679*. The Notice charges the Respondent with three violations, which if proven true, would justify the imposition of a fine, as well as the suspension or revocation of the Respondent's license.

Specifically, the Notice in Case No. 17-CMP-00679, charged the Respondent with the following violations:

- Charge I: [On Friday, May 12, 2017], [y]ou sold an alcoholic beverage to an intoxicated person, in violation of D.C. Official Code § 25-781...
- Charge II: [On Friday, May 12, 2017], [y]ou directly interfered with an ABRA investigation and made false statements during a regulatory inspection, in violation of D.C. Official Code § 25-120(i)(A)(ii)-(iii)...
- Charge III: [On Friday, May 12, 2017], [y]ou failed to post your ABC License in a conspicuous place, in violation of D.C. Official Code § 25-711...

*ABRA Show Cause File No. 17-CMP-00679*, Notice of Status Hearing and Show Cause Hearing, 2-3 (April 2, 2018).

At the Show Cause Status Hearing held on May 2, 2018, the Respondent and the Government entered into an Offer-in-Compromise (OIC), which resolved the charges set forth above.

The terms of the OIC are as follows:

1. For Charge I – The Respondent shall pay a \$2,000 fine for the violation alleged in Charge I and shall have its license suspended for five (5) days, with four (4) days stayed for one (1) year, and one (1) day to be served on Saturday.
2. For Charge II – Dismissed.
3. For Charge III – Warning.

By agreeing to the terms of the OIC, the Respondent waives its right to a Show Cause Hearing and appeal. The OIC has been reduced to writing and is formally approved through this Order.

## **ORDER**

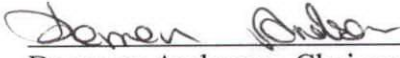
Therefore, the Board, on this 2nd day of May, 2018, hereby **APPROVES** the OIC proffered by the Government and the Respondent and **ORDERS** Venus 2, Inc., t/a 9 & P St. Liquor, to comply with the terms of the OIC.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Respondent will:

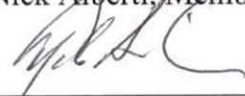
- (1) Remit the fine in the total sum of \$2,000 payable on or before July 2, 2018. Failure to remit the amount in full within the time specified will result in the suspension of the license until the amount is paid; and
- (2) Incur a five (5) day suspension, with one (1) day to be served and four (4) days stayed for one (1) year. The one (1) day suspension will be served on Saturday, May 26, 2018.

A copy of this Order shall be sent to the Respondent and to the Government.


District of Columbia  
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

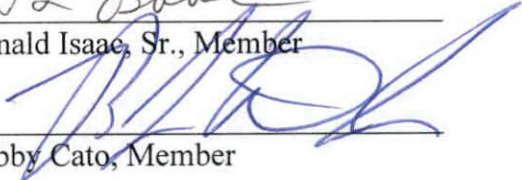
  
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Pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 25-433(d)(1), any party adversely affected may file a Motion for Reconsideration of this decision within ten (10) days of service of this Order with the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration, 2000 14<sup>th</sup> 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).