

**THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD**

In the Matter of:)
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ROMYO, LLC)
t/a Ambassador Restaurant)
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Holder of a)
Retailer’s Class CR License)
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at premises)
1907 9th Street, NW)
Washington, D.C. 20001)
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Case No.: 24-251-00039
License No.: ABRA-090422
Order No.: 2025-102

BEFORE: Donovan Anderson, Chairperson
Teri Janine Quinn, Member
David Meadows, Member

ALSO PRESENT: ROMYO, LLC, t/a Ambassador Restaurant, Respondent

Anthony P. Celso, Assistant Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia

ORDER APPROVING THE OFFER-IN-COMPROMISE

The above-mentioned parties have petitioned the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board (Board) to approve an offer-in-compromise (OIC) to settle one or more violations of Title 25 of the D.C. Official Code (Title 25) and Title 23 of the D.C. Municipal Regulations (Title 23) in accordance with D.C. Official Code § 2-509(a).

ORDER

Therefore, on this 26th day of February 2025, the Board **APPROVES** the OIC appended to this Order. The terms of the OIC are as follows:

1. The Respondent admits to violations of the statutes or regulations listed in the OIC attached to this Order.
2. The Respondent shall follow and abide by the terms and conditions of the attached OIC in accordance with D.C. Official Code §§ 2-509(a), 25-447(f), and 25-823(a)(6).
3. The Respondent waives all rights to notice or appearance before the Board.
4. The Respondent waives the right to a hearing, call witnesses, present evidence, and otherwise contest the charges as provided in Title 25 and Title 23.
5. The Respondent waives the right to judicial review or appeal of this Order. The Respondent further agrees not to collaterally attack the disposition imposed by this Order.
6. The parties agree that the attached OIC constitutes the entire agreement of the parties.

The Show Cause Hearing in this matter is cancelled. The Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABCA) shall deliver copies of this Order to the Government and the Respondent.

District of Columbia
Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board

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Donovan Anderson
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Donovan Anderson, Chairperson

Silas Grant, Jr., Member

Teri Janine Quinn

Teri Janine Quinn, Member

Ryan Jones, Member



David Meadows, Member

Pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 25-433(d)(1) (applicable to alcohol matters) or 22-C DCMR § 9720 (applicable to medical cannabis matters), 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 and Cannabis 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 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 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).

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS ADMINISTRATION
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD**



IN THE MATTER OF: ROMYO, LLC t/a AMBASSADOR RESTAURANT Respondent.	Case No. 24-251-00039 License No. 90422 Retailer Class CR
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OFFER IN COMPROMISE FOR BOARD APPROVAL

The District of Columbia, jointly with the licensee (Respondent), submits this Offer in Compromise (OIC) to the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board (Board), as authorized by 23 DCMR § 1611.5, for approval by the Board.

The Parties understand that if the Board approves the OIC, this case (24-251-00039) will conclude. Respondent will be obligated to abide by the terms of the OIC shown below. If the Board does not approve the OIC, this matter will proceed to a Show Cause Hearing.

Respondent has been advised that there is no obligation to accept an OIC. Respondent has been advised, through service of the Notice of Show Cause Hearing, that at any Show Cause Hearing or other proceeding, Respondent may be represented by legal counsel, have subpoenas issued to require the production of witnesses and evidence, produce witnesses and evidence, cross-examine witnesses, and apply to the Board for a qualified interpreter.

The OIC terms are as follows.

Charge I: Allowed the establishment to be used for disorderly or unlawful purpose (first primary tier violation).

Statutory Authority: D.C. Code § 25-823(a)(2)

Fine: \$1,000 within thirty (30) days or its license shall be suspended indefinitely until this fine is paid.

Charge II: Failed to follow Security Plan (first primary tier violation).

Statutory Authority: D.C. Code § 25–823(a)(6)

Fine: \$1,000 within thirty (30) days or its license shall be suspended indefinitely until this fine is paid.

Charge III: Failed to make video footage available (first primary tier violation).

Statutory Authority: D.C. Code § 25–836(g)(3)

Fine: \$1,000 within thirty (30) days or its license shall be suspended indefinitely until this fine is paid.

Dated: February 25, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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CONSENT OF RESPONDENT

By this Offer in Compromise, I agree to accept and perform its terms. I acknowledge the validity of the OIC and waive further litigation including the motion of reconsideration to which I would have a right under 23 DCMR § 1719.1. I also recognize that I am waiving any right to appeal an adverse ruling of the Board that might have followed any such hearing. By this settlement, I waive all such rights. I sign this OIC without reservation, and I fully understand its meaning and my rights.



Romeseghed Kidane, Owner
Romyo, LLC t/a Ambassador Restaurant
Respondent

02/25/2025
DATE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On February 25, 2025, I served the foregoing Offer in Compromise for Board Approval by email to:

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Respondent

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