

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

In the Matter of:)
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Amsterdam LLC)
t/a Amsterdam Café Lounge & Restaurant)
)
Applicant for Renewal of a)
Retailer’s Class CT License)
)
at premises)
1208 U Street, NW)
Washington, D.C. 20009)
)

Case No.: 25-PRO-00109
License No.: ABRA-115293
Order No.: 2026-055

Amsterdam LLC, t/a Amsterdam Café Lounge & Restaurant, Applicant

Miguel Trindale-Deramo and Sabel Harris, Commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 1B, Protestant

BEFORE: Donovan Anderson, Chairperson
Silas Grant, Jr., Member
Teri Janine Quinn, Member
Ryan Jones, Member
David Meadows, Member

**ORDER ON SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND
WITHDRAWAL OF ANC 1B’S PROTEST**

The Application filed by Amsterdam LLC, t/a Amsterdam Café Lounge & Restaurant (Applicant), for Renewal of its Retailer’s Class CT License, having been protested, came before the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board (Board) for a Roll Call Hearing on November 24, 2025, in accordance with D.C. Official Code § 25-601 (2001).

The official records of the Board reflect that the Applicant and ANC 1B have entered into a Settlement Agreement (Agreement), dated January 12, 2026, that governs the operations 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 Commissioners Miguel Trindale-Deramo and Sabel Harris, on behalf of ANC 1B, are signatories to the Agreement.

This Agreement constitutes a withdrawal of the Protest filed by ANC 1B of this Application.

Accordingly, it is this 28th day of January 2026, **ORDERED** that:

1. The Application filed by Amsterdam LLC, t/a Amsterdam Café Lounge & Restaurant, for renewal of its Retailer's Class CT License, located at 1208 U Street, NW, Washington, D.C., is **GRANTED**;
2. The Protest of ANC 1B in this matter is hereby **WITHDRAWN**;
3. 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, except for the following modification:

Section 1, first bullet point (Nature of the Establishment) – The first bullet point shall be modified to read as follows: “The Applicant will operate and manage a Class "C" Tavern or other license issued by the Board in accordance with the terms and conditions of that license.”

The parties have agreed to this modification.

4. This Settlement Agreement replaces and supersedes all previous Settlement Agreements between the Parties; and
5. Copies of this Order shall be sent to the Parties.

District of Columbia
Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board

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Donovan Anderson, Chairperson



Silas Grant, Jr., Member

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Ryan Jones, Member



David Meadows, Member

Any party adversely affected may file a Motion for Reconsideration of this decision or other motion permitted by law within ten days of service of this Order. If a motion is filed, the opposing party may file a response within seven days. If a response is filed, the movant may file a reply within three days. All filings should be served on all parties to the matter and delivered to the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration, 899 North Capitol Street, N.E., Suite 4200-A, Washington, D.C. 20002, or sent by email to abca.legal@dc.gov. Parties are further advised that the failure to properly serve the other parties or to present all matters of record that have allegedly been erroneously decided in a motion for reconsideration may result in the waiver of those matters being considered by the Board. The Board also reserves the right to summarily deny or not consider multiple and repetitive motions.

In addition to filing a Motion for Reconsideration, pursuant to § 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, a party that is adversely affected may have the right to appeal this Order by filing a petition for review, within 30 days of the date of service of this Order, with the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, located at 430 E Street,

N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001. Parties are advised that 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).

Parties are also advised that the Superior Court of the District of Columbia may have jurisdiction to hear appeals in non-contested cases or in matters where that court is specifically provided jurisdiction by law. Finally, advisory neighborhood commissions (ANCs) are advised that their right to appeal or challenge a decision of the Board may be limited by the laws governing ANCs. *See e.g.*, D.C. Code § 1-309.10(g).

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January 8, 2025

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Transmittal of Commission Actions to ABCA

Applicant: AMSTERDAM CAFÉ LOUNGE & RESTAURANT/ AMSTERDAM, LLC

ABRA-115293, 1208 U STREET NW

ANC1B Action:


After providing sufficient notice for and with a quorum of 9 present at its meeting dated January 8, 2026, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B voted, with 9 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstention, to take the following action with respect to the above noted license application:

	Protest the license
	Support request for a license renewal
X	Approve Settlement Agreement
	Support license application


Delegation:

Pursuant to 1603.3 the ANC may designate any member or every member of tis Commission to participate in the protest process. The ANC 1B SMD Commissioner shall have the primary responsibility to stand for the Commission within their SMD. Further, any ANC 1B Commissioner may serve as a delegate to represent the Commission. All communication regarding protests should be shared with 1b@anc.dc.gov for coordination.

On behalf of the Commission.


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Miguel Trindade Deramo

Commission Chairperson


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Sabel Harris
Commissioner, 1B08



**Settlement Agreement between
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B and “Amsterdam Cafe Lounge and Restaurant”**

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this day of JANUARY 12 2026 between AMSTERDAM LLC”, (“Applicant) and ANC 1B (“ANC”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Applicant has applied for the renewal of an alcoholic beverage Retailer’s Class C Tavern License (“License”) at the premises of 1208 U St NW (“Establishment”)

WHEREAS, in recognition of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (“Board”)’s policy of encouraging parties to a liquor licensing proceeding to settle their differences by reaching Settlement Agreements, by their signatures below, the parties hereto desire to enter into a Settlement Agreement whereby (1) Applicant will agree to adopt certain measures to address ANC’s concerns and to include this Agreement as a formal condition of its renewal application, and (2) ANC will not file a protest of the application provided that the Board approve this Agreement conditioned upon Applicant’s compliance with its terms; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, and other good and valuable consideration, receipt and sufficiency are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

I. Nature of the Establishment:

- Applicant will operate and manage a Class “C” Tavern license as defined by the Board. Applicant shall comply with all conditions applicable to this license class.
- WHEREAS, of the date of this Agreement, Applicant has no documented ABCA violations, and in particular no documented violations related to the sale and/or service of alcoholic beverages after 2am, Sunday through Thursday or after 3am, Friday and Saturday; and
- WHEREAS, Applicant’s Establishment does not operate within the North Shaw Moratorium Zone;

II. Hours: Establishment’s permitted hours of operation, and selling, serving, and consuming alcohol shall be as follows:

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- a. HOURS OF OPERATION:*
 - MONDAY- WEDNESDAY: 6AM - 5AM
 - THURSDAY - SUNDAY: 24 HOURS
- b. HOURS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SALES AND SERVICE
 - SUNDAY - THURSDAY: 11AM - 2AM
 - FRIDAY - SATURDAY: 11AM - 3AM
- c. HOURS OF SALES AND OPERATION FOR THE SUMMER GARDEN
 - SUNDAY - THURSDAY: 11AM - 2AM
 - FRIDAY - SATURDAY: 11AM - 3AM
- d. HOURS OF ENTERTAINMENT
 - SUNDAY - THURSDAY: 6PM - 2AM
 - FRIDAY - SATURDAY: 6PM - 3AM
- e. *Applicant has license that is grandfathered in with extended operating hours. ANC agrees to support, on condition of adopting this settlement agreement and efforts to comply with noise-control regulations
- f. However, (1) on days designated by the DC ABC Board as "Extended Hours for ABC Establishments" Applicant may operate and serve alcohol for such hour(s); (2) in the event the Council of the District of Columbia or the DC ABC Board grant licensees in general extended operating hours (such as Inauguration or World Cup) Applicant may avail itself of such extended hours; and (3) on January 1 of each year Applicant may serve alcoholic beverages until 4:00 am

3. Noise:

- a. Applicant shall comply with applicable noise-control regulations, including, but not limited to, those in District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR) Title 20 and Title 25. Specifically, applicant shall ensure that noise decibels are not louder than 60db(A) in the day, and 55db(A) at night.
- b. Applicant shall take reasonable, necessary actions to ensure that music, noise, and vibration from the Establishment are not audible in any residential premises according to ABRA DC official Code Section 25-725, summer garden, and inside on the premises, making reasonable upgrades to the sound system.
- c. Amplified speakers used in the interior must be on stands, raised, and/or mounted to reduce vibrations.
- d. Applicant's front door shall remain closed (not propped open), other than for ingress and egress, after 10:00 PM daily.
- e. Applicant's security manager on duty, or their designed, shall be responsible for handling any noise issue complaints from the neighbors. This person will carry a cell

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phone designated for this purpose and the ANC shall be given this number to distribute to the neighboring residents. That number shall be included with the signatures on this settlement agreement.

4. Trash and Rodents:

- a. Applicant shall arrange for trash and recycling collection a minimum of 3 times per week.
- b. Applicant shall keep the exterior (including immediately adjacent portions of the alley way) of the Establishment free of litter, bottles, chewing gum, trash, other debris and power wash when necessary.
- c. Applicant shall call DPW, or DC Health, to request clean-up of the adjacent alley on premises at least once a quarter
- d. All trash, recyclable materials, and grease stored outdoors at the Establishment shall be in closed containers that are resistant to vermin, leaks, and odors.
- e. Applicant shall contract with a licensed exterminator to inspect the Establishment a minimum of once per quarter and shall maintain recommended pest control measures and show documentation upon request.

5. Security & Queuing:

- a. Applicant shall make reasonable efforts to reduce the potential for patrons queuing to enter the Establishment. Applicant shall maintain rope and stanchions for patrons queuing to enter the establishment. Applicant shall make reasonable efforts to minimize the queue's impact on the public space, including having an employee stationed outside to monitor patrons waiting in the queue.
- b. Applicant shall take all reasonable steps to minimize problems of illegal drugs and public drinking, including, by having a sufficient number of trained employees to assure adequate security and to control unruly patrons in the Premises; and maintaining contact and cooperating with MPD and other enforcement officials when known or suspected drug activities occur.
- c. Applicant shall maintain ownership and control of the Premises, including patrons' ingress and egress, staff of the establishment, including any bar and security staff. Under no circumstances shall Applicant permit a third-party or promoter to be responsible for providing security or maintaining control over the establishment's existing security personnel.

6. Parking and Transportation

- a. Applicant shall encourage employees, vendors and contractors to park legally, and, as reasonably necessary, work with DDOT, DPW or the appropriate agency to resolve issues related to illegal parking by its vendors and contractors.

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7. **Compliance with Regulations:** Applicant shall comply with regulations of the Board (ABRA), Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA), Department of Health (DOH), Department of Public Works (DPW), and other applicable DC agency regulations regarding conduct of its business and the ownership of the license.
8. **Binding Effect:** This Agreement shall be binding upon and enforceable against the successors and assigns of Applicant during the term of the license to which this Agreement applies. Applicant agrees to specifically notify any prospective transferee of the existence of this Agreement and to provide them with a copy.
9. **Agreement Available Upon Demand.** A copy of this Agreement shall be kept at the Establishment and made available to law enforcement officers and Alcoholic Beverage Regulatory Administration inspectors upon request.
10. **Notices.**
 - a. Notices shall be provided by email, U.S. Mail, or hand-delivery as follows:
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B
2000 14th St., NW, Suite 100B
Washington, DC 20009
1b@anc.dc.gov

If to Applicant:
(TRADE NAME)
(ADDRESS)
Attn: (OWNER)
 - b. Failure to give notice shall not constitute waiver or acquiescence to the violation.


WHEREFORE, by the signing of the representatives of Applicant and ANC, Applicant hereby agrees to the aforementioned covenants and ANC agrees to refrain from filing a protest against Applicant's ABC License application, provided that this Agreement is incorporated into the Board's order approving Applicant's Class C Tavern ABC license.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date and year first above written.

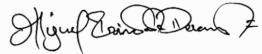
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Advisory Neighborhood Commission (SMD)


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(SMD COMMISSIONER)

Date Signed: Jan 14, 2026


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Miguel Trindade-Deramo, Chair, ANC 1B

Date Signed: Jan 14, 2026

APPLICANT:

(TRADE NAME) AMSTERDAM LLC

By: Buru

(OWNER)

Owner Phone Number: 202-415-7160

Date Signed: 01/12/26