

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

In the Matter of:)
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Belay Abere)
t/a Amsterdam Lounge)
)
Holder of a)
Retailer’s Class CT License)
)
at premises)
1208 U Street, NW)
Washington, D.C. 20009)
_____)

Case No.: 20-251-00010
License No.: ABRA-100340
Order No.: 2020-1022

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

ALSO PRESENT: Belay Abere, t/a Amsterdam Lounge, Respondent

Walter Adams, II, Assistant Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia

Martha Jenkins, General Counsel
Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration

ORDER APPROVING THE OFFER-IN-COMPROMISE

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 Belay Abere, t/a Amsterdam Lounge (Respondent) located at 1208 U Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20009.

The Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) served the Notice in Case No. 20-251-00010 on the Respondent on November 30, 2020. *ABRA Show Cause File No. 20-251-00010*. The Notice charges the Respondent with a single violation, 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. 20-251-00010 charged the Respondent with the following violation:

Charge I: [On Sunday, January 5, 2020], you failed to follow your security plan by not having the correct number of cameras, in violation of D.C. Official Code § 25-823...

ABRA Show Cause File No. 20-251-00010, Notice of Status Hearing and Show Cause Hearing, 2 (May 14, 2020).

At the Show Cause Hearing held on December 9, 2020, the Respondent and the Government entered into an Offer-in-Compromise (OIC), which resolved the charge set forth above.

The terms of the OIC are as follows:

1. For Charge I – Warning.

By agreeing to the terms of the OIC, the Respondent hereby waives its right to a Show Cause Hearing and appeal.

ORDER

Therefore, the Board, on this 9th day of December 2020, hereby **APPROVES** the OIC proffered by the Government and the Respondent.

The Board hereby **ORDERS** that the Respondent be **WARNED** not to commit this offense again.

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 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).