

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

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In the Matter of:)
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HHC TRS Highland LLC)
t/a The Churchill Hotel)
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Applicant to Renew a)
Retailer’s Class CH License)
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at premises)
1914 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.)
Washington, D.C. 20008)
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Case No.: N/A
License No.: ABRA-074621
Order No.: 2022-304

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

ALSO PRESENT: HHC TRS Highland LLC, t/a The Churchill Hotel, Petitioner

Tom O’Donnell, Protestant

Martha Jenkins, General Counsel
Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration

ORDER DENYING STANDING TO PROTEST

HHC TRS Highland LLC, t/a The Churchill Hotel, (Applicant) filed an Application to renew its Retailer’s Class CH License. Subsequently, Protestant Tom O’Donnell filed a protest letter. Nevertheless, the protest letter solely states that the protest is solely based on the issuance of a notice of infraction by another agency. This is not sufficient grounds to sustain a protest. As noted in the regulations:

1602.2 All protests shall . . . state, as grounds for the protest, why the matter being objected to is inappropriate *under one (1) or more of the appropriateness standards* set out in D.C. Official Code §§ 25-313 and 25-314 and § 400 of this title.

In this case, none of the reasons provided in the protest letter state one of the legal appropriateness grounds, such as peace, order, and quiet; residential parking; or property values. Therefore, the protest is invalid and must be dismissed.

ORDER

Therefore, the Board, on this 29th day of June 2022, hereby **DENIES** standing to Protestant Tom O'Donnell. A copy of this Order shall be provided to the parties.

District of Columbia
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

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Pursuant to 23 DCMR § 1719.1, 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, Reeves Center, 2000 14th Street, N.W., 400S, Washington, D.C. 20009.

Also, pursuant to section 11 of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, Pub. L. 90-614, 82 Stat. 1209, District of Columbia 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, 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001. However, the timely filing of a Motion for Reconsideration pursuant to 23 DCMR § 1719.1 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).