

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

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In the Matter of:)	
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G’House Loynad, LLC)	Case No.: 24-ULC-00020
t/a District Tobacco and Cigars)	License No.: N/A
)	Order No.: 2024-662
Cease and Desist)	
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at premises)	
3236 Prospect Street, N.W.)	
Washington, D.C. 20002)	
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BEFORE: Donovan Anderson, Chairperson
James Short, Member
Silas Grant, Jr., Member

PARTIES: Yutong Zhou, Counsel, on behalf of G’House Loynad, t/a District
Tobacco and Cigars, Respondent

Benmax, LLC, Landlord Respondent

ORDER TO STAY THE DECISION IN CASE NO. 24-ULC-00020

On September 19, 2024, the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board (Board) held a hearing at the request of G’House Loynad, t/a District Tobacco, (Respondent), pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 7-1671.12a regarding Board Order Nos. 2024-619 and 2024-578. The Counsel for the Respondent, Yutong Zhou, presented as evidence a lease agreement between the Respondent and a third-party dated May 23, 2024, demonstrating the transfer of ownership of the business to the third-party. *ABCA Cease and Desist File No. 24-ULC-00020*, Assignment and Assumption of Lease Agreement, (May 23, 2024). Having received this testimony, and with Mr. Zhou’s consent, the Board, on this 25th day of September 2024, stays the issuance of a decision in this matter pending an investigation on the new business ownership. The case has been referred to the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABCA), Enforcement Division, for further investigation. Board Order No. 2024-578 shall remain in full force and effect during this period. A copy of this Order shall be sent to the parties.

District of Columbia
Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board

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Pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 7-1671.12a(b)(1), “[t]he alleged violator [or violators] may, within 15 days after the service of the order, submit a written request to the ABC Board to hold a hearing on the alleged violation.” D.C. Code § 7-1671.12a(b)(1). Upon receipt of the request, the Board will provide the requestor with a “a hearing in accordance with the procedures set forth in Chapter 5 of Title 2” to challenge the cease and desist and the Board shall “issue a decision within 90 days after the hearing.” D.C. Code § 7-1671.12a(b)(2).

The requestor may also request an expedited hearing if they submit a written request “within 10 days after the service of an order” and “request [that] the ABC Board [hold] an expedited hearing on the alleged violation.” D.C. Code § 7-1671.12a(c)(1). If a timely request for an expedited hearing is made, the “Board shall conduct a hearing within 10 days after the date of receiving the request and shall deliver to the alleged violator at their last known address a written notice of the hearing by any means guaranteed to be received at least 5 days before the hearing date.” D.C. Code § 7-1671.12a(c)(2). After the expedited hearing, the Board shall issue a decision within 30 days. D.C. Code § 7-1671.12a(c)(3).

Please note that the failure to request a hearing shall result in the order being deemed final. Please further note that if you fail to comply with the order of the Board, the Board may file a petition against you with the Superior Court of the District of Columbia and seek compliance by judicial order in addition to other enforcement actions permitted by law. D.C. Code § 7-1671.12a(f)(3).

If you request a hearing, you may appear at the virtual hearing unless other instructions to appear are provided, and you and the establishment, may be represented by legal counsel. You have the right to produce witnesses and evidence on your behalf and to cross-examine witnesses. You may examine evidence produced.

All hearings are conducted in the English language. If you, any corporate officer, or any witnesses to be called are deaf, have a hearing impediment, or cannot readily understand or communicate the spoken English language, an application may be made to the Board for the appointment of a qualified interpreter.

Your failure to appear at the time and place set for the hearing, if requested, either in person or through counsel, or both, will not preclude the Board from proceeding in this matter. Should you have any questions, contact ABRA Adjudication Specialist Danette Walker at 202-442-4418.

Finally, pursuant to section 11 of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, Pub. L. 90-614, 82 Stat. 1209, D.C. 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. 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).