

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

**In the Matter of:**

Empire DC, LLC  
t/a Empire Lounge

Applicant for a Renewal of a  
Retailer's Class CT License

at premises  
1909 9th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20001

Case No.: 20-PRO-00015  
License No.: ABRA-110702  
Order No.: 2020-977

Empire DC, LLC, t/a Empire Lounge, Applicant

Richard Bianco, Counsel, on behalf of the Applicant

Lynn H. Johnson, Designated Representative, on behalf of the Westminster Neighborhood Association, Protestant

Shira Margol, Designated Representative, on behalf of A Group of Five or More Residents and Property Owners, Protestant

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

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**ORDER DISMISSING PROTEST**

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The Application filed by Empire DC, LLC, t/a Empire Lounge (Applicant), for renewal of its Retailer's Class CT License, having been protested, came before the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (Board) for a Protest Status Hearing on November 19, 2020. On the day of the hearing, the Board dismissed the protest filed by a Group of Five or More Residents and Property Owners, represented by Shira Margol, because the Group failed to appear at the required hearing in accordance with 23 DCMR § 1604.3 (West Supp. 2020).

## **ORDER**

Therefore, the Board, on this 19th day of November, hereby **DISMISSES** the protest filed by the Group of Five or More Residents or Property Owners. Copies of this Order shall be sent to the Parties.

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 14<sup>th</sup> 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).