THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD

In the Matter of:

Georgetown Suites, LLC/Wabbit, LLC t/a Georgetown Inn West End/Casta's Rum Bar

Holder of a

Retailer's Class CR License

at premises

1121 New Hampshire Avenue, NW

Washington, D.C. 20037

Case No.: 22-CMP-00088 License No.: ABRA-109462

Order No.: 2023-414

BEFORE:

Donovan Anderson, Chairperson

James Short, Member Bobby Cato, Member Jeni Hansen, Member

Edward S. Grandis, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Georgetown Suites, LLC/Wabbit, LLC, t/a Georgetown Inn West

End/Casta's Rum Bar, Respondent

Andrew Kline, Counsel, on behalf of the Respondent

Anthony P, Celo, Assistant Attorney General

Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia

Martha Jenkins, General Counsel

Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration

ORDER APPROVING THE OFFER-IN-COMPROMISE

The above-mentioned parties have petitioned the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board (Board) to approve an offer-in-compromise (OIC) to settle one or more violations of Title 25 of the D.C. Official Code (Title 25) and Title 23 of the D.C. Municipal Regulations (Title 23) in accordance with D.C. Official Code § 2-509(a).

ORDER

Therefore, on this 2nd day of August 2023, the Board APPROVES the OIC appended to this Order. The terms of the OIC are as follows:

- 1. The Respondent admits to a violation of the statutes or regulations listed in the OIC attached to this Order.
- 2. The Respondent shall follow and abide by the terms and conditions of the attached OIC in accordance with D.C. Official Code §§ 2-509(a), 25-447(f), and 25-823(a)(6).
- 3. The Respondent waives all rights to notice or appearance before the Board.
- 4. The Respondent waives the right to a hearing, call witnesses, present evidence, and otherwise contest the charges as provided in Title 25 and Title 23.
- 5. The Respondent waives the right to judicial review or appeal of this Order. The Respondent further agrees not to collaterally attack the disposition imposed by this Order.
- 6. The parties agree that the attached OIC constitutes the entire agreement of the parties.

The Show Cause Hearing in this matter is cancelled. The Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABCA) shall deliver copies of this Order to the Government and the Respondent.

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Edward S. Grandis, Member

Pursuant to D.C. Official Code§ 25-433(d)(l), 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 and Cannabis 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 thilty (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).

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS ADMINISTRATION ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD



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Case No. 22-CMP-00088 License No. 109462 Retailer Class CR

Respondent.

OFFER IN COMPROMISE FOR BOARD APPROVAL

The District of Columbia, jointly with the licensee (Respondent), submits this Offer in Compromise (OIC) to the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board (Board), as authorized by 23 DCMR § 1604.5, for approval by the Board.

The Parties understand that if the Board approves the OIC, this case will conclude. Respondent will be obligated to abide by the terms of the OIC shown below. If the Board does not approve the OIC, the matter will proceed to the scheduled Show Cause Hearing.

Respondent has been advised that there is no obligation to accept an OIC. Respondent has been advised, through service of the Notice of Show Cause Hearing, that at any Show Cause Hearing or other proceedings, Respondent may be represented by legal counsel, have subpoenas issued to require the production of witnesses and evidence, produce witnesses and evidence, cross-examine witnesses, and apply to the Board for a qualified interpreter.

The OIC terms are as follows.

Charge I: Increased Interior Occupancy Without Approval.

Statutory Authority: D.C. Code § 25–762(b)(1)

<u>Fine</u>: \$2,000 payable within 30 days or its license shall be suspended indefinitely until the fine is paid.

Charge II: Allowed Dancing Without Endorsement.

Statutory Authority: D.C. Code § 25–113a(b)(1)

<u>Fine</u>: \$500 payable within 30 days or its license shall be suspended indefinitely until the fine is paid.

Dated: August 1, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

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CONSENT OF RESPONDENT

By this Offer in Compromise, I agree to accept and perform its terms. I acknowledge the validity of the OIC and waive further litigation including the motion of reconsideration to which I would have a right under 23 DCMR § 1719.1. I also recognize that I am waiving any right to appeal an adverse ruling of the Board that might have followed any such hearing. By this settlement, I waive all such rights. I sign this OIC without reservation, and I fully understand its meaning and my rights.

/s/	
Nayan Patel, Managing Member,	DATE
Georgetown Suites, LLC, Respondent	
<u>/s/</u>	<u> </u>
Andrew Schulwolf, Esq.	DATE
Attorney for Respondent, Georgetown Suites, LLC	
<u>/s/</u>	8/1/23
Vinoda Basnayake, Managing Member,	DATE
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Attorney for Respondent, Wabbit, LLC

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Nayan Patel, Managing Member, Georgetown Suites, LLC, Respondent	Aug, 2, 2023
Georgetown Suites, LLC, Respondent	
/s/	
Andrew Schulwolf, Esq. Attorney for Respondent, Georgetown Suites, LLC	DATE
/ <u>s</u> /	
Vinoda Basnayake, Managing Member, Wabbit, LLC, Respondent	DATE
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Andrew Kline, Esq. Attorney for Respondent, Wabbit, LLC	DATE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On August 1, 2023, I served the foregoing Offer in Compromise for Board Approval by

email to:

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