

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

In the Matter of:)		
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)	Case No.:	26-ULC-00087
AMEL, LLC)	License No.:	N/A
t/a Glover Tobacco)	Order No.:	2026-269
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Summary Closure)		
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at premises)		
2319 Wisconsin Avenue, NW)		
Washington, D.C. 20007)		
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BEFORE: Donovan Anderson, Chairperson
Silas Grant, Jr., Member
Teri Janine Quinn, Member
Ryan Jones, Member
David Meadows, Member

PARTIES: AMEL, LLC t/a Glover Tobacco, Respondent

Shani C. Brown, Assistant Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia

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 Chapter 16B of Title 7 of the D.C. Official Code or Title 22-C of the D.C. Municipal Regulations in accordance with D.C. Official Code § 2-509(a). The Parties filed an offer-in-compromise with the Board, which concluded this matter.

ORDER

Therefore, the Board, on this 11th day of March 2026, **APPROVES** the OIC appended to this Order.

1. The parties agree that the attached OIC constitutes the entire agreement of the parties;

2. The Respondent agrees to the conditions, terms, penalties, and violations described in the OIC; and
3. The Respondent agrees that it understands the charges filed against it and the basis for those charges. The Respondent waives the right to contest liability, the right to a hearing, the right to present evidence and argument, the right to confront witnesses and evidence, and the right to appeal and have judicial review related to this matter. The Respondent understands that his or her decision to enter into this OIC permanently waives these rights in this matter.

ABCA shall deliver copies of this Order to the Government and the Respondent.

District of Columbia
Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board



Donovan Anderson, Chairperson

Silas Grant, Jr., Member

Teri Janine Quinn

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Ryan Jones, Member

David Meadows

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Any party adversely affected may file a Motion for Reconsideration of this decision or other motion permitted by law within ten days of service of this Order. If a motion is filed, the opposing party may file a response within seven days. If a response is filed, the movant may file a reply within three days. All filings should be served on all parties to the matter and delivered to the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration, 899 North Capitol Street, N.E., Suite 4200-A, Washington, D.C. 20002, or sent by email to abca.legal@dc.gov. Parties are further advised that the failure to properly serve the other parties or to present all matters of record that have allegedly been erroneously decided in a motion for reconsideration may result in the waiver of those matters being considered by the Board. The Board also reserves the right to summarily deny or not consider multiple and repetitive motions.

In addition to filing a Motion for Reconsideration, pursuant to § 11 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, a party that is adversely affected may have the right to appeal this Order by filing a petition for review, within 30 days of the date of service of this Order, with the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, located at 430 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001. Parties are advised that 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).

Parties are also advised that the Superior Court of the District of Columbia may have jurisdiction to hear appeals in non-contested cases or in matters where that court is specifically provided jurisdiction by law. Finally, advisory neighborhood commissions (ANCs) are advised that their

right to appeal or challenge a decision of the Board may be limited by the laws governing ANCs.
See e.g., D.C. Code § 1-309.10(g).

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



IN THE MATTER OF:

AMEL, LLC t/a GLOVER TOBACCO

Respondent.

Case No. 26-ULC-00087

OFFER IN COMPROMISE FOR BOARD APPROVAL

The District of Columbia jointly with Glover Tobacco (Respondent) submits this Offer in Compromise (OIC) to the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board (Board), as authorized by 22-C DCMR § 6213, for approval by the Board. This case arose from violations of D.C. Code § 7-1671.08 by Respondent at 2319 Wisconsin Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20007 (the Premises).

The Parties understand that if the Board approves the OIC, the 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, litigation of this summary closure will continue.

Respondent has been advised that there is no obligation to accept the OIC. Respondent has been advised, through service of the Notice of Summary Closure, that at any Summary Closure 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:

- (1) Products not to be Offered, Exchanged, or Sold: Respondent confirms that it has ceased selling cannabis or cannabis products. Respondent agrees not to sell the

following at the premises, online, or at any other location in the District of Columbia:

- (1) cannabis and cannabis products, including all cannabinoids, hemp, CBD, tetrahydrocannabinolic acid (THC-A), and THC, without a medical cannabis retail license; (2) Kratom; and (3) any Schedule I substances, including psychedelic mushrooms and DMT.
- (2) Inspection: Respondent agrees to allow ABCA investigators to inspect the entire premises of the business during those hours that it is open to the public to verify that the business is not selling those products listed in paragraph 1.
- (3) Future Violations: This summary closure constitutes a first violation of D.C. Code § 7-1671.08(f) such if Respondent has not filed an accepted and pending application with the ABC Board and knowingly engages or attempts to engage in the purchase, sale, exchange, delivery, or any other form of commercial transaction involving cannabis in the future, the ABC Board may issue a \$20,000 fine, under D.C. Code § 7-1671.08(f)(2).
- (4) Fine: Respondent agrees to pay a \$5,000 fine for this violation. Respondent shall contact abca.legal@dc.gov to coordinate payment of the fine.
- (5) Lifting of the Summary Closure: Upon payment of the fine, the summary closure shall be lifted.
- (6) Return of Keys: Once the summary closure is lifted, ABCA shall make the keys to the premises available to Respondent for pickup at its offices, or at another mutually agreed upon date, time, and location.

Dated: March 11, 2026 .

Respectfully submitted,

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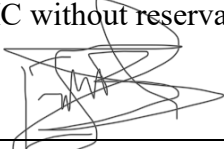
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CONSENT OF RESPONDENT

By this Offer in Compromise, I agree to accept and perform its terms. I acknowledge the validity of the OIC and waive a hearing to which I would have a right under D.C. Code § 7-1671.08(g). 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.



Respondent
Elshaday Belay, Owner
AMEL, LLC t/a Glover Tobacco
2319 Wisconsin Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20007

3/11/2026
Date

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On March 11, 2026, the foregoing Offer in Compromise for Board Approval was served by email or first-class mail to:

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