

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

**In the Matter of:**

Jamerica, LLC  
t/a Jamerica

Applicant for a New  
Retailer's Class CR License

at premises  
2125 Rhode Island Avenue, NE  
Washington, D.C. 20018

License No.: ABRA-117384  
Order No.: 2021-077

Jamerica, LLC, t/a Jamerica, Applicant

Jacqueline Manning and Jeremiah Montague Jr., Commissioners, on behalf of Advisory  
Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 5C

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

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**ORDER ON SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

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The official records of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (Board) reflect that Jamerica, LLC, t/a Jamerica (Applicant), Applicant for a new Retailer's Class CR License, and ANC 5C have entered into a Settlement Agreement (Agreement), dated January 28, 2021, that governs the operations of the Applicant's establishment.

The Agreement has been reduced to writing and has been properly executed and filed with the Board. The Applicant and Commissioners Jacqueline Manning and Jeremiah Montague Jr., on behalf of ANC 5C, are signatories to the Agreement.

Accordingly, it is this 10th day of February 2021, **ORDERED** that:

1. The above-referenced Settlement Agreement submitted by the parties to govern the operations of the Applicant's establishment is **APPROVED** and **INCORPORATED** as part of this Order; and
2. Copies of this Order shall be sent to the Applicant and ANC 5C.

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 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, 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).



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5C  
Government of the District of Columbia  
PO Box 92352  
Washington, DC 20090

January 28, 2021

To: DC Alcohol Beverage Regulation Administration  
Government of the District of Columbia  
2000 14<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Suite 400  
Washington, DC 20009

Subject: Community Agreement ABRA-117384

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5C is happy submit its ratified Community Agreement relating to ABRA-117384, Jamerica LLC t/a Jamerica.

Be it known, that on the Twenty-Seventh day of January 2021 in a properly noticed, regularly scheduled public meeting, having a quorum of 6 of 7 commissioners present and voting, the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5C hear and ratify the community agreement between Jamerica LLC and the single member district 5C07 on behalf of ANC 5C in license application ABRA-117384. The meeting occurred virtually via WEBEX teleconferencing as permitted by law, and received recording electronically.

After a review of the letter of support from Commissioner Montague ANC 5C07, and a full reading of the Community Agreement signed by the license applicant, the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5C voted 6-0-0 [unanimously] to accept the Community Agreement attaching to the ABRA-117384 license application. Further, having no objections from commissioners or the community, the commission voted unanimously to incorporate by reference the letter of support from ANC 5C07 as its reasoning to support the application and community agreement entered into on behalf of the ANC and the community.

Respectfully,

Jeremiah Montague, Jr.  
Vice-Chair, Treasurer ANC 5C  
Commissioner ANC 5C07



## Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC-5C07)

Government of the District of Columbia

Single Member District Meeting

January 6, 2021

### Notice of Favorable Decision

#### Location

Via Webex Teleconferencing, 5C  
Meeting ID: 180 071 9970  
From: 2914 25<sup>th</sup> St NE  
Washington, DC 20018

In the matter of **ABRA-117384, New Retail Application**, the applicant, Jamerica LLC t/a Jamerica, seeks a new Class "C" Restaurant License, for 2125 Rhode Island Avenue NE, 20018. The following report occurs as a matter of record.

The Commissioner provided via email to the applicant an invitation to present to the Single Member District, ANC-5C07, and affected community. The applicant appeared Mr. Stanley Waite, and his agent Mr. Jeffrey Jackson. The applicant delivered a reasonable presentation of the applicants' case. The applicant fielded questions from the commissioner and the community, responding candidly about its restaurant proposal.

The applicant responded community concern regarding hours of operation, summer garden, interior/exterior capacities, and entertainment. The applicant noted having no places for rooftop activity, and limiting its summer garden without amplified music to the rear of the establishment. The applicant anticipates a community friendly restaurant opening in January or February 2021.

The Commissioner read into the record, the full, as negotiated, community agreement to which the applicant affixed his signature, as agreeable.

Commissioner Montague, conducting the meeting, asked for those in opposition of the application to indicate so. There was none, expressed by total silence. The commissioner indicated that having no voicing of opposition, he would prepare a Notice of Favorable Decision, recommending support of the Application for the new License to the full commission ANC-5C. The Commissioner noted that the ANC 5C is to meet in January 2021.

#### As cause:

The applicant acknowledged and noted that this license is for a new establishment along Rhode Island Avenue NE, in the Woodridge-Langdon DC area.

6-0-0  
↑  
↳ Unanimous  
and without.

The commissioner noted that the applicant agrees to operate its establishment within the limits of the community agreement, and as constrained by other regulatory authorities as appropriate.

Responding to questions regarding alcohol and public space the applicant acknowledged the community's desire to control and restrict alcohol entering the public space, and it would take steps to do so.

The applicant described its hours of operation, and responded to an audience inquiry regarding what type of food it anticipated serving. The applicant responded remarking it would feature Jamaican foods/cuisine, and the hours of operation are per the signed agreement. The applicant noted not using the roof area for its summer garden, but placing it at the rear of the establishment, having sufficient space for such, without entertainment or amplified sound.

In addition, The community holds that applicant bears responsibility by its patrons after departing its premises which harms the community, public safety, environment, or compromises public health, either directly or indirectly,

The applicant acknowledges this responsibility, while assuring the assembled and community of its commitment to being a good licensee and community partner.

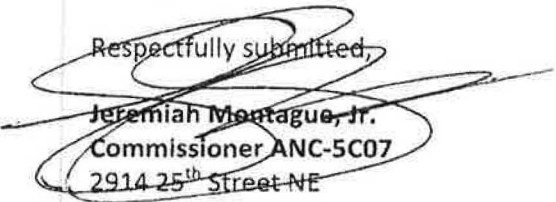
#### **The Recommendation**

Having no opposition from the community and those assembled, as well as, making satisfactory representations regarding its community involvement and license agreements compliance;

It is hereby the recommendation of ANC-5C07, in the matter of ABRA-117384 new application for a Class C Restaurant License, by Jamerica LLC t/a Jamerica, 2125 Rhode Island Avenue NE, 20018, approve support for applicants' license application.

The vote occurred on January 6, 2019 during the regularly scheduled SMD meeting [MID 180 071 9970], conducted via Webex Teleconference as provided for by DC Code during the declared public health emergency 2020-2021.

Respectfully submitted,

  
**Jeremiah Montague, Jr.**  
**Commissioner ANC-5C07**  
2914 25<sup>th</sup> Street NE

Washington, DC 20018-2510  
(202) 670-8543  
5C07@anc.dc.gov

**Draft ANC & Community Agreement Proposal**  
**December 19, 2020**

In the matter of; Jamerica LLC, t/a Jamerica, as before the DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD,  
CaseNo. ABRA-117384, License No: ABRA-117384  
Application for a New Retailer's Class CR License, at premises 2125 Rhode Island Avenue, N.E.,  
Washington, D.C. 20018


Conditioned upon conclusion of public hearings before the Community, Single-Member-District ANC 5C07, and ANC 5C, the parties agree to have the ABRA Board issue a consent order imposing conditions on the license authorizing the issuance of a Retailer's Class CR License to the Applicant and imposing conditions on the license.

**Agreement**

Board **APPROVE** the Application for a New Retailer's Class CR License at premises 2125 Rhode Island Avenue, N.E. filed by Jamerica LLC, t/a Jamerica subject to the following **CONDITIONS** agreed to by the parties:

1. The license holder's hours of operation and hours of sale, service, and the consumption of alcoholic beverages for the interior shall not begin before 8:00 a.m. or exceed 2:00 a.m. on any day of the week.
2. The license holder's hours of operation and hours of sale, service, and consumption of alcoholic beverages for the summer garden shall not begin before 8:00 a.m. on any day of the week or exceed 12:00 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, or 1:00 a.m. on Friday or Saturday.
3. The conditions contained in this agreement shall not prevent or prohibit the license holder from applying for, receiving, or operating under any extended hours or additional hours granted under the law.
4. The license holder shall not operate the establishment as a nightclub.
5. The license holder shall not have cover charges.
6. The license holder shall not have a dance floor.
7. The license holder shall not have VIP table service.
8. The license holder shall not have VIP bottle service.
9. The license holder shall not have amplified music or sound on the rooftop.

The Applicant agrees that the failure to adhere to these conditions imposed by this agreement may be enforced under D.C. Official Code § 25-823(a)(6)(requiring compliance with ABRA Board orders) and 25-823(a)(7)(requiring compliance with "the terms of ... [the] license approved by the Board.").

ANC 5C07  **JEREMIAH MONTAGUE, JR.** date 1/6/2021  
Commissioner 5C07

ANC 5C  **Jacqueline Manning** date 01/28/2021  
S.C. Chair / S.N.D. 5C07

Applicant (or authorized agent)  date 12/21/2020