

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

**In the Matter of:**

Kono Gemechu  
t/a Kearney's Grocery

Holder of a Retailer's  
Class B License

Mailing Address  
1426 North Capitol Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20002

License No.: ABRA-078591  
Order No.: 2018-648

**BEFORE:** Donovan Anderson, Chairperson  
Nick Alberti, Member  
Mike Silverstein, Member  
James Short, Member  
Donald Isaac, Sr., Member  
Bobby Cato, Member  
Rema Wahabzadah, Member

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**ORDER VACATING CANCELLATION OF LICENSE AND  
REINSTATING LICENSE**

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On October 17, 2018, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (Board) issued Board Order No. 2018-598 cancelling Kono Gemechu, t/a Kearney's Grocery (Petitioner), License No. ABRA-078591.

Specifically, the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration's (ABRA) Licensing Division mailed a written notice to the Petitioner notifying the Petitioner that the safekeeping period for its license expired on September 30, 2018. The Petitioner was further notified that if it wished to keep its license in Safekeeping, a written safekeeping extension request must be submitted to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (Board) at least ten (10) days before September 30, 2018, or the license will be cancelled, pursuant to the District of Columbia Official Code § 25-791(c). No such request was made by the Petitioner.

On October 22, 2018, Kono Gemechu, owner, sought reinstatement of the Retailer's Class B License No. ABRA-078591. In support of his Request for Reinstatement, Mr. Gemechu stated that he did not receive any notification from the Board that he must submit a request for a safekeeping extension. Thus the safekeeping of the license expired resulting in cancellation of the license.

The Board finds that the reinstatement of the license is proper with the condition that the Petitioner submits a request for safekeeping extension and pays the required fees.

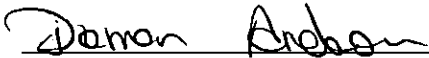
Accordingly, it is this 24th day of October, 2018, **ORDERED** that the **ORDER CANCELLING LICENSE** issued against Kono Gemechu, t/a Kearney's Grocery, by the Board on October 17, 2018, be and hereby is **VACATED**.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that its Retailer's Class B License ABRA-078591 be **REINSTATED**.

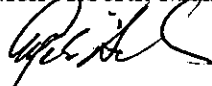
**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Respondent shall submit a request for safekeeping extension to the Board and pay the required fees.

A copy of this Order shall be sent to the Petitioner.


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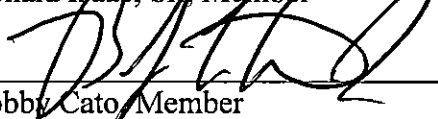
  
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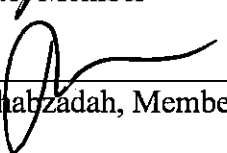
  
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Pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 25-433(d)(1), any party adversely affected may file a Motion for Reconsideration of this decision within ten (10) days of service of this Order with the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration, 2000 14<sup>th</sup> 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).