## THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

In the Matter of:	)	
Café Europa	) Case No.:	19-CMP-00061
t/a LeDesales	) License No.: ) Order No.:	ABRA-60754 2020-074
Holder of a	)	
Retailer's Class CR License	)	
at premises	)	
1725 De Sales Street, N.W.	)	
Washington, D.C. 20036	)	

BEFORE:

Donovan Anderson, Chairperson

James Short, Member

Rema Wahabzadah, Member Rafi Aliya Crockett, Member

**ALSO PRESENT:** 

Café Europa, t/a LeDesales, Respondent

Jason Facci, Assistant Attorney General

Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia

Martha Jenkins, General Counsel

Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration

## ORDER GRANTING IN PART MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

## INTRODUCTION

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (Board) previously found in Board Order No. 2020-030 that Café Europa, t/a LeDesales, (hereinafter "Respondent" or "LeDesales") violated D.C. Official Code § 25-701 and 23 DCMR § 707.1 by failing to have an owner or licensed manager present during its Board-approved hours of sale, service, and consumption of alcoholic beverages. The Respondent was ordered to pay a fine of \$3,000 within 30 days. The Respondent filed a motion requesting a lower fine. Financial hardship is not valid grounds for lowering a fine; nevertheless, the Board may extend the time for payment.

## **ORDER**

Therefore, the Board, on this 29th day of January 2020, hereby modifies Board Order No. 2020-030 and requires the Respondent must pay all fines imposed by the Board within sixty (60) days from the date of this Order, or its license shall be immediately suspended until all amounts owed are paid. The ABRA shall deliver copies of this Order to the Government and the Respondent.

District of Columbia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Donovan Anderson, Chairperson

James Short, Member

Rema Wahabzadah, Member

Rafi Aliva Crockett, Member

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, Reeves Center, 2000 14th Street, NW, 400S, Washington, D.C. 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 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).