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In the Matter of:)	
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Noble Convenience, LLC)	
t/a Noble Liquor and Tobacco)	Case No.: 25-CMP-00016
)	License No.: ABRA-122919
Holder of a)	Order No.: 2025-742
Retailer's Class A License)	
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at premises)	
1305 H Street, NE)	
Washington, D.C. 20002)	
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ALSO PRESENT: Noble Convenience, LLC, t/a Noble Liquor and Tobacco, Respondent

Betsy McMullen, Assistant Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia

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 25th day of June 2025, the Board **APPROVES** the OIC appended to this Order. The terms of the OIC are as follows:

1. The Respondent admits to violations 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.

District of Columbia
Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board

eSigned via SeamlessDocs.com
Donovan Anderson
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Donovan Anderson, Chairperson



Silas Grant, Jr., Member

Teri Janine Quinn

Teri Janine Quinn, Member



Ryan Jones, Member



David Meadows, Member

Pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 25-433(d)(1) (applicable to alcohol matters) or 22-C DCMR § 9720 (applicable to medical cannabis matters), 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, 899 North Capitol Street NE, Suite 4200 B (Alcohol Division), Suite 4200 A (Medical Cannabis Division), Washington, DC 20002.

Any party adversely affected may file a Motion for Reconsideration of this decision within ten days of service of this Order with the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration, 899 North Capitol Street, N.E., Suite 4200-A, Washington, D.C. 20002. Also, pursuant to § 11 of the *District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act*, Pub. L. 90-614, 82 Stat. 1209, D.C. 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 further advised that the failure 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.

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: NOBLE CONVENIENCE, LLC t/a NOBLE LIQUOR AND TOBACCO Respondent.	Case No. 25-CMP-00016 License No. 122919 Retailer Class A
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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 § 1611.5, for approval by the Board.

The Parties understand that if the Board approves the OIC, this case (25-CMP-00016) will conclude. Respondent will be obligated to abide by the terms of the OIC shown below. If the Board does not approve the OIC, this matter will proceed to a 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 proceeding, 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: No ABC Manager on Duty (first secondary tier violation).

Statutory Authority: D.C. Code § 25-701.

Fine: \$250 fine within thirty (30) days or its license shall be suspended indefinitely until this fine is paid.

Charge II: Violated Ward 6 Moratorium by selling single beer, malt liquor, or ale (first primary tier violation).

Statutory Authority: D.C. Code § 25-341.01(b).

Outcome: Warning.

Dated: June 23, 2025

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/ Bekele Dessie
Bekele Dessie, Sole Owner
Noble Liquor and Tobacco
Respondent

6/24/2025
DATE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On June 23, 2025, I served the foregoing Offer in Compromise for Board Approval by email to:

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