

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

In the Matter of:

Proper Exotic, LLC
t/a Proper Exotic

Applicant for a New
Medical Cannabis Retailer License

at premises
313 8th Street N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003

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) Case No.: 25-PRO-00009
) License No.: ABRA-128697
) Order No.: 2025-659
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BEFORE: Donovan Anderson, Chairperson
Silas Grant, Jr., Member
Teri Janine Quinn, Member
Ryan Jones, Member
David Meadows, Member

ALSO PRESENT: Proper Exotic, LLC t/a Proper Exotic, Applicant

John McGowan and Meredith Kinner, Counsel on behalf of the Applicant

Mike Velasquez, Commissioner, on behalf of Advisory Neighborhood
Commission (ANC) 6A, Protestant

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE AN AMENDED MOTION TO
REINSTATE ITS APPLICATION**

The Application filed by Proper Exotic, LLC t/a Proper Exotic (Applicant), for a Medical Cannabis Retailer License, having been protested, came before the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board (Board) for a Roll Call Hearing on March 3, 2025.

On March 12, 2025, the Board canceled the Protest based on the withdrawal of the Application. *See* Board Order 2025-121.

On March 17, 2025, on behalf of the Applicant, former counsel filed a motion to reinstate the Protest and Application and amend the ownership structure. The Applicant explained that Proper Exotic was jointly owned (50/50) at the time of its application, and unbeknownst to the Applicant, his business partner unilaterally withdrew the Application.

On April 16, 2025, the Applicant obtained new counsel and discovered that the March 17 Motion to reinstate the application was improperly filed. Applicant argues that in addition to its March 17 Motion including improper request for relief, the Motion omits information that “is material to Proper Exotic’s request to reinstate its application.” *See* Applicant’s Motion for Leave to File an Amended Motion to Reinstate Its Application (May 9, 2025). The Applicant’s May 9 Motion also argues that its request for leave to amend the March 17 Motion is not untimely, because the Board has not heard oral argument or issued an order on reinstatement.

Upon consideration of this request for leave to file an amended motion to reinstate Proper Exotic’s Application, the Board finds the Applicant’s arguments persuasive.

ORDER

For these reasons, the Board, on this 21st day of May 2025, hereby **GRANTS** the Applicant’s Motion for Leave to File an Amended Motion to Reinstate Its Application and the Board accepts the new filing accompanying the motion.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the ANC shall be granted an additional 7 days to respond to this new filing.

The ABCA shall deliver a copy of this order to the Parties.

District of Columbia
Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis 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 and Cannabis Administration, 899 North Capitol Street, N.E., Suite 4200-A, Washington, D.C. 20002.

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).