

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

**In the Matter of:**

WSC20, LLC  
t/a Solace Outpost

Holder of a  
Retailer's Class CT License

at premises  
71 Potomac Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20003

Case No: 22-CMP-00028  
License No.: ABRA-117170  
Order No.: 2022-672

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** WSC20, LLC, t/a Solace Outpost, Respondent

Candace M. Fitch, Counsel, on behalf of the Respondent

Janika J. Jordan, Assistant Attorney General  
Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia

Martha Jenkins, General Counsel  
Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration

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**ORDER APPROVING THE OFFER-IN-COMPROMISE**

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The above-mentioned parties have petitioned the Alcoholic Beverage Control 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 21st day of September 2022, the Board **APPROVES** the OIC appended to this Order. The terms of the OIC are as follows:

1. The Respondent admits to a violation 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. ABRA shall deliver copies of this Order to the Government and the Respondent.

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 II 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).

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE REGULATION ADMINISTRATION  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD**



IN THE MATTER OF:

WSC20, LLC, t/a  
SOLACE OUTPOST,

Respondent.

Case No. 22-CMP-00028

License No. 117170

Retailer Class CT

**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 Control Board (Board), as authorized by 23 DCMR § 1611.5, for approval by the Board.

The Parties understand that if the Board approves the OIC, scheduled hearings will be vacated, this case will conclude, and appeal and judicial review are waived under 23 DCMR § 1611.6. Respondent will be obligated to abide by the fine, suspension, or other OIC terms below. If the Board does not approve the OIC, the matter will continue to a Show Cause Hearing.

Respondent has been advised that there is no obligation to accept the OIC. And Respondent has been advised, through service of the Notice of Status Hearing and Show Cause Hearing, that at a Show Cause Hearing it may be represented by legal counsel, have subpoenas issued to require 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: Held conflicting interest in a manufacturing license in Virginia.

Statutory Authority: D.C. Code § 25-303 and D.C. Code § 25-823(a)(1)

Fine: \$1,000 fine payable within 120 days of the Board accepting the OIC, and if payment is not made within 120 days, the license will be suspended until payment is received.

Charge II: Failed to comply with the qualifications for wholesaler's or retailer's license.

Statutory Authority: D.C. Code § 25-302(1)

Fine: \$1,000 fine payable within 120 days of the Board accepting the OIC, and if payment is not made within 120 days, the license will be suspended until payment is received.

Charge III: Failed to disclose ownership interest in the original ABRA application.

Statutory Authority: D.C. Code § 25-301(a)(5) and 23 DCMR § 501

Other term: Dismissed.

Charge IV: Transferred more than 50% ownership without approval.

Statutory Authority: D.C. Code § 24-405(a)

Fine: \$1,000 fine payable within 120 days of the Board accepting the OIC, and if payment is not made within 120 days, the license will be suspended until payment is received.

Dated: September 20, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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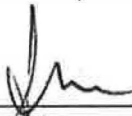
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ATTORNEYS FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**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 a hearing to which I would have a right under D.C. Code § 25-826. 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.

  
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Respondent  
Ian Hilton

9/20/2022  
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Counsel for Respondent  
Candace M. Fitch, Esq.  
cfitch@eslmgmt.com

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DATE

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

On September 20, 2022, the foregoing Offer in Compromise for Board Approval was served by electronic mail to:

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