

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

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**In the Matter of:** )  
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The Fireplace Restaurant, Inc. )  
t/a The Fireplace )  
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Holder of a )  
Retailer's Class CT License )  
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at premises )  
2161 P Street, NW )  
Washington, D.C. 20008 )

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Case No.: 22-251-00003  
License No.: ABRA-014419  
Order No.: 2022-202

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** The Fireplace Restaurant, Inc., t/a The Fireplace, Respondent  
  
Kevin R. Lutes, 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 4th day of May 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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Edward S. Grandis, 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, 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**



<b>IN THE MATTER OF:</b>  The Fireplace Restaurant, Inc. t/a The Fireplace,  Respondent.	Case No. 22-251-00003 License No. 014419 Retailer Class CT
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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 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 and 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 term shown below. If the Board does not approve the OIC, the matter will be continued to a Show Cause Hearing.

The respondent has been advised that there is no obligation to accept the OIC. Respondent has been advised, through service of the Notice of Status Hearing and Show Cause Hearing that at a Show Cause Hearing, 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 1:** Allowed the establishment to be use for unlawful purpose.

Statutory Authority: D.C. Code § 25-823(a)(2).

Fine: Dismissed

Charge II: Failed to follow Security Plan.

Statutory Authority: D.C. Code § 25-823(a)(6)

Fine: \$1,000 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: April 28, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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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.

Joel R Weinstein Owner/Sec/Treas

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Respondent

April 27, 2022

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DATE

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on April 28, 2022, the foregoing Offer in Compromise for Board Approval was served by electronic mail to:

Joel Weinstein  
2161 P Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20008  
fireplacetavern@gmail.com  
*Respondent*

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/s/ Kevin R. Lutes

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Assistant Attorney General

**Signature:** Joel R Weinstein, Owner/Sec/Treas  
Joel R Weinstein, Owner/Sec/Treas (Apr 27, 2022 13:55 EDT)

**Email:** fireplacetavern@gmail.com