

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

In the Matter of:

Aada Aada, LLC
t/a The Wine Specialist

Holder of a
Retailer's Class A License

at premises
1133 20th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20036

Case No.: 21-CC-00011
License No.: ABRA-110396
Order No.: 2021-566

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

ALSO PRESENT: Aada Aada, LLC, t/a The Wine Specialist, Respondent

James P. Jordan, Assistant Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia

Martha Jenkins, General Counsel
Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration

ORDER APPROVING OFFER IN COMPROMISE

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 27th day of October 2021, 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 14th 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: AADA AADA, LLC t/a THE WINE SPECIALIST, Respondent.	Case No. 21-CC-00011 License No. 110396 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 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, this case will conclude, the scheduled Show Cause Hearing will be vacated and under 23 DCMR § 1611.6, the OIC shall constitute a waiver of appeal and judicial review. Respondent will be obligated to abide by the terms of the OIC shown below. If the Board does not approve the OIC, the matter will be continued to the scheduled Show Cause Hearing, currently set for October 27, 2021.

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 I: Sale of alcoholic beverage to a person under 21 years of age.

Statutory Authority: D.C. Code § 25-781.

- (1) Fine: \$2,000 to be paid within 60 days or the license will be suspended until the fine is paid.
- (2) Suspension: The license will be suspended for five days; with all five days stayed for one year.
- (3) Other term: All employees who serve alcohol shall complete an alcohol awareness training within 90 days of the Board accepting the Offer in Compromise.

Charge II: Failure to Take Reasonable Steps Necessary to Ascertain Legal Drinking Age.

Statutory Authority: D.C. Code § 25-783.

- (1) Fine: \$1,000 to be paid within 60 days or the license will be suspended until the fine is paid.
- (2) Suspension: N/A.
- (3) Other term: N/A.

Dated: October 20, 2021.

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 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.

/s/ Harminder Sabharwal
Respondent
Harminder S. Sabharwal

10/18/21
DATE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on October 20, 2021, the foregoing Offer in Compromise for Board Approval was served by electronic mail or by U.S. mail, first-class postage pre-paid, to:

Harminder S. Sabharwal, Owner
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Respondent

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