THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD

In the Matter of: Virginia Market, LLC t/a Virginia Market Holder of a Retailer's Class A License at premises 1776 U Street, NW, Unit 00711 Washington, D.C. 20009

23-CIT-00069 Case No.: License No.: ABRA-119980

Order No.: 2023-490

BEFORE:

Donovan Anderson, Chairperson

James Short, Member Bobby Cato, Member Jeni Hansen, Member

Edward S. Grandis, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Virginia Market, LLC, t/a Virginia Market, Respondent

Bisola Oni, Assistant Attorney General

Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia

Martha Jenkins, General Counsel

Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration

ORDER APPROVING THE OFFER-IN-COMPROMISE

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 27th day of September 2023, 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. The Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABCA) shall deliver copies of this Order to the Government and the Respondent.

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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS ADMINISTRATION ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD



IN THE MATTER OF:

VIRGINIA MARKET, LLC, t/a VIRGINIA MARKET

Respondent.

Case No. 23–CIT–00069 License No. 119980 Retailer Class A

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, appeal and judicial review are waived under 23 DCMR § 1611.6, scheduled hearings will be vacated, and the case will conclude. 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 the Show Cause Hearing set for October 4, 2023.

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: No ABC Manager on duty.

Statutory Authority: D.C. Code § 25-701 and 23 DCMR § 707.1

Fine: \$500 within thirty (30) days or its license shall be suspended indefinitely until this

fine is paid.

Dated: September 26, 2023.

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.

Respondent

DATE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On September 26, 2023, the foregoing Offer in Compromise for Board Approval was served by email to:

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> /s/ Bisola Oni BISOLA ONI

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