

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

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In the Matter of:)	
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Ohio Grille, LLC)	
t/a Radius at the Ohio)	
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Application for a New)	
Retailer's Class "CR" License)	
at premises)	Case No. 61353-08/061P
)	License No. 79274
1380 H Street, N.E.)	Order No. 2008-274
Washington, D.C.)	
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Ohio Grille, LLC t/a Radius at the Ohio, Applicant

Mary Beatty, Commissioner, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A, Protestant

BEFORE: Peter B. Feather, Chairperson
Judy A. Moy, Member
Mital M. Gandhi, Member
Nick Alberti, Member
Charles Brodsky, Member
Donald Brooks, Member
Herman Jones, Member

ORDER ON VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT AND WITHDRAWN PROTEST

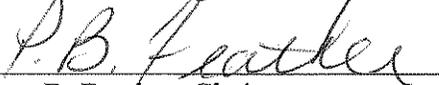
The Application for a new Retailer's Class "CR" License, having been protested, came before the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) for a Roll Call hearing on August 25, 2008, in accordance with D.C. Official Code § 25-601 (2001). Mary Beatty, Commissioner, on behalf of Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A filed timely opposition by letter dated August 7, 2008. On August 25, 2008, pursuant to Title 23 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations ("23 DCMR") § 1602.6 (2004), ABRA dismissed the protest of ANC 6A because no representative from ANC 6A appeared at the Roll Call hearing. On September 24, 2008, the Board reinstated the protest of ANC 6A.

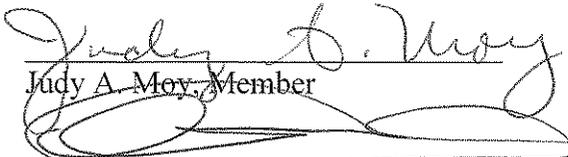
The official records of the Board reflect that the Parties have reached a Voluntary Agreement which has been reduced to writing and has been properly executed and filed with the Board. Pursuant to the Voluntary Agreement, dated October 6, 2008, the Protestant has agreed to withdraw its protests, provided, however, the Board's approval of the pending Application is conditioned upon the licensee's continuing compliance with the terms of the Voluntary Agreement.

Accordingly, it is this 22nd day of October 2008, **ORDERED** that:

1. The protest of ANC 6A is **WITHDRAWN**;
2. The Application filed by Ohio Grille, LLC t/a Radius at the Ohio for a new Retailer's Class "CR" license at 1380 H Street N.E., Washington, D.C., is **GRANTED**;
3. The above-referenced Voluntary Agreement is **INCORPORATED** as part of this Order; and
4. Copies of this Order shall be sent to the Applicant and to ANC 6A.

District of Columbia
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

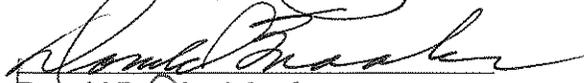

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Pursuant to 23 DCMR § 1719.1 (April 2004), any Party adversely affected may file a Motion for Reconsideration of this decision within ten (10) days of service of this Order with the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration, 941 North Capitol Street, N.E., Suite 7200, Washington, D.C. 20002.

Made this 10th day of October, 2008 by and between

Greg Nicklas of
"The Ohio Grille, LLC" dba/RADIUS at the OHIO
1380 H Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002

and

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

Preamble

Through this agreement, both parties aim to create an environment whereby the applicant may operate as a viable contributing business in the ANC 6A community, while concurrently curtailing any adverse effects a business such as the applicant's could have on the surrounding neighborhood.

The applicant agrees to work regularly with the ANC 6A, neighborhood associations, and residents to ensure the business operations do not adversely affect the surrounding neighborhood. All parties believe the statements and provisions contained in this agreement are reasonable and must become wholly integrated into the day-to-day operation of the business establishment.

Further, ANC 6A acknowledges that this Cooperative Agreement shall be presented to all Class CR applicants within the boundaries of ANC 6A. The community and merchants have agreed that it is in all the parties best interests to standardize the requirements for the operations of restaurant, tavern, and nightclub establishments within the boundaries of ANC 6A. To the greatest extent possible, the ANC will not insist upon or allow any significant changes to this Cooperative Agreement that will unfairly benefit or, conversely, cause competitive disadvantage to, any individual applicant or establishment within the ANC, unless such change is required by the District of Columbia government, other authorized governmental bodies, or rule of law.

The community and merchants understand and agree that the changes imposed upon the operations of all licensees within the ANC as set forth herein are important measures to protect the safety, peace, order and quiet of the neighborhood, its residents, and businesses.

Witnesseth

Whereas, Applicant's premises is within the boundaries of ANC 6A; and,

Whereas, the parties desire to enter into an agreement governing certain requirements and understandings regarding the issuance of a Retailer's Class CR Liquor License at the subject premises;

The Parties Agree As Follows:

1. Public Space Cleanliness and Maintenance. Applicant will maintain the public space (minimally the front sidewalk up to and including the gutter in front of the subject premises, and the alleyway behind the subject premises) adjacent to the establishment in a clean and litter-free condition by:

- a. Picking up trash, including beverage bottles and cans, and all other trash a minimum of twice daily (once immediately before business hours and again between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.).
- b. Maintaining regular trash garbage removal service, regularly remove trash from the trash and dumpster area, and see that the trash and dumpster area remain clean.
- c. Applicant shall deposit trash and garbage only in rodent-proof dumpsters, and shall see that dumpster covers fit properly and remain fully closed except when trash or garbage is being added or removed.

- d. Exercising due diligence to prevent and/or rid vermin infestation in and around the establishment, including following, minimally, the recommendations and guidelines of the Vector Control Division of the Department of Public Works.
- e. Assisting in maintenance of the curb in front of the establishment to keep them free of trash and to remove snow and ice from the sidewalk and comply with all applicable D.C. laws and regulation in these respects.
- f. Planting, watering, and generally tending to tree boxes directly in front of the subject premises, if any.
- e. Promptly removing or painting over any graffiti written on the exterior walls of the property.

3. Business Operations and Practices:

- a. Applicant will not, directly or indirectly, sell or deliver alcohol to any intoxicated person, or to any person of intemperate habits, or to any person who appears to be intoxicated. A person of intemperate habits shall be defined as:
 - i. Any person convicted of alcohol offences or alcohol-related crimes three times or more in any one year; and
 - ii. Who has been so identified to the licensee by the Metropolitan Police Department by giving a photo and name to the licensee.
- b. Applicant agrees to take all necessary steps to prevent patron rowdiness, including refusing admission/service to rowdy and/or unruly persons.
- c. Applicant agrees to ensure that no patron bring alcohol into the establishment from outside sources, and at no time exits the establishment with alcoholic beverages.
- d. Applicant will not provide or sell alcoholic beverages “to go.” Applicant agrees not to promote or participate in bar or pub “crawls” or any other event of this nature.
- e. The licensed establishment will be managed by the applicant in person or a board licensed manager.
- f. Applicant, and all employees of the applicant, shall attend and complete an alcoholic beverage server training course/seminar.
- g. Applicant shall post a notice kept in good repair and visible from point of entry a sign, which states:
 - i. Proper ID required (proof of age 21 minimum to be served and assurances that ID’s will be checked at all times prior to serving alcoholic beverages to patrons).
 - ii. Prohibition against selling alcohol to minors.
 - iii. Request to patrons to not litter, loiter, or make excessive noise in the neighborhood as they arrive or depart.
 - iv. Warning: Drinking alcoholic beverages during pregnancy can cause birth defects.
 - v. Request that customers do not contribute to panhandlers.
- h. Applicant shall make every effort to prohibit and prevent loitering and criminal activity on or in front of the establishment premises, to include:
 - i. Calling the Metropolitan Police Department if illegal activity is observed,
 - ii. Keeping a written record of dates and times (i.e. log) when the MPD was called for assistance.
- i. Applicant’s log shall be provided to the Board and, for good cause shown to the Board, to any valid protestant during hearings involving future renewals or contested proceedings involving the Applicant’s license.
- j. Applicant shall not support installation of pay phones outside of the establishment on their property.
- k. Applicant will utilize and maintain high-intensity flood-lights on the exterior of its premises so as to fully light any abutting alleyway from dusk until dawn.

4. Music / Dancing / Entertainment:

- a. Applicant agrees to ensure that sounds originating from within the establishment are mitigated by installing adequate sound proofing.
- b. Applicant shall not produce any sound, noise, or music of such intensity that it may be heard in any premises other than the licensed establishment in accordance with DC Official Code Title 25-725.
- c. Applicant agrees that sounds in outdoor areas, including patios, summer gardens and the rooftop shall not be amplified. This includes sounds from entertainment (defined below), pre-recorded music, and those of a jukebox, TV, or radio.
- d. Applicant shall use plantings, walls, cloth curtains, coverings over the roof deck (such as Sunbrella or other sound-deadening fabrics or materials), or other soundproofing measures to diminish outdoor area and rooftop sounds.
- e. During a three month period after opening the rooftop, rooftop hours will end at 11PM on weekdays and 12PM on weekends. If there are no complaints during this three month period, or if the licensee responds to mitigate noise complaints in a responsible manner, following the three month period the rooftop can be utilized during the licensee's approved hours for foodservice.
- f. The rooftop can not be utilized beyond licensee's approved hours for foodservice.
- g. In the event that noise from conversations on the rooftop or other outdoor areas disturbs nearby homeowners, the ANC and owner will work in good faith to negotiate an addendum to this agreement to mitigate noise through additional soundproofing measures.
- h. Applicant agrees he will not seek an entertainment endorsement for a period of five years from the start of operations. Therefore during this timeperiod, there will be no live music, live performances, or dancing at the establishment. If applicant sells the establishment prior to the five years, the new owner would be free to seek an entertainment endorsement through the normal ABRA process.
- i. Applicant shall obtain an entertainment endorsement to have a cover charge. For purposes of this clause, a cover charge is a fee required by an establishment to be paid by patrons for admission that is not directly applied to the purchase of food or drink.
- j. Applicant may have recorded and background music without an entertainment endorsement. "Entertainment" means live music or any other live performance by an actual person, including live bands, karaoke, comedy shows, poetry readings, and disc jockeys. The term "entertainment" shall not include the operation of a jukebox, a television, a radio, or other prerecorded music.
- k. Applicant may offer facilities for dancing for patrons only with an entertainment endorsement.

5. Cooperation with ANC 6A. Applicant agrees to work with the Single-Member District ANC Commissioner within whose boundaries the establishment is located, ANC Commissioners whose SMD's adjoin the establishments location, and the Chair of the ABL Committee on resolving issues preventing the applicant from fulfilling its obligations under this cooperative agreement.

6. Modifications. This agreement can be modified only by mutual agreement of all the parties with the approval of the ABC Board. In the case of ANC6A, if applicant desires to modify the terms of this agreement, the applicant, prior to implementing the change(s), shall receive written agreement from ANC6A after a majority of the commissioners shall have voted in favor of the changes at a full public meeting.

7. Miscellaneous:

- a. Applicant certifies that it does not owe more than \$100 to the District of Columbia government as the result of any fine, fee or penalty interest or past due tax.
- b. Applicant shall post a copy of this voluntary agreement in the establishment in conjunction with the posting of its alcoholic beverage license.

c. Applicant will operate in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

8. Enforcement:

a. If either party hereto believes in good faith that the applicant is in violation of this agreement, written notice specifying the alleged violation shall be delivered to the applicant and the applicant shall have ten (10) days after receipt of such written notice to come into compliance with this agreement or respond to said alleged notice of default.

b. Applicant and the ANC 6A Commission agree to enter into this agreement. If the applicant should breach the conditions of this agreement, it is understood by all parties that the ANC 6A, and/or its committees, or others shall immediately petition the ABC Board for a "show cause" hearing pursuant to 23 D.C.M.R. 1513.5.

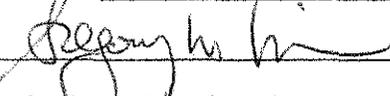
c. This cooperative agreement is binding on the applicant and its assigns and will continue in force for any and all subsequent license holders at this location.

In Witness Whereof

The parties have affixed hereto their hands and seals.

Applicant:

By: Greg Nicklas Date: 9/25/08

Signature: 

Advisory Neighborhood Council 6A Representative:

By: Joseph Fengler Date: 10/6/08

Signature: 

ABC Board-Licensed Manager:

By: Shannon Smith Date: 9/25/08

Signature: 