



October 3, 2016

Re: Extension of Hours for 2017 Inaugural Week

Dear ANC Chairperson:

The Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration is providing your Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) with information regarding alcohol-licensed establishment registration for Inaugural Week, which will occur from **January 14-22, 2017**.

Under District law, eligible on-premises retailers can register with ABRA by **Monday, January 9, 2017** to extend their hours during Inaugural Week to sell and serve alcoholic beverages until 4 a.m. and operate 24 hours a day.

On-premises retailer licensees are only eligible to participate in the Inaugural Week extension of hours if the licensee registers with ABRA and either does not have a settlement agreement, or the settlement agreement does not contain any restrictions on closing hours.

It is important to note that the law does not alter the two-hour kitchen requirement for restaurants. As such, restaurants serving alcoholic beverages until 4 a.m. will be required to serve food until 2 a.m.

In addition, a licensee would only be eligible to operate 24 hours a day as well as sell and serve alcohol until 4 a.m. on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, occurring on January 16, 2017, if the licensee is also registered to extend hours on January 16, 2017 as part of Inaugural Week.

ANCs may submit written resolutions adopted at public meetings to ABRA regarding Inaugural Week registrations. Specifically, ANCs may submit written resolutions temporarily waiving the closing-hour restrictions contained in their Board-approved settlement agreements with on-premises establishments for any or all of the dates occurring during Inaugural Week. Please note that the decision regarding whether to consider such a resolution is within the discretion of each ANC and is not required. Any adopted ANC resolutions that relate to Inaugural Week must be received by ABRA by **Monday, January 9, 2017**.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact ABRA at [abra@dc.gov](mailto:abra@dc.gov) or (202) 442-4423.

Sincerely,

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Director