

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

In the Matter of:)
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ZMBE, LLC)
t/a Axum Restaurant)
)
Applicant for a New)
Retailer's Class CR License)
)
at premises)
1934 9th Street, NW)
Washington, D.C. 20001)
)

Case No.: 22-PRO-00006
License No.: ABRA-119716
Order No.: 2022-161

ZMBE, LLC, t/a Axum Restaurant, Applicant

James Turner, Chairperson, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 1B, Protestant

Evan Schlom, Abutting Property Owner, Protestant

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

**ORDER ON SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND
WITHDRAWAL OF PROTESTS**

The Application filed by ZMBE, LLC, t/a Axum Restaurant (Applicant), for a new Retailer's Class CR License, having been protested, came before the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (Board) for a Roll Call Hearing on February 7, 2022, and a Protest Status Hearing on March 16, 2022, in accordance with D.C. Official Code § 25-601 (2001).

The official records of the Board reflect that the Applicant, ANC 1B, and Evan Schlom entered into a Settlement Agreement (Agreement), dated April 4, 2022, that governs the operations of the Applicant's establishment.

The Agreement has been reduced to writing and has been properly executed and filed with the Board. The Applicant; Chairperson James Turner, on behalf of ANC 1B; and Evan Schlom; are signatories to the Agreement.

This Agreement constitutes a withdrawal of the Protests filed by ANC 1B and Evan Schlom.

Accordingly, it is this 20th day of April 2022, **ORDERED** that:

1. The Application filed by ZMBE, LLC, t/a Axum Restaurant, for a new Retailer's Class CR License, located at 1934 9th Street, NW, Washington, D.C., is **GRANTED**;
2. The Protests of ANC 1B and Evan Schlom in this matter are hereby **WITHDRAWN**;
3. The above-referenced Settlement Agreement submitted by the parties to govern the operations of the Applicant's establishment is **APPROVED** and **INCORPORATED** as part of this Order; and
4. Copies of this Order shall be sent to the Parties.

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).

**Settlement Agreement Concerning
License ABRA-119716
ZMBE, LLC, t/a/ AXUM Restaurant
1934 9th Street NW**

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this April day of 04, 2022, by and between ZMBE, LLC, t/a AXUM Restaurant (“Applicant”), Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B (“ANC”), and abutting property owner Evan Schlom (together with ANC, “Protestants”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Applicant has filed an application for a new Retailer’s Class C Restaurant License (ABRA-119716) (“License”) for a business Establishment located at 1934 9th Street NW (the “Establishment”) with an Entertainment Endorsement;

WHEREAS, in recognition of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board’s (“Board”) policy of encouraging parties to a liquor licensing proceeding to settle their differences by reaching settlement agreements, by their signatures below, the parties hereto desire to enter into a settlement agreement (the “Agreement”) whereby (1) Applicant will agree to adopt certain measures to address Protestants’ concerns and to include this Agreement as a formal condition of its request, and (2) Protestants will agree to withdraw their protests of the License application, provided that such an agreement is incorporated into the Board’s order granting the License;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, and other good and valuable consideration, receipt and sufficiency are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

music or amplified sound is audible from the exterior of the Establishment

- e. Amplified speakers used in the interior must be on stands, raised, and/or mounted to reduce vibrations. No speakers shall be mounted to, or placed against, the southern wall of the establishment.
- f. Applicant's front door shall remain closed (not propped open), other than for routine ingress and egress, after 7:00 p.m. daily.
- g. Applicant shall inform its patrons by signage or other means, including staff members or security personnel, that residences are in proximity to the Establishment and urge quiet and decorum by patrons on exiting the Establishment.
- h. Applicant shall receive deliveries only between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. No deliveries, except fresh food, shall be accepted on Sunday.
- i. Applicant's security manager on duty, or their designee, shall be responsible for handling any noise issue complaints from the neighbors. This person will carry a cell phone designated for this purpose and the ANC shall be given this number to distribute to the neighboring residents.

4. Trash and Odors

- a. Applicant shall take reasonable measures to ensure that the areas immediately adjacent to the Establishment are kept in a clean and litter-free condition.
- b. Applicant is encouraged to work with the ANC towards solutions for removing dumpsters and grease barrels from public space on site and collectively in surrounding block.
- c. All trash, recyclable materials, and grease stored outdoors at the Establishment shall be in closed containers that are resistant to vermin, leaks, and odors
- d. Applicant shall deposit trash and garbage only in rodent resistant dumpsters and shall see that dumpster covers fit properly and remain fully closed except when trash or garbage is being added or removed.
- e. Any damaged or leaking containers shall be repaired or replaced within 72 hours. Outdoor containers shall be kept closed at all times, and no waste or other materials shall be stored outdoors, except in such containers.
- f. Applicant shall arrange for trash and recycling collection a minimum of two (2) times per week. If and when needed, Applicant will increase trash and recycling collections at the Establishment to three (3) times per week.

- g. Applicant shall not allow trash or recyclable disposal or collection between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
- h. Applicant shall keep the exterior (including immediately adjacent portions of the alley way) of the Establishment free of litter, bottles, chewing gum, trash, and other debris.
- i. Applicant shall take reasonable, necessary actions to mitigate odors emanating from the Establishment, including, if necessary, installing and maintaining high- efficiency grease extracting kitchen exhaust ventilation and filtering systems of sufficient design and capacity as to reduce the external emission of odors.

5. Rat and Vermin Control

- a. Applicant shall instruct an employee to ensure that the areas immediately adjacent to the premises, including the sidewalk and alley abutting the premises and around its dumpster, are swept and trash and other waste are removed from the ground at the end of operations to help eliminate potential attractions for rodents, pests, and other vermin.
- b. Applicant shall contract with a licensed exterminator to inspect the Establishment a minimum of one (1) time per quarter and shall maintain recommended pest control measures.

6. Security and Queuing

- a. Applicant shall make reasonable efforts to reduce the potential for patrons queuing to enter the Establishment. Applicant shall maintain rope and stanchions for patrons queuing to enter the establishment. Applicant shall make reasonable efforts to minimize the queue's impact on the public space, including having an employee stationed outside to monitor patrons waiting in the queue.
- b. Applicant shall take all reasonable steps to minimize problems of illegal drugs and public drinking, including, by having a sufficient number of trained employees to assure adequate security and to control unruly patrons, whether inside or in the immediate outside area; monitoring for and prohibiting sales or use of illegal drugs within or about the Establishment; and maintaining contact and cooperating with MPD and other enforcement officials when known or suspected drug activities occur.
- c. Applicant shall maintain ownership and control of the Establishment, including patrons' ingress and egress, staff of the establishment, including any bar and security staff. Under no circumstances shall Applicant permit a third-party or promoter to be responsible for

providing security or maintaining control over the establishment's existing security personnel.

7. Parking

- a. Applicant shall discourage its employees from parking their vehicles illegally, on streets signed with parking restrictions, including time-limited parking and resident-only parking.
- b. Applicant shall encourage vendors and contractors to park legally, and, as reasonably necessary, work with DDOT, DPW or the appropriate agency to resolve issues related to illegal parking by its vendors and contractors.
- c. Applicant shall notify patrons, on Establishment website or other advertising, that there is limited parking in the vicinity and shall encourage the use of public transportation or walking.

8. Compliance with Regulations.

- a. Applicant shall comply with regulations of the Board, Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA), Department of Health (DOH), Department of Public Works (DPW), and other applicable DC agency regulations regarding conduct of its business and the ownership of the License.

9. Termination of Prior Agreements

- a. Upon the Board's approval of this Agreement, any and all prior agreements between the parties, including between Applicant and the ANC, shall be terminated.

10. Binding Effect

- a. This Agreement shall be binding upon and enforceable against the successors and assigns of Applicant during the term of the license to which this Agreement applies. Applicant agrees to specifically notify any prospective transferee of the existence of this Agreement and to provide them with a copy.

11. Agreement Available Upon Demand

- a. A copy of this Agreement shall be kept at the Establishment and made available to law enforcement officers and Alcoholic Beverage Regulatory Administration inspectors upon request.

12. Notices.

- a. Notices shall be provided by email, U.S. Mail or hand-delivery as follows:

If to ANC:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B
2000 14th Street, NW, Suite 100B
Washington, DC 20009
1b@anc.dc.gov

If to Abutting Property Owner:

Evan Schlom
1932 9th Street NW, Apt. 302
Washington, DC 20001
evan.schlom@gmail.com

If to Applicant:

AXUM Restaurant
1934 9th Street NW
Washington, DC 20001
Attn: Mulugeta Michael
mulurmichael@gmail.com

- b. Failure to give notice shall not constitute waiver or acquiescence to the violation.

WHEREFORE, by the signing of the representatives of Applicant and Protestants, Applicant hereby agrees to aforementioned covenants and Protestants agree to withdraw their protests of Applicant's ABC License Application, provided that this Agreement is incorporated into the Board's order granting the Renewal, the granting of which is conditioned upon compliance with this Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date and year first above written.

PROTESTANTS:

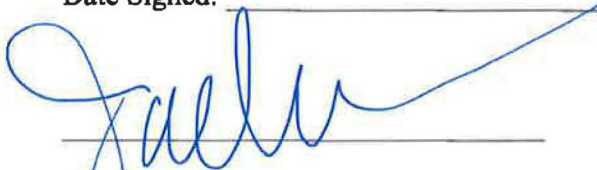


Evan Schlom, Abutting Property Owner

Date Signed: 4/4/2022

Daniel Orlaskey, Commissioner, ANC 1B02

Date Signed: *Daniel Orlaskey*



James Turner, Chair, ANC 1B

Date Signed: April 9, 2022

APPLICANT:

ZMBE, LLC



Print Name/Title: Mulogeta Michael

Date Signed: April 04 / 2022