

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration**



August 9, 2013

Dear Community Association,

As you may know, the Omnibus Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Emergency Amendment Act of 2012 (DC Act 19-597), effective January 14, 2013, makes a number of significant changes to Title 25 of the D.C. Code regarding the regulation of alcoholic beverages, including the District's licensing, adjudicatory, and enforcement processes.

I wanted to make you aware of changes to Title 25 of the D.C. Code that directly affect your organization. Pursuant to D.C. Code § 25-421(a)(5), the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) is now required to provide notice of placarded license applications to Citizens Associations that have pre-registered with ABRA at least thirty (30) days prior to the receipt of the application. As part of the registration process, you are required to provide ABRA with a copy of your charter or bylaws and an e-mail address that the notice can be sent. I have enclosed a form for your use if you desire to register your Citizens Association with ABRA in order to receive notice of placarded license applications.

Additionally, D.C. Code § 25-601(3)(B) now requires that a resolution from a Citizens Association concerning a license application occur at a meeting where notice was given to both the voting body and the applicant at least 7 days before the date of the meeting.

You may contact Community Resource Advisor, Sarah Fashbaugh, at (202) 397-3971 or Sarah.Fashbaugh@dc.gov if you have any questions or concerns regarding these changes or the registration requirements. Please also contact Ms. Fashbaugh if you would like an ABRA representative to attend one of your meetings to provide information about our agency and answer community questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fred Moosally".

Fred Moosally  
Director