

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

<b>In the Matter of:</b>	)	
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NYPA, LLC	)	
t/a Reliable Tavern & Hardware	)	
	)	
Applicant for a New	)	License No. ABRA-098182
Retailer's Class CT License	)	Order No. 2015-369
	)	
at premises	)	
3655 Georgia Avenue, N.W.	)	
Washington, D.C. 20010	)	

NYPA, LLC, t/a Reliable Tavern & Hardware (Applicant)

Kent C. Boese, Chairperson, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 1A

**BEFORE:** Ruthanne Miller, Chairperson  
Nick Alberti, Member  
Donald Brooks, Member  
Herman Jones, Member  
Mike Silverstein, Member  
Hector Rodriguez, Member  
James Short, Member

**ORDER ON SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

The official records of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (Board) reflect that NYPA, LLC, t/a Reliable Tavern & Hardware, Applicant for a new Retailer's Class CT License, located at 3655 Georgia Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., and ANC 1A have entered into a Settlement Agreement (Agreement), dated June 10, 2015, that governs the operation of the Applicant's establishment.

The Agreement has been reduced to writing and has been properly executed and filed with the Board. The Applicant and Chairperson Kent C. Boese, on behalf of ANC 1A, are signatories to the Agreement.

Accordingly, it is this 29th day of July, 2015, **ORDERED** that:


1. 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, except for the following modification:

Section 2 (Nature of the Business) – The second sentence shall be modified to read as follows: “Any change from this model shall be of great concern to residents.”

The parties have agreed to this modification.

2. Copies of this Order shall be sent to the Applicant and ANC 1A.

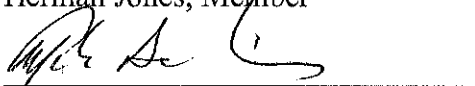
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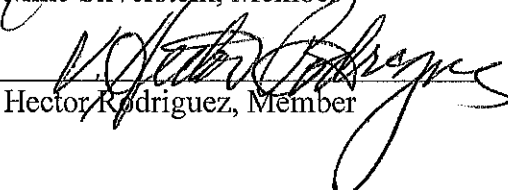
  
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Pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 25-433, any party adversely affected may file a Motion for Reconsideration of this decision within ten (10) days of service of this Order with the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration, 2000 14<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Suite 400S, Washington, DC 20009.

Also, pursuant to section 11 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).



## 1A ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1A

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SMD 1A07 – Darwain Frost  
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SMD 1A08 – Kent C. Boese  
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SMD 1A03 – Tom Gordon  
SMD 1A06 – Patrick W. Flynn  
SMD 1A09 – Bobby Holmes  
SMD 1A12 – Margaret Hundley

### SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made on this 10 day of June, 2015, by and between NYPA LLC., t/a Reliable Tavern & Hardware (the “Applicant”), and Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1A (“Protestant”), (collectively, the “Parties”).

### WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Applicant has applied for a Retailers License Class “C” Tavern for a business establishment located at 3655 Georgia Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. (the “Premises”);

WHEREAS, the Protestant is Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1A, who filed a timely protest (the “Protest”) against the issuance of the Applicant’s license application pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 25-601 (1) and §25- 601 (4), respectively;

WHEREAS, the Parties have agreed to enter into this Agreement and request that the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (“ABC Board”) approve the Applicant’s license application conditioned upon the Applicant’s compliance with the terms of this written agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Parties are desirous of entering into an Agreement pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 25-446 for the operation and maintenance of the Establishment in such a manner as to minimize the effect on (i) the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood and (ii) pedestrian safety and vehicular traffic, and to eliminate the need for a Protest Hearing regarding the license application.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the recitals set forth above and the mutual covenants and conditions set forth below, the Parties agree as follows:

1. **Recitals Incorporated:** The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein by reference.
2. **Nature of the Business:** The Applicant will manage and operate a tavern with an emphasis on food and a variety of live entertainment as noted below. Any change from this model shall be considered by both Parties to be a substantial change in operation of great concern to residents and requires prior approval by the ABC Board.
3. **Hours of Operation and Sales:** The Applicant’s hours of operation shall be as follows;

Sunday 10:00 am – 2:00 am,  
Monday through Thursday 9:00 am – 2:00 am  
Friday and Saturday 9:00 am – 3:00 am

The Applicant’s hours for selling and serving alcohol shall be as follows:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1A  
3400 11th Street NW #200  
Washington, DC 20010

Sunday 10:00 am – 2:00 am  
Monday through Thursday 9:00 am – 2:00 am  
Friday and Saturday 9:00 am – 3:00 am

Provided, however, (1) on days designated by the DC ABC Board as “extended Hours for ABC Establishments” Applicant may serve alcoholic beverages and provide entertainment for one additional hour (that is, one hour later in the morning) or later hours as authorized; (2) in the event the Council of the District of Columbia or the DC ABC Board grant licensees in general extended operating hours Applicant may avail itself of such extended hours; (3) on January 1 of each year Applicant may serve alcoholic beverages and provide entertainment until 4 am.

4. **Floors Utilized and Occupancy:** The Applicant will operate its establishment on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the building and basement. The Establishment will have no more patrons than permissible by DC Code and Fire regulations.
5. **Noise and Privacy:** Applicant will strictly comply with D.C. Official Code § 25-725 and to that end shall make architectural improvements to the property and take all necessary actions to ensure that music, noise, and vibration from the Establishment are not audible within the adjacent residential properties. Applicant agrees to implement sound suppression measures that will mitigate any noise from this tavern that may be heard in surrounding resident’s homes, including keeping its doors and windows closed when live music is being played at the Establishment. If necessary, Applicant will take reasonable steps to reduce noise emanating from the Establishment from the opening of the entry or exit doors.
6. **Public Space and Trash:** Applicant shall keep the sidewalk (up to and including the curb), tree box(es), curb, and alley clean and free of litter, bottles, and other debris in compliance with D.C. Code and Municipal Regulations. Applicant shall police these areas sufficiently to assure that refuse and other materials are promptly removed. The Applicant agrees to obtain a dumpster to be placed in the rear of the building. Applicant shall ensure that the area around the dumpster is kept clean at all times and the dumpster is placed such that it does not encroach on the abutting property owners and so that no garbage is placed on the abutting property.
7. **Rats and Vermin Control:** The Applicant shall provide rat and vermin control for its property. Applicant shall provide proof of its rat and vermin control contract upon the request of the Board. Applicant shall have the Establishment and the area around the Premises properly cleaned at the end of each night to ensure that there is not garbage and odors present the following morning.
8. **Security Cooperation in Stemming Illegal Drugs and Public Drinking:** Applicant agrees that it shall take all necessary steps to minimize such problems, including, and without limitation, designating a sufficient number of 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 Premises, maintaining contact and cooperating with MPD and other enforcement officials when known or suspected drug activities occur. Applicant shall to the full extent permissible by law discourage loitering in the vicinity of the Premises. This will include providing an appropriate number of security officers, at all times when the Establishment is open to the

public, who shall be responsible for ensuring that individuals who are simply loitering are asked to move along.

9. **License Ownership and Compliance with ABRA Regulations:** Applicant promises to Protestants that it shall abide by all Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) regulations regarding ownership of the license and all other provisions applicable to liquor licensees, and agrees that Protestants shall have standing to ask the ABC Board to enforce any violations of the agreement.
10. **Participation in the Community:** Applicant agrees to seek to maintain open communication with the Protestants, and the community for which the ANC acts.
11. **Notice and Opportunity to Cure:** In the event that any of the parties is in breach of this Agreement, the party shall be entitled to reasonable notice and opportunity to cure, as a condition precedent to seeking enforcement of the Agreement. Unless the breach is of emergency nature or is a repetition of a prior breach, reasonable notice and opportunity shall provide for a cure within 30 days of the date of such notice. If Applicant or the licensee fails to cure within the 30-day period (or, with respect to a breach which reasonably requires more than 30-days to cure, fails to commence cure of such breach and diligently pursues such cure) failure shall constitute a cause for the ANC to file a complaint with the ABC Board pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 25- 446(e) in order to enforce the provisions of the Agreement. Unless otherwise noted above, any notices required to be made under this Agreement shall be in writing and mailed via certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, or hand-delivered, to the other parties to this Agreement at the following addresses. Notice shall be deemed given as of the time or receipt or refusal of receipt.

If to Applicant:  
NYPA, LLC  
3655 Georgia Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC  
Attn: Joseph A. Englert  
(202) 258-0356

If to Protestants:  
Advisory Neighborhood Commissions 1A  
3400 11<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, DC  
Attn: Kent Boese, Chairman  
202- 944-8111

NYPA, LLC

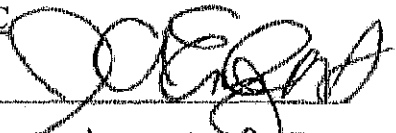
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