

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

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**In the Matter of:** )  
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Café Dallul, Inc. )  
t/a Rendezvous Lounge )  
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Application for Renewal of a )  
Retailer’s Class CT License )  
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at premises )  
2226 18th Street, N.W. )  
Washington, D.C. 20009 )  
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Case No. 14-PRO-00029  
License No. ABRA-014272  
Order No. 2014-308

Café Dallul, Inc., t/a Rendezvous Lounge (Applicant)

Ted Guthrie, Commissioner, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 1C

Denis James, President, Kalorama Citizens Association (KCA)

Ernest Springs, President, Reed-Cooke Neighborhood Association (RCNA)

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

**ORDER ON FIRST AMENDMENT TO SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND  
WITHDRAWAL OF PROTESTS OF ANC 1C, KCA AND RCNA**

The Application filed by Café Dallul, Inc., t/a Rendezvous Lounge, for renewal of its Retailer’s Class CT License, having been protested, came before the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (Board) for a Roll Call Hearing on May 12, 2014, and a Protest Status Hearing on June 18, 2014, in accordance with D.C. Official Code § 25-601 (2001).

The official records of the Board reflect that the Applicant, ANC 1C and KCA

entered into a Cooperative Agreement (Agreement), dated September 7, 2011, that governs the operation of the Applicant's establishment.

On July 9, 2014, the Applicant, ANC 1C, KCA and RCNA's, as an additional party, entered into a First Amendment to Settlement Agreement (Amendment).

The Amendment has been reduced to writing and has been properly executed and filed with the Board. The Applicant; Commissioner Ted Guthrie, on behalf of ANC 1C; Denis James, on behalf of KCA; and Ernest Springs, on behalf of RCNA, are signatories to the Amendment.

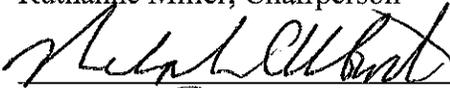
This Amendment constitutes a withdrawal of the Protests filed by ANC 1C, KCA and RCNA.

Accordingly, it is this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014, **ORDERED** that:

1. The Application filed by Café Dallul, Inc., t/a Rendezvous Lounge, for renewal of its Retailer's Class CT License, located at 2226 18th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., is **GRANTED**;
2. The Protests of ANC 1C, KCA and RCNA in this matter are hereby **WITHDRAWN**;
3. The above-referenced First Amendment to Settlement Agreement, dated July 9, 2014, submitted by the parties to govern the operations of the Applicant's establishment is **APPROVED** and **INCORPORATED** as part of this Order;
4. All terms and conditions of the original Agreement, dated September 7, 2011, shall remain in full force and effect; and
5. Copies of this Order shall be sent to the Applicant, ANC 1C, KCA, and Ernest Springs, on behalf of RCNA.

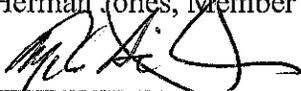
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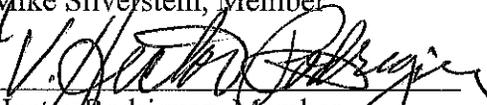
  
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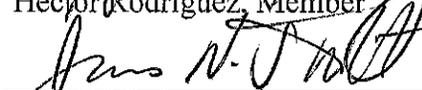
  
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James Short, Member

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, 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001. However, the timely filing of a Motion for Reconsideration pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 25-433, 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).

## **FIRST AMENDMENT TO SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

The Settlement Agreement concerning Café Dallul, t/a Rendez Vous Lounge, 2226 18<sup>th</sup> Street NW, executed September 7, 2011 and approved by the DC ABC Board on October 5, 2011, by Board order Number 2011-423, is hereby amended, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014, as described below.

Whereas, Parties to the 2011 agreement Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C (ANC 1C) and Kalorama Citizens Association (KCA) both protested the renewal of Applicant Café Dallul's 2014 license renewal, and

Whereas, the Reed-Cooke Neighborhood Association (RCNA) also protested Applicant's 2014 renewal, and has party status, and

Whereas, in recognition of the Board's policy of encouraging parties to settle their differences by reaching Settlement Agreements, Applicant agrees to adopt certain measures to address the Protestants' concerns, provided that these conditions are incorporated into the Board's Order issuing the license, which Order is thereby conditioned upon compliance with said agreement.

Now therefore, in consideration of the mutual covenants and undertakings memorialized herein, the Parties agree as follows:

The following sub-sections are added to Provision 6, "Items Specific to the Establishment" of the 2011 agreement

- a.) The Reed Cooke Neighborhood Association shall be added to the agreement as a party.
- b.) Applicant agrees to provide security personnel at the front door whenever there is a perceived need.
- c.) Applicant and security personnel will insure that only persons 21 years of age and over are permitted to enter the establishment. All bartenders and wait staff shall ensure that only persons 21 years or over are served alcoholic beverages.
- d.) The Applicant and bartender shall complete a course in alcohol awareness training within 30 days of Board approval of this agreement.
- e.) Applicant agrees to install and maintain in place, a thick rubber mat at the foot of the stairs from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.
- f.) Applicant agrees to install an additional handrail on the left wall as one moves from the 1<sup>st</sup> floor to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. The new handrail shall extend the full length of the staircase, and be made of wood.

The physical changes described above shall be completed within 30 days of Board approval of this agreement.

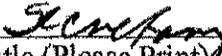
For Café Dallul, t/a Rendez Vous Lounge:

  
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6/29/2014  
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Treasurer  
Title (Please print)

For Advisory Neighborhood Commission  
1C (ANC 1C)

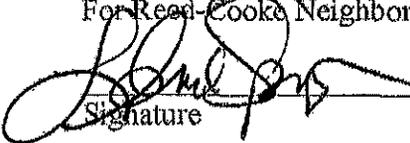
  
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Date

  
Title (Please Print)

For Kalorama Citizens Association

  
Denis James  
6-29-2014  
Date

For Reed-Cook Neighborhood Association

  
Signature  
2-3-2014  
Date

President  
Title (Please Print)