

LAST CALL



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Compliance Checks and Fake ID Training

The Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) is holding its annual series of specialized trainings for ABC license holders in the District of Columbia. These trainings are specifically geared to help licensees learn techniques to properly ask for ID from patrons, how to spot fake IDs, and to inform licensees about ABRA's compliance check activities.

We believe that you will find the training session very useful. If you have attended previous training sessions, please feel

free to send other employees to one of the sessions. If you have never attended a training session before, we encourage you to participate. The training is FREE to all participants.

ABRA wants all of its licensees to be in compliance with the District Codes and regulations. All of the information offered is geared toward helping you stay in compliance.

Sessions are offered in English, Korean, and Spanish. They are offered at various times during the week and on the week-ends for your convenience.

Please join us for what will be an informative and helpful training. You will receive a certificate of participation as well as an ID checking guide. The trainings are scheduled for Friday, May 14 through Sunday, May 16, 2010.

The new location is 1250 U Street, NW, 3rd Floor, Washington, DC 20009. We are located above the Green line Metro Station at 13th and U Streets, NW. Please RSVP to Jackie Richardson, 202/442-4446 or send her an e-mail at jackieR.richardson@dc.gov.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- > Compliance Training
- > New Board Members
- > Georgetown Moratorium
- > World Cup Games 2010
- > Getting Ready for Summer
- > Extended Hours

ABC Board's Newest Members

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (Board) will welcome its newest Board members on Wednesday, May 5, 2010, at its regularly scheduled hearing day. Mike Silverstein of Ward 2 and Calvin Nophlin of Ward 7 were confirmed on April 20, 2010, by the Council of the District of Columbia.

Mr. Nophlin has an extensive background in government, professional, and community organizations. Mr. Silverstein is currently an

Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner with a background in radio and television. Both Board members bring a plethora of knowledge about the inner workings of the District of Columbia—its citizens and business owners.

The Board will now be at full capacity with seven members. Of note, Board members are appointed from various Wards throughout the District of Columbia. The Board oversees ABRA's operations, sets policy, and adjudicates con-

tested cases. All hearings are open to the public.

ABC BOARD MEMBERS

- Charles Brodsky, Chair, Ward 1
- Mital Gandhi, Member, Ward 3
- Nick Alberti, Member, Ward 6
- Donald Brooks, Member, Ward 1
- Herman Jones, Member, Ward 8
- Mike Silverstein, Member, Ward 2
- Calvin Nophlin, Member, Ward 7



Georgetown Moratorium Hearing, June 9, 2010

The Georgetown Liquor License Moratorium expired on April 14, 2010, but emergency legislation by the ABC Board extended it for another ninety (90) days to July 14, 2010. The extension of the Georgetown Liquor License Moratorium was based upon a request from various parties seeking to engage the community as a whole—including residents, businesses, and Georgetown University—to discuss the moratorium petition further and to solidify support.

A public hearing has been scheduled regarding the Georgetown Moratorium for Wednesday, June 9, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. The hearing will be held at 1250 U Street, NW, 2nd Floor, Board Hearing Room. Please RSVP to Cynthia Simms at 202/442-4496 or you may e-mail her at cynthia.simms@dc.gov.

The World Cup Games 2010

The World Cup Games will begin on June 11 and end July 11, 2010. **GET AN EARLY START**—ABC licensed establishments seeking to change their operating hours will need to apply for a one-day substantial change. This application is for an applicant requesting permission for a specific event to have entertainment, extended hours of operation, a cover charge or dancing not normally permitted by the applicant's license.

Licensees are eligible for the one-day substantial change, provided their voluntary agreement does not have any restrictions on hours. Establishments with voluntary agreements with restrictions on their operation, consumption, and service hours may not be eligible to apply.

Let's Get Ready For Summer!

With the warm weather season upon us, many licensees will be seeking to host special events, use of a sidewalk café, summer garden, or rooftop deck. However, you must be in compliance and properly licensed in order to sell and serve alcoholic beverages in these areas. Here are a few tips for getting ready for the summer.

- 1) If you have either a sidewalk café, summer garden, or rooftop deck, be sure to have the appropriate license to operate that space. These three areas require an endorsement. You would need to complete an endorsement application in order to operate these additions to your business. It is a good idea to apply before you build out because you must have Board approval.
- 2) If you plan to host any special events, you must also apply for this as well. The application is a one-day substantial change, which must be submitted seven days prior to the event for approval by the ABC Board. Submitting an application short of seven days could mean that your event will not be approved.

3) If you are planning to have any type of entertainment: live music, dancing, a cover charge, a DJ, and even karaoke, for which you have not previously been approved, you will need to apply for an Entertainment Endorsement. Retailer's license CN, CX, DN, and DX do not need an Entertainment Endorsement as they are already approved for these activities.

If you have a voluntary agreement, please review it before making any requests as some voluntary agreements have restrictions on the above substantial changes. Should you have questions or concerns about whether you can apply for the above items, contact an ABRA Licensing Specialist to assist you at 202/442-4423.

Remember, everyone enjoys the warm weather, therefore take steps to ascertain whether any person you sell an alcoholic beverage to is of legal drinking age as ABRA wants you to be in compliance with the law. Be responsible and maintain a safe and secure environment for your patrons. **ENJOY THE SUMMER!**

Extended Hours of Operation



Extended hours reminder—Licensees may remain open one extra hour to sell and serve alcoholic beverages on the night before District of Columbia and federal holidays.

Licensees are eligible for this extension if: (1) They do not have a voluntary agreement; or (2) Their voluntary agreement does not have any restrictions on hours. This policy does not extend an establishments permitted

hours of entertainment, nor does it alter the two-hour kitchen requirement for restaurants prior to closing.

Memorial Day is Monday, May 31, therefore qualifying licensees may extend their hours on Sunday evening, May 30 until 3:00 a.m. Monday morning.

Feel free to visit the **NEW** ABRA website, as of April 29, 2010, to review the entire 2010 Extended Hours Calendar at www.abra.dc.gov.