

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

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**In the Matter of:** )  
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Mozzarella DC, LLC )  
t/a Mozzarella )  
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Applicant for a New )  
Retailer's Class CR License )  
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at premises )  
1300 H Street, NE )  
Washington, D.C. 20002 )

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License No.: ABRA-116160  
Order No.: 2020-225

Mozzeria DC, LLC, t/a Mozzarella, Applicant

Mark B. Samburg, Co-Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A ABL Committee

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

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**ORDER ON SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

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The official records of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (Board) reflect that Mozzarella DC, LLC, t/a Mozzarella, Applicant for a new Retailer's Class CR License, located at 1300 H Street, NE, Washington, D.C., and ANC 6A have entered into a Settlement Agreement (Agreement), dated April 6, 2020, 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 ANC 6A, are signatories to the Agreement. The Applicant and Co-Chair Mark B. Samburg, on behalf of ANC 6A, are signatories to the Agreement.

Accordingly, it is this 3rd day of June, 2020, **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; and
2. Copies of this Order shall be sent to the Applicant and ANC 6A.

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 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).



Made this 6th day of April, 2020

by and between

**Mozeria DC LLC**  
1300 H Street, NE  
Washington DC 20002

and

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A**

**Preamble**

Through this Agreement, both parties aim to create an environment whereby Applicant may operate as a viable contributing business in the ANC 6A community, while concurrently curtailing any adverse effects a business such as Applicant's could have on the surrounding neighborhood.

Applicant agrees to work regularly with ANC 6A, neighborhood associations, and residents to ensure the business operations do not adversely affect the surrounding neighborhood. All parties believe the statements and provisions contained in this Agreement are reasonable and must become wholly integrated into the day-to-day operation of the business establishment.

The community and Applicant understand and agree that the changes imposed upon the operations of licensees within the ANC as set forth herein are important measures to protect the safety, peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood, its residents, and businesses.

**Witnesseth**

Whereas, Applicant's premises is within the boundaries of ANC 6A; and,

Whereas, the parties desire to enter into an agreement governing certain requirements and understandings regarding the issuance of a Retailer's Class C Liquor License at the subject premises; and,

**The Parties Agree As Follows:**

1. **Public Space Cleanliness and Maintenance.** Applicant will maintain the public space (minimally the front sidewalk up to and including the gutter in front of the subject premises, and the alleyway behind the subject premises) adjacent to the establishment in a clean and litter-free condition by:
  - a. Picking up trash, including beverage bottles and cans, and all other trash a minimum of twice daily (once immediately before business hours and again between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.).
  - b. Maintaining regular trash and garbage removal service, regularly removing trash from the trash and dumpster area, and seeing that the trash and dumpster area remain clean.
  - c. Depositing trash and garbage only in rodent-proof dumpsters, and seeing that dumpster covers fit

- d. properly and remain fully closed except when trash or garbage is being added or removed.
- d. Exercising due diligence to prevent and/or rid vermin infestation in and around the establishment, including following, minimally, the recommendations and guidelines of the Vector Control Division of the Department of Public Works.
- e. Assisting in maintenance of the curbs in front of the establishment to keep them free of trash, removing snow and ice from the sidewalk, and complying with all applicable D.C. laws and regulation in these respects.
- f. Planting, watering, and generally tending to tree boxes directly in front of the subject premises, if any.
- g. Promptly removing or painting over any graffiti written on the exterior walls of the property.
- h. Requiring the owner and employees not to park on public space between the building and the curb.
- i. Not locating trash bins, chairs, tables, or other equipment on public space without a valid space permit.

**2. Business Operations and Practices.**

- a. Applicant will not, directly or indirectly, sell or deliver alcohol to any intoxicated person or to any person who appears to be intoxicated.
- b. Applicant agrees to take all necessary steps to prevent patron rowdiness, including refusing admission/service to rowdy and/or unruly persons.
- c. Applicant agrees to ensure that no patron brings an open container of an alcoholic beverage into the establishment from outside sources, and at no time exits the establishment with an open container of an alcoholic beverage.
- d. Applicant will not provide or sell alcoholic beverages "to go" unless authorized to do so by ABRA in response to a public emergency.
- e. Applicant agrees not to promote or participate in bar or pub "crawls" or any other event of this nature unless the event has been reviewed and approved by the ABC Board.
- f. The licensed establishment will be managed in person by Applicant or a board-licensed manager.
- g. Applicant, and all employees that are designated to serve alcoholic beverages, shall attend and complete an alcoholic beverage server training course/seminar.
- h. Applicant shall post a notice kept in good repair and visible from point of entry a sign that states:
  - i. Proper ID is required to be served and that the establishment will check IDs at all times prior to serving alcoholic beverages to patrons;
  - ii. It is illegal to sell alcohol to anyone under age 21;
  - iii. Patrons are requested not to litter, loiter, or make excessive noise in the neighborhood as they arrive or depart;
  - iv. Warning: Drinking alcoholic beverages during pregnancy can cause birth defects; and
  - v. The establishment requests that customers do not contribute to panhandlers.
- i. Applicant shall make every effort to prohibit and prevent loitering and criminal activity on or in front of the establishment premises, to include:
  - i. Asking loiterers to move on whenever they are observed outside the establishment;
  - ii. Calling the Metropolitan Police Department if illegal activity is observed;
  - iii. Keeping a written record of dates and times (a "call log") when the MPD is called for assistance; and
  - iv. Applicant will maintain a detailed incident log. An incident is defined as any activity by patrons of the establishment inside or immediately outside the establishment that could lead to an ABRA investigation. Each incident will contain the date, time, and location of each incident with a concise summary. Guests and staff involved or witnesses of the incident will be identified and listed. If there is a medical or police response, that information will also be noted.
- j. Upon request of the Board, Applicant's call log and incident log shall be provided to the Board during meetings or hearings involving future renewals or contested proceedings involving

Applicant's license.

- k. Applicant will utilize and maintain high-intensity floodlights on the exterior of its premises so as to fully light any abutting alleyway from dusk until dawn.
- l. Applicant shall provide valet parking services only with valet parking companies as defined, licensed, and in compliance with D.C. Municipal Regulations Title 24 Chapter 16. Applicant will not engage in valet parking that results in vehicles parked in residential parking spaces.

**3. Music / Dancing / Entertainment.**

- a. Applicant agrees to ensure that sounds originating from within the establishment are mitigated by installing adequate soundproofing.
- b. No sound, noise, music, or voices emanating from the licensed establishment shall be of such intensity that it may be heard in any premises other than the licensed establishment. This restriction does not apply to: (1) sound, noise, music, or voices heard in any premises which are located within a C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, C-M, or M zone, as defined in the zoning regulations for the District, and (2) sound, noise, music, or voices occasioned by the normal opening of entrance and exit doors for the purpose of ingress and egress.
- c. In order to mitigate noise on a sidewalk café or summer garden the following steps will be taken:
  - i. Applicant shall not offer any type of entertainment or pre-recorded music on the summer garden and/or sidewalk café;
  - ii. A fence or other barrier will enclose the entire perimeter;
  - iii. No fewer than two signs will be clearly posted to remind guests to keep their voices at normal speaking volume;
  - iv. Staff will monitor the outdoor area to make sure guests do not raise their voices above normal speaking tones; and
  - v. Potted plants, trees, fountains, or other types of noise mitigation techniques will be incorporated into the decor.
- d. The hours of operation for a sidewalk café and/or summer garden are limited until 11:00 pm Sunday through Thursday evenings and 12:00 am on Friday and Saturday evenings. The sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages must end at that time and the patio must be cleared of all patrons and staff.
- e. Applicant may offer facilities for dancing for patrons only with an entertainment endorsement and may have recorded and background music without an entertainment endorsement. "Entertainment" means live music or any other live performance by an actual person, including live bands, karaoke, comedy shows, poetry readings, and disc jockeys. The term "entertainment" shall not include the operation of a jukebox, a television, a radio, or other prerecorded music.
- f. All CT license holders with an entertainment endorsement must have an ABRA-accepted security plan in place.
- g. The kitchens for all CR license holders shall remain open and operational up until at least one hour prior to closing.

4. **Cooperation with ANC 6A.** Applicant agrees to work on resolving issues preventing Applicant from fulfilling its obligations under this Agreement with all of the following: the Single Member District (SMD) ANC Commissioner within whose boundaries the establishment is located, the Chair of the ABL Committee, and other Commissioners whose SMDs are adjacent to the location of the establishment.

5. **Modifications.** This Agreement may be modified and such modification implemented by Applicant only by mutual agreement of the parties and the subsequent approval of the modification by the ABC Board pursuant to DC Official Code Code § 25-446 or as required by District law.

**6. Miscellaneous.**

- a. Applicant shall post a copy of this Settlement Agreement in the establishment in conjunction with the

- posting of its alcoholic beverage license.
- b. Applicant will operate in compliance with all applicable DC laws and regulations. Any reference to specific laws and regulations in this Settlement Agreement is meant for informational purposes only. ANC 6A does not intend for a violation of any DC law or regulation to also be considered a violation of this Settlement Agreement.

**7. Enforcement.**


- a. Applicant and ANC-6A agree to enter into this Agreement. If Applicant should breach the conditions of this Agreement, it is understood by all parties that ANC 6A and/or its committees may immediately notify the Applicant and/or file a complaint with the ABC Board, which will be investigated by ABRA's Enforcement Division, and may subject Applicant to a Show Cause proceeding or any other penalty available to the Board under the law.
- b. This Settlement Agreement is binding on Applicant and will continue in force for any and all subsequent license holders at this location.

**In Witness Whereof**

The parties have affixed hereto their hands and seals.

**Applicant:** Mozzarella DC, LLC

By: Christopher Soukup \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 4/6/2020

Signature:  \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Representative:**

By: Mark B. Samburg, Co-Chair ANC 6A ABL \_\_\_\_\_ Date: April 6, 2020

Signature: /s/ Mark B. Samburg \_\_\_\_\_

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By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Representative:**

By: Mark B. Samburg, Co-Chair ANC 6A ABL \_\_\_\_\_ Date: April 14, 2020 \_\_\_\_\_

Signature:  \_\_\_\_\_