

Guidelines for New Applicants to the ABL Committee of ANC 6A

The ABL Committee of ANC 6A welcomes all new applicants for liquor licenses in our ANC. Our ANC is home to the vibrant H Street Corridor and Atlas District. The committee's goal is to ensure that the vibrant development continues, while working in harmony with residential districts that closely border the corridor. These guidelines were developed to help our applicants with an overview of the kind of information that the Committee looks forward to hearing during your presentation.

1). We look forward to welcoming each new applicant before the Committee on the assigned date. In addition to meeting the applicant(s), it is important for the business owner(s) to be present so any questions can be clearly answered. We are interested in meeting those who are investing in our community, so the partnership between our community and your business is productive and co-operative.

Please keep in mind that your appearance before the ABL Committee is more important than your appearance at the full ANC meeting. This is where all details pertaining to the petitioning establishment will be considered. The ANC will rely on the recommendation of the ABL Committee during its meeting.

Feel free to attend any ABL meeting prior to your official date to make yourself familiar with how the committee operates. At that time, if you so choose please feel free to introduce yourself and make us aware that you will soon be appearing before us.

2). Please fill us in on your prior professional experience. Is this your first restaurant? Do you have other food establishments? Where are they located? What attracts you to H Street?

3). Please provide a site plan of your building and how it relates to the other buildings around it and any residential area. This does not have to be official, but needs to give Committee members a feeling for the location. Visual information is the strongest way to communicate questions that might arise from your location.

4). Please provide a floor plan of your space. Make sure all pertinent information is clearly labeled – bar area, seating, kitchen, etc. Again visual information will communicate most easily any questions pertaining to the layout of your space.

5). If possible, please give the Committee an idea as to the décor and interior feeling of your space. How will it be decorated, furnished, finishes, etc?

6). What kind of kitchen will you have? Please explain to the Committee how you will be preparing food.

7). If possible, please provide a sample menu or something that will give the Committee a good idea of the kind of food you will be serving, the range and depth of your menu, the feeling you trying to achieve with the food, etc.

8). Where will the trash be kept and what is the plan for managing your trash?

9). If you are asking for an entertainment endorsement, please provide details of what kind of entertainment you plan on having.

10). Have you done any outreach to your immediate neighbors and/or the surrounding residential community?

11). ANC 6A has adopted a resolution to grant only CR licenses in response to the community's wishes for more restaurants and their concern about the overpopulation of taverns. If you are coming before the Committee to request a tavern license, you will need to present very strong evidence as to why we should grant it. This evidence can include support of a majority of neighbors – either in person or in the form of a written petition, and/or other evidence as you deem necessary to make your case.