

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE REGULATION ADMINISTRATION



April 1, 2014

Susie Taylor
President
Cleveland Park Citizens Association
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Washington, DC 20008

RE: Settlement Agreements

Dear Ms. Taylor:

This letter is intended to provide follow-up information to the Cleveland Park Citizens Association (CPCA) regarding when a settlement agreement can be filed with the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) when no protest has been filed.

Pursuant to D.C. Official § 25-446(a), “[t]he applicant and any protestant may, **at any time**, negotiate a settlement and enter into a written settlement agreement setting forth the terms of the settlement” (copy attached). Our Agency has interpreted this provision to allow an entity that is permitted to have standing under D.C. Official § 25-601, including incorporated Citizens Associations, to submit a settlement agreement at any time, regardless of whether a protest has been filed against an applicant or licensee. This interpretation is intended to provide Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, Citizens Associations, and members of the public with the opportunity to discuss and resolve issues of concern with an applicant or licensee prior to the filing a protest, if possible.

I hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

Fred P. Moosally
Director
Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration

Attachment