

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE REGULATION ADMINISTRATION



March 19, 2013

Dear Citizens Association:

As you may know, the Omnibus Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Emergency Amendment Act of 2012 (DC Act 19-597), effective January 14, 2013, makes a number of significant changes to Title 25 of the D.C. Code regarding the regulation of alcoholic beverages, including the District's licensing, adjudicatory, and enforcement processes.

I wanted to make you aware of changes to Title 25 of the D.C. Code that directly affect your organization. Pursuant to D.C. Code § 25-421(a)(5), the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) is now required to provide notice of placarded license applications to Citizens Associations that have pre-registered with ABRA at least thirty (30) days prior to the receipt of the application. As part of the registration process, you are required to provide ABRA with a copy of your charter and an e-mail or other electronic address that the notice can be sent. I have enclosed a form for your use if you desire to register your Citizens Association with ABRA in order to receive notice of placarded license applications.

Additionally, D.C. Code § 25-601(3)(B) now requires that a resolution from a Citizens Association concerning a license application occur at a meeting where notice was given to both the voting body and the applicant at least 7 days before the date of the meeting.

I have also enclosed ABRA's *Omnibus Emergency Act Summary Sheet* for additional information regarding the changes in the law. You may contact Assistant Attorney General, Jonathan Berman, at (202) 442-4448 or jonathan.berman@dc.gov if you have any questions or concerns regarding these changes or the registration requirements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fred Moosally". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Fred Moosally
Director