



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

February 1, 2016

Fred Moosally, Director
Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration
2000 14th Street, NW
Fourth Floor, Suite 400S
Washington, D.C. 20009

Re: REQUEST FOR REVOCATION OF LICENSE OF:

Owner: Armand Amirshahi

Address: 

Trade Name: Bar-Code

License Class: C

License Number: ABRA-082039

Address: 1101 17th Street NW
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Director Moosally:

This letter is in reference to Bar-Code, located at 1101 17th Street, NW, owned by Mr. Arman Amirshahi. The establishment operates under license # ABRA-082039, License Class C and the establishment is located in Ward 2.

On Sunday, January 31, 2016, at approximately 2330 hours, the Metropolitan Police Department's reimbursable detail was in front of Bar Code and was alerted to a large fight inside of the club. Preliminary investigation into the fight revealed that several patrons of "Bar-Code" became involved in an altercation inside of the establishment. This altercation led to at least two "Bar-Code" patrons being stabbed about the body. A bloody knife along with several broken glasses were strewn across the bar room floor. As a result of this violent assault one of the patron's was fatally injured. The other injured patron was subsequently transported to George Washington University Hospital for non-life threatening injuries. This homicide can be connected directly to the operations of "Bar-Code" and it is clear from the violent outcome that the safety of residence and visitors to the city was severely endangered.

Metropolitan Police Department Second District Officer Michael Fisher prepared a criminal offense report for "Homicide." This report bears Central Complaint Number 16015754. The staff of Bar-Code cooperated during Metropolitan Police Department VCB Detective Stephanie Garner's preliminary investigation.

Patrol Service Area members from the Second District were dispatched to the scene due to the unruly and aggressive crowd. While the officers were on the scene in full uniform, numerous patrons that were exiting the club continued to interfere with the officers who were attempting to restore order. The number of officers that responded to the scene to address the unruly crowd caused a strain on resources throughout the Second District.

The Metropolitan Police Department is concerned about the safety and welfare of the residents living in our city and visitors. I would be remiss in my duties if I did not address the concerns and the safety issues that occurred during this serious offense by patrons of Bar-Code.

I find that continued operation of this establishment presents an imminent danger to the health and safety of the public, that there would be an additional imminent danger to the health and welfare of the public if the establishment is not closed, and that there is no other immediately available measure that would ameliorate the threat to public safety. The threat to public safety is particularly grave in that this incident involved the victim being fatally stabbed. I have made my determination based upon the recommendation of Assistant Chief Diane Groomes of the Patrol Services and School Security Bureau.

Consequently, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 25-827, I hereby request that the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (the Board) revoke the license for the Bar-Code Night Club to sell alcoholic beverages. Pursuant to my authority under the Emergency Suspension of Liquor Licenses Act of 2005 (D.C. Law 16-20, D.C. Official Code § 25-827), I intend to close "Bar-Code" effective at 6:00 p.m. on February 1, 2016, for up to 96 hours subject to a hearing and pending disposition by the Board under D.C. Official Code § 25-826.

Additional information pertaining to crime statistics will be provided to the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, the Attorney General's Office and the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration. I believe that the information obtained by the Metropolitan Police Department has provided the Board with sufficient information to make an evaluation and decision of my request. Should you need additional information, please contact Commander Melvin Gresham of the Second District, Patrol Services on (202) 345-1020.

Sincerely,



Cathy L. Lanier
Chief of Police

cc: Rashad M. Young, City Administrator
Kevin Donahue, Deputy City Administrator and Deputy Mayor
Karl A. Racine, Attorney General
Melinda Bolling, Director, DCRA
Diane C. Groomes, Assistant Chief of Police
Commander Melvin Gresham, Second District



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Armand Amirshahi


NOTICE OF CLOSURE

Dear Mr. Amirshahi:

This letter is in reference to the establishment Bar-Code, located at 1101 17th Street, NW. The establishment is in Ward 2 and is operated by you under license # ABRA-082039, License Class C.

A preliminary investigation revealed the following: On Sunday, January 31, 2016, at approximately 2330 hours, the Metropolitan Police Department's reimbursable detail was in front of Bar Code and was alerted to a large fight inside of the club. Preliminary investigation into the fight revealed that several patrons of "Bar-Code" became involved in an altercation inside of the establishment. This altercation led to at least two "Bar-Code" patrons being stabbed about the body. A bloody knife along with several broken glasses were strewn across the bar room floor. As a result of this violent assault one of the patron's was fatally injured. The other injured patron was subsequently transported to George Washington University Hospital for non-life threatening injuries. This homicide can be connected directly to the operations of "Bar-Code" and it is clear from the violent outcome that the establishment jeopardized the safety of residence and visitors to the city.

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The Metropolitan Police Department is concerned about the safety and welfare of the residents living in our city and visitors. I would be remiss in my duties if I did not address the concerns and the safety issues that occurred during this serious offense by patrons of Bar-

Code. It is also my belief that there is no other immediately available measure to ameliorate the danger your establishment presents to the public.

Therefore, by the authority invested in me by D.C. Official Code § 25-827 (Emergency Suspension of Liquor Licenses Act of 2005, D.C. Law 16-20), it is ordered that the "Bar-Code," ABRA License # 082039" located at 1101 17th Street, NW be closed for 96 hours, starting at 6:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, February 1, 2016, pending a determination by the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration regarding the safety of this establishment's continued operation.

Sincerely,



Cathy L. Lanier
Chief of Police

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Kevin Donahue, Deputy City Administrator and Deputy Mayor
Karl A. Racine, Attorney General
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