



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

February 18, 2013

Chairwoman Ruthanne Miller
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
Reeves Center
2000 14th Street NW
Washington, DC 20009

RE: Resolution in support of allowing Growler Sales at Liquor Stores with a Single-Sales Exemption

Dear Chairwoman Miller,

At its regular meeting on February 13, 2013 the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the issue of so-called “growlers.” With 7 of 8 Commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (7-0):

Whereas, the Omnibus Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Emergency Amendment Act of 2012 (the Bill) took effect on January 15, 2013; and

Whereas, the Bill allows for the sale of Growlers, reusable containers holding up to 64 fluid ounces of beer, for off-premise consumption, at brew pubs, liquor stores, and full service grocery stores; and

Whereas, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B (ANC2B) has the authority to grant certain Class A and Class B establishments exemptions to the Ward 2 Single-Sales ban; and

Whereas, ANC2B reviews prior compliance with Alcoholic Beverage Regulatory Administration (ABRA) regulations, and neighborhood input prior to awarding Single-Sales Exemptions;

Whereas ABRA has stated that Growler sales will require specific exemptions from the Ward 2 Single-Sales ban for Class A and Class B establishments but not for brew pubs;

Be it resolved that ANC2B grants permission to sell Growlers to all establishments that have previously been granted a Single-Sales Exemption and does not consider Growler sales at these establishments a substantial change;

Be it further resolved that ANC2B would consider an application by any establishment that has not previously been granted a Single-Sales Exemption a substantial change and would request standard notification and placarding.

Commissioner Kevin O'Connor (kevin.oconnor@dupontcircleanc.net) is the Chair of our ABRA Policy Committee and serves as the Commission's representative in this matter, along with Chair and Vice Chair, Commissioners Will Stephens (will.stephens@dupontcircleanc.net) and Mike Feldstein (mike.feldstein@dupontcircleanc.net), respectively.

Commissioner Mike Silverstein did not participate in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William F. Stephens". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Will Stephens, Chair

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