



HAWDC e-HEADLINES

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HAWDC Testifies at Hearing on ABC Licensing:



Last week, the District Council held a hearing on the "Omnibus Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Amendment Act of 2016." This bill seeks to amend Title 25 of the District of Columbia Code to clarify the conflict of interest law to allow a hotel that currently holds an ABC on-premise retail license to also obtain

an off-premise retail license. The proposed amendment would allow hotels to sell closed containers of beer or wine to its guests from a hotel-run market pantry so long as the store does not have direct public access to the street or the outside of the hotel's building.

Lisa Abrams, Vice President of Government Affairs, HAWDC, presented testimony on behalf of the Association in support of the bill. To keep in-line with guests' desires, hotels have had to change their business operation models to accommodate guests who prefer casual food outlets that offer pre-packaged food and beverages to take back to their rooms to consume. This amendment would allow District hotels to have a dual license to accommodate these guests' requests.

HAWDC will continue to monitor the bill as it works its way through the legislative process and update Members accordingly.

Pictured Above: Lisa Abrams, Vice President of Government Affairs, Hotel Association of Washington, D.C.

HAWDC Hosts Lunch with ABRA Director:

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Upcoming Events

Wednesday, November 9, 2016

HAWDC Board of Directors Meeting will be held at the office of the Hotel Association of Washington, D.C. 1225 New York Avenue, NW Suite 250, conference room from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm. Please contact [Renauda Bennett](#) to RSVP.

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On Thursday, October 13, 2016, as part of our new member engagement series, HAWDC hosted a lunch for Members with our special guest speaker, Fred Moosally, Director, Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration ("ABRA"). In this Q&A session, Members had the opportunity to engage with Director Moosally as he discussed ABRA's Inaugural Week licensing requirements, extended hours registration, ABRA enforcement initiatives, as well as other issues that may impact their ABC license and operations. HAWDC thanks Director Moosally for meeting with our Members and providing them with valuable information!



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Pictured Above: Fred Moosally, Director, Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration; Solomon Keene, President & CEO, Hotel Association of Washington, D.C.

Nominate Your STARS of the Industry Today:



HAWDC is currently accepting nominations for our next STARS of the Industry Awards! We are excited to introduce our new format of the awards ceremony being held in February 2017.

Click [here](#) to complete and submit your nominations! Nominations should be submitted directly to HAWDC by Monday, October 31, 2016 in order to be considered for the city-wide and national competitions. Please contact Renauda Bennett at renauda@hawdc.com or 202.289.0584 with any questions. Submit your nominations today!

Thanksgiving Baskets for Shaw Community Residents:

Each year, HAWDC eagerly supports the Turkey Basket Program to sponsor Thanksgiving Dinners for the residents of the Shaw Community. The baskets will be filled with all of the materials necessary to make Thanksgiving dinner for approximately 1,000 families! You can sponsor baskets for \$55.00 each or indicate your donation level on the form, linked below.



If you would like to donate, please click [here](#) and return to Renauda Bennett or fax to (202) 289-8849.

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