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THE UNDERSIGNED CERTIFIES AND SAYS THAT AT

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1731 4 th Avenue South, Suite B, Seattle, WA 98134	DATE OF VIOLATION: June 28, 2025 TIME: 2:05 AM
BUSINESS NAME (LEGAL): PNWSODO LLC (TRADE): Urban Private Club AKA Urban Hookah EMAIL: URBANSODO@GMAIL.COM MAILING ADDRESS: 1731 4 th Avenue South, Suite B, Seattle, WA 98134 MAILING ADDRESS: 1300 N 20th ST #L3043, RENTON, WA 98056	INSPECTOR'S NAME: Christopher Lopez <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OWNER <input type="checkbox"/> EMPLOYEE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER NAME: Abraham Maharie

DID THEN AND THERE COMMIT OR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING VIOLATIONS

CHECK EACH THAT APPLIES:	DESCRIPTION OF VIOLATION:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SMC 10.10.020 Operate without a valid liquor license with extended hours added activity.	All businesses operating as an after-hours nightlife lounge are required to comply with SMC 10.10.
<input type="checkbox"/> SMC 10.10.020 AHNL open between 6AM and 10AM.	I am a Licenses and Standards Inspector employed by the City of Seattle Department of Finance and Administrative Services ("FAS") and have been authorized to enforce violations of SMC 10.10 and have worked in my position since February 2020.
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At 10:08 AM on July 30, 2025, I reached out to Kevin Hou, Housing and Zoning Inspector Manager with the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections ("SDCI") to inquire if Urban Hookah had established/been approved for permitting to operate the property at 1731 4th Avenue South, Suite B, Seattle, WA 98134, as an Indoor Sports and Recreation (i.e. night club) facility effective June 28th, 2025. Per Kevin Hou's same-day response at 2:25 PM, PNW Sodo LLC DBA Urban Private Club/Urban Hookah has not established the indoor sports or recreation use.

Based upon my personal observations and photographs taken on June 28, 2025, of patrons socializing and smoking hookah inside the venue, and of patrons waiting to clear security and enter the venue after 2:00 AM, Urban Hookah meets the definition of an after-hours nightlife venue. Based upon the report from Lt. Rieder from July 16, 2025, and a review of the DOR database, Urban Hookah does not have a liquor license issued by the State of Washington Liquor and Cannabis Board. Based on the SDCI email, Urban Hookah has failed to establish a required use. Based upon this evidence, I am writing Citation #AHNL-25-07-002 to Urban Private Club (AKA Urban Hookah) for the following violations of SMC 10.10.020:

10.10.020 A.1. Operating an after-hours nightlife lounge without a valid liquor license with an extended hours added activity issued pursuant to chapter 66.24 RCW.

10.10.020.B.1 Operate an after-hours nightlife lounge without obtaining and complying with all other required state and City permits and licenses necessary for operation of the establishment.

This is the second violation of SMC 10.10.020 for Urban Hookah.

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PENALTY: \$5000.00

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that I have reasonable grounds to believe and do believe that the above-named person was in violation of the Seattle Municipal Code, and the information contained in this citation is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____, at Seattle, WA
Christopher Lopez, Seattle License and Standards Inspector

Date: July 31 2025

I certify that I emailed and mailed a copy via USPS first-class mail of the foregoing citation to the above-named party, email, and addresses on

31 July 2025
Dated

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