



FIRST VIOLATION

SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION

SMC 10.10.030 1<sup>st</sup> violation (\$1,000.00) Subsequent violation (\$5,000.00)

Second and subsequent violations. Any second or subsequent time a person is found by the Director to have violated Section 10.10.020 within a five-year period, the person shall be subject to a penalty of \$5,000. Each day a person violates Section 10.10.020 may be considered a separate violation subject to the penalties of this Section 10.10.030.

THE UNDERSIGNED CERTIFIES AND SAYS THAT AT	
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1731 4 <sup>th</sup> AVE S STE B, SEATTLE, WA 98134	DATE OF VIOLATION: 07/13/2025 TIME:
INSPECTOR'S NAME: Chad Wichers & Parag Santhosh	
BUSINESS NAME (LEGAL) PNWSODO LLC (TRADE) Urban Hookah EMAIL: urbansodo@gmail.com MAILING ADDRESS: 1731 4 <sup>th</sup> AVE S STE B, SEATTLE, WA 98134 MAILING ADDRESS: 1300 N 20 <sup>th</sup> ST #L3043, RENTON WA 98056	<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	
<p>CHECK EACH THAT APPLIES:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SMC 10.10.020 Operate without a valid liquor license with extended hours added activity.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> SMC 10.10.020 AHNL open between 6AM and 10AM.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> SMC 10.10.020. AHNL selling, giving, or supplying liquor to any person between 2AM-6AM.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> SMC 10.10.020. AHNL allowing the consumption of liquor on the premises between 2AM-6AM.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SMC 10.10.020. AHNL failed to obtain and comply with all required state and City permits and licenses necessary for operation.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> SMC 10.10.020. AHNL failed to employ at least 2 trained security personnel during operating hours between 2AM and 6AM. Security personnel must have formal training in crowd control and event management.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> SMC 10.10.020. AHNL failed to operate video surveillance at each entry point and maintain recordings for 96 hours.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> SMC 10.10.020 AHNL failed to take steps to prevent weapons from entering the premises such as metal detectors, metal detecting wands, or pat downs.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> SMC 10.10.020 AHNL failed to submit a written safety plan that meets the requirements of this section.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> SMC 10.10.020 AHNL failed to allow any peace officer or the Director free access to public areas.</p>	<p>DESCRIPTION OF VIOLATION:</p> <p>All businesses operating as an after-hours nightlife lounge are required to comply with SMC 10.10.</p> <p>I, Chad Wichers am a License 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 November 2013.</p> <p>Per SMC 10.10.010 "After Hours Nightlife Lounge" (AHNL) means a business, nonprofit, or club establishment open between the hours of 2:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M. whose purposes in those hours include socializing and either smoking or dancing.</p> <p>On the night of 7/13/25, I and Inspector Santhosh pulled up and parked in front of Urban Private Club (aka Urban Hookah) at approximately 2:15 A.M. and noticed the street in front of the venue was lined with cars. We could hear music coming from Urban Hookah, could see a long line of people waiting to get through their security check point, and observed people dancing and smoking inside from the open doors of the venue. After we parked, Urban Hookah owner Abraham Maharie met us out in front of the venue near our car. We talked with him and handed him an investigation letter from an earlier AHNL violation. During our conversation with Abraham, he admitted Urban Hookah was open and stated, "we're packed tonight". He also stated he had done everything he could to gain compliance and thought he was in good standing to be open and operating. I explained that his LCB caterer's liquor license does not meet the requirements of the ordinance, nor does it grant him extended hours permission, so he was not in good standing with the LCB requirement. I also let him know that SDCI had not approved the change of use for his venue to indoor sports and recreation, which also violates the AHNL ordinance.</p> <p>We then walked through security and into Urban Hookah and found it full of people dancing, smoking, and drinking from solo cups. We could not confirm if the cups contained alcohol. Photos were taken of people smoking and dancing. We then let Abraham know that he was in violation of the after-hours nightlife lounge ordinance and that he would be receiving an additional violation for tonight's inspection.</p>



On 7/23/25, I conducted a records search on the WA STATE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE (DOR) business search page for PNWSODO LLC (UBI 604-964-191), and it does not show an active Liquor License for PNWSODO LLC.

On 7/24/25, I received an email from LCB Supervisor, Richard Smith stating: "This location (Urban Hookah) also has never been issued a liquor license. They do have a Tobacco/Vape/Cigarette license which expires in September 2025. Abraham Maharie applied for another Tobacco/Vape/Cigarette license there, but that license was withdrawn. No indication of extended hours here either, but then again, they've never had a liquor license."

On 7/25/25 I received an email from LCB Supervisor, Richard Smith stating: "Our licensing folks say special occasion licenses and banquet permits are in and of themselves "liquor" events, so there is no provision for them to operate with "extended hours".....can't happen." This confirms that a special occasion, or banquet permit is not a liquor license with extended hour permission.

8/12/25 Based on our personal observations and photographs taken during our inspection on 7/13/25, 7/24/25 email from LCB Supervisor Richard Smith confirming that PNWSODO LLC has no liquor license that is also corroborated by the DOR website, and 7/25/25 email from LCB confirming that Urban Hookah's caterer's license does not have extended hours added activity, I am issuing citation AHNL 25-07-007 to PNWSODO LLC 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 third violation of SMC 10.10.020 for Urban Hookah.

This citation represents a determination that a violation has been committed by the person named in the citation and that the determination shall be final unless contested as provided in this Chapter 10.10.

**PENALTY: \$5,000.00**

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: Chad S. Wichers, at Seattle, WA  
Chad Wichers, Seattle License and Standards Inspector

Date: 8/12/2025

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

8/12/2025

Dated

Chad S. Wichers  
Chad Wichers

