



FIRST VIOLATION ☒

SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION ☐

SMC 10.10.030 1st 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: 814 South Lane Street, Seattle, WA 98104	DATE OF VIOLATION: June 28, 2025 TIME: 2:25 AM
BUSINESS NAME (LEGAL): LIDIYA YEMANE KING LOUNGE CARAVEL LOUNGE LLC (TRADE): Caravel Lounge EMAIL: LIDIYAY23@GMAIL.COM MAILING ADDRESS: 814 South Lane Street, Seattle, WA 98104 MAILING ADDRESS: 14830 Southeast 181 st Street, Renton, WA 98058 MAILING ADDRESS: 9272 56 th Ave South, Seattle, WA 98118	INSPECTOR'S NAME: Christopher Lopez <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OWNER <input type="checkbox"/> EMPLOYEE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER NAME: Lidiya Yemane
DID THEN AND THERE COMMIT OR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING VIOLATIONS	
CHECK EACH THAT APPLIES: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SMC 10.10.020 Operate without a valid liquor license with extended hours added activity. <input type="checkbox"/> SMC 10.10.020 AHNL open between 6AM and 10AM. <input type="checkbox"/> SMC 10.10.020. AHNL selling, giving, or supplying liquor to any person between 2AM-6AM. <input type="checkbox"/> SMC 10.10.020. AHNL allowing the consumption of liquor on the premises between 2AM-6AM. <input type="checkbox"/> SMC 10.10.020. AHNL failed to obtain and comply with all required state and City permits and licenses necessary for operation. <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. <input type="checkbox"/> SMC 10.10.020. AHNL failed to operate video surveillance at each entry point and maintain recordings for 96 hours. <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. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SMC 10.10.020 AHNL failed to submit a written safety plan that meets the requirements of this section. <input type="checkbox"/> SMC 10.10.020 AHNL failed to allow any peace officer or the Director free access to public areas.	DESCRIPTION OF VIOLATION: All businesses operating as an after-hours nightlife lounge are required to comply with SMC 10.10. I am a Licenses and Standards Inspector employed by the City of Seattle Department of Finance and Administrative Services and have been authorized to enforce violations of SMC 10.10 and have worked in my position since February 2020. Per SMC 10.10.010 "After Hours Nightlife Lounge" 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. On Saturday, June 28, 2025, Seattle Department of Finance and Administrative Services ("FAS") Inspector Janae Thomas and I visited Caravel Lounge at 814 South Lane Street, in the City of Seattle, at 2:25 AM, accompanied by Seattle Police Department ("SPD") officers, and Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board ("LCB") agents. Caravel Lounge staff locked the door from the inside to delay our entry, but they allowed access after that brief delay. Upon entrance into the venue, I observed the patrons inside actively smoking hookah tobacco, and heard music playing; patrons remained seated, showing no signs of egress. At 2:28 AM, I spoke with owner, Lidiya Yemane. Lidiya stated that the business applied for a liquor license, but it has not yet been granted by LCB. Lidiya stated that she was of the understanding she could operate even though the liquor application was "pending". Lidiya added that the venue was not open to the public and was instead hosting a private party. At 11:16 AM on July 16, 2025, I reached out to Lieutenant Robert Rieder at LCB to verify if Caravel had either applied for, was granted, or was denied a liquor license by the State of Washington. At 1:21 PM on the same day, I received verification from Lt. Rieder that Caravel applied for a liquor license



but withdrew their application in February 2024. In addition, the web database for the Washington State Department of Revenue ("DOR") lists UBI 605-375-551 for YEMANE, LIDIYA as having a "Tobacco Products Retailer" endorsement with no mention of a liquor license as of July 22, 2025.

I reached out to FAS Inspector Chad Wichers on Monday, July 21, at 2:05 PM to verify if Caravel Lounge had submitted a safety plan to FAS for review. Inspector Wichers stated that he requested the safety plan from Lidiya on July 13, 2025, but that Caravel has not yet submitted it to FAS.

Based upon my personal observations and photographs taken on June 28, 2025 of patrons socializing and smoking hookah inside the venue and patrons waiting to clear security and enter the venue after 2:00 AM, Caravel Lounge 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, Caravel Lounge does not have a liquor license issued by the State of Washington Liquor and Cannabis Board. Based upon verification from FAS Inspector Chad Wichers, Caravel Lounge has not submitted their required nightlife safety plan to FAS. Based upon this evidence, I am writing Citation #AHNL-25-07-003 to Caravel Lounge 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.5 Operating an after-hours nightlife lounge without preparing a written safety plan;

This is the first violation of SMC 10.10.020 for Caravel Lounge.

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: \$1000.00

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
Seattle License and Standards Inspector

Date: July 24, 2025

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

July 24, 2025

Dated

Inspector name or Administrative Specialist



Response to Notice of Citation: You must respond to this citation by paying the penalty, requesting a mitigation hearing, or requesting a contested hearing. Your response to this citation must be received by the City of Seattle within fifteen (15) calendar days after the date the citation was served. Service is the date the citation was personally served, posted on the property, or three days after mailing. Failure to respond within fifteen (15) calendar days will result in entry of an order that you committed the violation and are responsible for the penalties. **To request a mitigation or contested hearing, the response must be sent to the Hearing Examiner and received not later than 5 p.m. on the day the response is due.** When the last day of the appeal period is a Saturday, Sunday, or City or federal holiday, the appeal period shall run until 5 p.m. on the next business day. Responses received after 5 p.m. will be considered to have been filed the next business day. It is your responsibility to confirm the City of Seattle or Hearing Examiner received the response. (Delivery of payments or appeals filed by any form of USPS mail service may be delayed by several days. Allow extra time if mailing a payment or appeal.)

Please check only one of the following boxes, as appropriate:

- ☐ 1. I agree that I committed the violation and choose to pay the monetary penalty specified in the citation. [Send a check or Money order only, payable in US funds to the **City of Seattle**. Payment should be mailed or delivered to the Consumer Protection Division, **PO Box 94785, 700 Fifth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98124-7085**. Do not send cash. Print the citation number on the check or money order and remit with a copy of the citation. Only payments in full will be accepted.]
- ☐ 2. I request a mitigation hearing to explain the circumstances surrounding the commission of the violation and to request a reduction of the penalty. By requesting a mitigation hearing, you will be deemed to have committed the violation. [Mail your request for a mitigation hearing to **City of Seattle, Hearing Examiner, PO Box 94729, Seattle, WA 98124-4729**, deliver to 700 Fifth Ave, Suite 4000, Seattle, WA 98104, or file online at: [e-Filing with the Office of Hearing Examiner - Hearing Examiner | seattle.gov](#)].
- ☐ 3. I request a hearing to contest the violation. I believe the violation did not occur or I am not responsible for the violation for the reasons listed below. [Mail your request for a contested hearing to **City of Seattle, Hearing Examiner, PO Box 94729, Seattle, WA 98124-4729**, deliver to 700 Fifth Ave, Suite 4000, Seattle, WA 98104 or file online at: [e-Filing with the Office of Hearing Examiner - Hearing Examiner | seattle.gov](#)].

(Must be completed if yes on #3.)

☐ I request an interpreter at my hearing in the following language: _____

RESPONDENT'S SIGNATURE _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

ZIP _____

If you request a contested hearing or a mitigation hearing, you must fill in the information below to receive notice of your hearing date. You will be notified in writing of your hearing date.

PRINT NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

AREA CODE _____

PHONE _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

ZIP _____

**PAYMENT OF THE MONETARY PENALTY OR REQUEST FOR A MITIGATION HEARING
DOES NOT RELIEVE YOU OF THE DUTY TO CORRECT THE VIOLATION.
FAILURE TO CORRECT COULD RESULT IN THE ISSUANCE OF ANOTHER CITATION BECAUSE
EACH DAY YOU FAIL TO COMPLY IS A SEPARATE VIOLATION**