



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: 1221 S MAIN ST #203 SEATTLE, WA 98144	DATE OF VIOLATION: 06/28/2025 TIME: 2:52 AM  INSPECTOR'S NAME: Janae Thomas Christopher Lopez
BUSINESS NAME (LEGAL) CASABLANCA AZ LLC (TRADE) CASABLANCA AZ LLC  MAILING ADDRESS: 4219 146TH PL SW UNIT B LYNNWOOD, WA, 98087  1221 S MAIN STREET SUITE 201 & 203 # 201 & #203 SEATTLE, WA 98144	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OWNER <input type="checkbox"/> EMPLOYEE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER  NAME: ABEL GEBREMARYAM ZEKARIAS HAGOS
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 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 Chapter 10.10 and have worked in my position since March 2022  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 6/28/25, FAS Inspectors Janae Thomas and Christopher Lopez, Seattle Police Department ("SPD") officers, and Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board ("LCB") Agents visited CASABLANCA AZ LLC at 1221 S MAIN ST #203 SEATTLE, WA 98144. There were two security guards at the gate leading into the parking lot located in front of the business. Once through the parking lot we walked up stairs to the second level where the business was located. Upon walking through the front door, I observed the patrons inside actively socializing and smoking hookah tobacco at multiple tables that were set up in the business.  On 6/28/25 a copy of the After-Hours Nightlife information sheet that details all the requirements of SMC Chapter 10.10 was provided to business owner Abel Gebremaryam.  On 7/16/25, Inspector Christopher Lopez reached out to Lieutenant Robert Rieder at LCB to verify if CASABLANCA AZ LLC had either applied for, was granted, or was denied a liquor license by the State of Washington. Lt. Rieder confirmed that CASABLANCA AZ LLC (UBI 604-657-723) has no liquor license and has not applied for a liquor license. On 7/22/25 I checked



dor.wa.gov and confirmed there is no record of a liquor license for Casablanca AZ LLC.

On 7/22/25 Inspector Chad Wichers verified that Casablanca AZ LLC has not submitted a safety plan, although owner Abel Gebremaryam reached out to him via email on 6/28/2025 requesting information on what needed to be included in the safety plan. Inspector Chad Wichers emailed Abel Gebremaryam on 07/01/2025 and has not received a response or safety plan.

Based upon my personal observations and photographs taken at the Casablanca AZ LLC on 6/28/25 of patrons socializing and smoking hookah inside the venue, Casablanca AZ LLC meets the definition of an after-hours nightlife lounge. Based upon the report from Lt. Rieder from July 16, 2025, and confirmed by the DOR website, Casablanca AZ LLC does not have a liquor license issued by the State of Washington Liquor and Cannabis Board. Based on information provided by FAS Inspector Chad Wichers, Casablanca AZ LLC has not submitted a Safety plan to FAS.

I am writing Citation #AHNL-25-07-005 to CASABLANCA AZ 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. 5. a. After-hours nightlife lounge operators shall file their written safety plans with the Director, who shall distribute them to the Chief of Police. For existing after-hours nightlife lounges, safety plans shall be filed within 45 days of the effective date of this ordinance. New after-hours nightlife lounges shall file safety plans no later than the date they open to the public.

This is the first violation of SMC 10.10.020 for Casablanca AZ LLC.

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: \$1,000.00**

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: Janae Thomas, at Seattle, WA  
Seattle License and Standards Inspector

Date: 7/31/2025

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

7/31/2025

Dated

Janae Thomas  
Inspector Janae Thomas 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](#)].

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(Must be completed if yes on #3.)

- ☐ I request an interpreter at my hearing in the following language: \_\_\_\_\_

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RESPONDENT'S SIGNATURE

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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.

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**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**