



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: 303 12 TH AVE S #E SEATTLE, WA 98144	DATE OF VIOLATION: 06/28/2025 TIME: 2:35 AM INSPECTOR'S NAME: Janae Thomas Christopher Lopez
BUSINESS NAME (LEGAL) Goliath Group WA LLC (TRADE) Culture Lounge (2SIPPS LLC) MAILING ADDRESS: 9658 13 TH AVE SW SEATTLE, WA 98106 303 12TH AVE S #E SEATTLE, WA 98144	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OWNER <input type="checkbox"/> EMPLOYEE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER NAME: GOLIATH GROUP WA LLC <u>Governors of Goliath Group LLC:</u> ROBEL OKUNAMLAK FANUS TEFERI TEAME REZENE
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 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 and have been authorized to enforce violations of SMC 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, Culture Lounge (2SIPPS LLC) at 303 12TH AVE S #E SEATTLE, WA 98144, was visited at 2:35 AM by Seattle Department of Finance and Administrative Services (FAS) Inspectors Janae Thomas and Christopher Lopez, Seattle Police Department ("SPD") officers, and Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board ("LCB") Agents. Initially entry to the lounge was delayed briefly by security at the door, inquiring as to who we were and why we needed to enter the business. Upon entrance into the venue, I observed the patrons inside actively smoking hookah tobacco and socializing, and a D.J. playing music. On 7/16/25, Inspector Christopher Lopez reached out to Lieutenant Robert Rieder at LCB to verify if Culture Lounge (2SIPPS LLC) had either applied for, was granted, or was denied a liquor license by the State of Washington. Lt. Rieder confirmed that Culture Lounge (2SIPPS LLC) has no liquor license and has not applied for a liquor license. On 7/22/25 I checked dor.wa.gov for UBI 604-698-823 and confirmed there is no record of a liquor license for Culture Lounge at 8303 12 TH AVE S #E SEATTLE, WA 98144. Based upon my personal observations and photographs taken at the Culture Lounge on 6/28/25 of patrons socializing and smoking hookah inside the venue, Culture Lounge meets the definition of an after-hours nightlife lounge. Based upon the report from Lt. Rieder from July 16, 2025, and confirmed with the DOR website, Caravel Lounge does not have a liquor license issued by the



State of Washington Liquor and Cannabis Board. I am writing Citation #AHNL-25-07-004 to Culture Lounge (2SIPPS 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

This is the first violation of SMC 10.10.020 for Culture 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: \$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 address 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](#)].

(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**