



*Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission
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DECISION

**ANFRATTA LLC D/B/A WARD EIGHT
90 NORTH WASHINGTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
LICENSE#: 01274-RS-0116
VIOLATION DATE: 12/31/2024
HEARD: 5/13/2025**

Anfratta LLC d/b/a Ward Eight (“Licensee” or “Ward 8”) holds an alcohol license issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, § 12. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (“ABCC” or “Commission”) held a hearing on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, regarding an alleged violation of 204 CMR 4.03 (2)- No licensee shall advertise or promote in any way, whether within or without the licensed premises, any of the practices prohibited under 2.04 CMR 4.03; specifically, 204 CMR 4.03 (1)(C)(D) (1 count). Prior to the commencement of the hearing, the Licensee stipulated to the facts in Investigator Smith’s Report.

The following documents are in evidence:

1. Investigative Report of N. Smith;
2. Eventbrite Screenshots (2);
3. Licensee’s Stipulation of Facts;
4. ABCC Form 43, License Transfer Approval, 10/29/2013.

There is one (1) audio recording of this hearing.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On Tuesday, December 31, 2024, at approximately 8:30 p.m., Investigator Terasconi visited the website Eventbrite dot com and observed an advertised event “2025 New Years Eve Open Bar at Ward 8!” The event was to take place at 10:00 p on December 31st, with tickets priced at \$150.00 each. The website stated this event was sold out.
2. The “2025 New Years Eve Open Bar at Ward 8!” event was described as “Celebrate the start of 2025 with us at Ward 8! Join us for an unforgettable New Year’s Eve party with an open bar all night long. Ticket includes entry, open bar for all of Ward 8’s best classic cocktails (Old Fashioneds, Ward 8s, Manhattans, etc.), specialty cocktails, beer, wine, bubbly and a champagne toast at midnight. A buffet style food station with charcuteries

and bar bites will be available at 10pm while supplies last. Open bar is available 10pm – 1am.”

3. On Tuesday, December 31, 2024, at approximately 8:45 p.m., Investigators David, Gardner, and Smith (“Investigators”) arrived at the licensed premises of Anfratta LLC d/b/a Ward Eight (“Licensee” or “Ward 8”) and spoke with the manager, Danielle Lavey about the event.
4. Ms. Lavey stated Ward 8 was hosting a sold-out event for New Years Eve and had sold 100 tickets. She indicated the tickets included a buffet and an open bar.
5. Ms. Lavey provided Investigator Smith with a menu showing cocktails and/or alcoholic beverages available as part of the open bar. This menu included:
 - Aperol Spritz, Hugo Spritz
 - Vodka: High Noon and Espresso martini
 - Tequila: Paloma and Spicy Margarita
 - Gin: French 75 and Freezer martini
 - Whiskey: Old Fashioned and Ward 8
6. The listed liquor brands included: Tito’s vodka, Tanqueray gin, Lunazul Blanco tequila, Lunazul Reposado tequila, Rosaluna Mezcal, Old Overholt Rye whiskey, Rittenhouse Rye whiskey, Bulleit Bourbon & Rye whiskeys, and Jameson Irish whiskey. The menu also included several beers and wines available.
7. Investigators informed Ms. Lavey that advertising an open bar is a Happy Hour violation and offering guests an open bar also violates the Happy Hour regulation. Investigators informed Ms. Lavey that a violation report would be filed with the Chief Investigator for further review.
8. Nicholas Frattaroli, the Licensee, along with Michael Wyatt, the operations manager, appeared at the Commission hearing. Mr. Wyatt testified he had misinterpreted the ABCC Guidelines regarding Happy Hour.
9. The Licensee has held a license under M.G.L. c. 138, § 12 since 2013 with no prior violations.

CONCLUSION

Based on the evidence, the Commission finds the Licensee violated 204 CMR 4.03 (2)- No licensee shall advertise or promote in any way, whether within or without the licensed premises, any of the practices prohibited under 2.04 CMR 4.03; specifically, 204 CMR 4.03 (1)(C)(D) (1 count).

Therefore, the Commission issues a **WARNING**.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

Deborah A. Baglio, Commissioner Deborah A. Baglio

Jean M. Lorizio, Chairman Jean M. Lorizio

Crystal Matthews, Commissioner Crystal Matthews

Dated: January 8, 2026

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