

IN THE MATTER OF the *Liquor Control Act*, R.S.N.S. 1989, c. 260, as amended

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IN THE MATTER OF alleged violations of Section 47B(1) of the *Liquor Control Act* and Sections 64(2) and 79 of the *Nova Scotia Liquor Licensing Regulations* by **Ragazzi Resto Bar Limited**, carrying on business as **Ragazzi Resto Bar**

AGREED STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. **Ragazzi Resto Bar Limited** is the holder of Eating Establishment Liquor Licence #006917 and Lounge Liquor Licence #006918 (hereinafter, the “Licensee”).
2. The Licensee is a body corporate incorporated under the laws of the Province of Nova Scotia and carries on business under the name **Ragazzi Resto Bar** (hereinafter, “the Licensee”).
3. **Ragazzi Resto Bar** is located at **5187 Salter Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia** (hereinafter, the “Licensed Premises”).
4. As a result of a quiet enjoyment complaint received on or about **September 9, 2024**, conditions were added to the Licensee’s liquor licences effective **January 20, 2025**, including:
 - Outdoor amplified entertainment is prohibited; and
 - If amplified entertainment is offered inside the licensed premises, all doors and windows must remain closed.
5. The Licensee acknowledges that it has contravened Section **47B(1)** of the *Liquor Control Act* and Sections **64(2)** and **79** of the *Nova Scotia Liquor Licensing Regulations*, and accepts responsibility for the violations described below.

Circumstances of the Violations

Incident Series – April 27 to June 21, 2025

Violation of Section 47B(1) of the *Liquor Control Act* and Section 64(2) of the *Nova Scotia Liquor Licensing Regulations*

1. Between **April 27, 2025, and June 21, 2025**, the Licensee permitted amplified music in a manner contrary to the conditions imposed on its liquor licences.

2. On **April 28, 2025**, Compliance Officer Nikki DeWolfe (CO DeWolfe) received a complaint from a nearby resident alleging amplified music coming from **Ragazzi Resto Bar** in violation of its licence conditions.
 3. During the course of the investigation, CO DeWolfe documented **eight (8) separate instances** of amplified music being audible outside the licensed premises on the following dates:
 - April 27-30, 2025;
 - April 30, 2025;
 - May 1, 2025;
 - June 6, 2025;
 - June 13, 2025;
 - June 14, 2025;
 - June 20, 2025; and
 - June 21, 2025.
 4. Investigative steps included:
 - Review of audio recordings provided by a complainant;
 - Direct observations by Compliance Officers;
 - Attendance and corroboration by members of the Halifax Regional Police Liquor Enforcement Unit; and
 - Interviews with building management and the Licensee.
 5. On multiple occasions, Compliance Officers observed:
 - Amplified music audible outside the licensed premises;
 - Windows and doors open while amplified music was played indoors; and
 - Speakers positioned in open windows or otherwise directed toward the street.
 6. On **June 6, 2025**, CO DeWolfe personally observed a speaker placed in an open window of the licensed premises with amplified music clearly audible from the street.
 7. Despite warnings and discussions with Compliance Officers, the Licensee continued to permit amplified music in violation of licence conditions.
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Violation of Section 79 of the Nova Scotia Liquor Licensing Regulations

1. On **June 21, 2025**, during an inspection, CO DeWolfe advised the Licensee of the applicable licence conditions regarding amplified music.

2. During that interaction, the Licensee refused to allow the Compliance Officer to read or review the licence conditions with him and declined to discuss.

Disposition

1. This matter has been brought before the Executive Director of Alcohol, Gaming, Fuel and Tobacco, Service Nova Scotia, for the imposition of a penalty in respect to the Licensee's violations of Section 47B(1) of the *Liquor Control Act* and Sections 64(2) and 79 of the *Nova Scotia Liquor Licensing Regulations*.

Joint Recommendation

1. **The Licensee and Alcohol, Gaming, Fuel and Tobacco jointly recommend that:**

Eating Establishment Liquor Licence #6917 and Lounge Liquor Licence #6918 be suspended for a period of seven (7) consecutive days, to commence within 30 days of the date of execution of this Agreement.

1. In accordance with the *Nova Scotia Liquor Licensing Regulations*, a Suspension Notice will be posted at the licensed premises for the duration of the suspension. This does not prevent the business from continuing to provide food service or other non-liquor related services during the suspension period.

General

1. This Agreed Statement of Facts contains the entire agreement between the parties. There are no representations, warranties, or undertakings other than those expressly set out herein.
2. The Licensee acknowledges that it has read and understands this Agreed Statement of Facts, has been afforded the opportunity to obtain independent legal advice, and enters into this Agreement freely and voluntarily.

On behalf of Ragazzi Resto Bar:



Licensee - Ragazzi Resto Bar Limited

May 21, 2026
Date

Print Name: Laura Mitchell

On behalf of Alcohol, Gaming, Fuel and Tobacco



Andrew J. MacLean
Director, Investigation & Enforcement

June 3, 2026
Date

Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action

To: Ragazzi Resto Bar Limited
O/A Ragazzi Resto Bar
5187 Salter Street, Halifax Nova Scotia
Eating Establishment License #006917
Lounge License #006918

From: Scott MacDonald, Executive Director
Alcohol, Gaming, Fuel and Tobacco, SNS

Date: June 5, 2026

Subject: Notice of Disciplinary Action
Ragazzi Resto Bar
5187 Salter Street, Halifax Nova Scotia

Current Situation

An Agreed Statement of Facts was submitted to this office on May 21, 2026, wherein the licensee acknowledged violations of sections 64 (2) and 79 of the Nova Scotia Liquor Licensing Regulations and 47B (1) of the Nova Scotia Liquor Control Act relating to violations observed between April 27, 2025 and June 21, 2025.

Activities not permitted in licensed premises

64 (2) A licensee must not permit any activity in or about their licensed premises that may interfere with the quiet enjoyment of neighbouring properties.

Obstructing inspector

79 A licensee must not obstruct an inspector while the inspector is performing their duties or exercising their powers.

Authority of Executive Director

47B (1) Where a licensee fails to comply with the terms and conditions of a license, has contravened this Act or the regulations or is convicted of an offence under the Criminal

Code or a quasi-criminal statute, the Executive Director may, in accordance with the process prescribed in the regulations,

- (a) take any action set out in clauses 47(1)(b), (c) and (d);
- or
- (b) refer the matter to the Regulatory and Appeals Board.

The licensee has agreed on the following penalty:

Eating Establishment Liquor License #006917 and Lounge License #006918 be suspended for a period of seven (7) consecutive days, to commence on June 22, 2026 to June 28, 2026, inclusive.

The office of the Executive Director, Alcohol, Gaming, Fuel & Tobacco Division, Service Nova Scotia, has considered the matter and issued a Notice of Disciplinary Action on June 5, 2026, pursuant to section 47B of the *Nova Scotia Liquor Control Act*.

Objection Process

The licensee may object in writing to the above proposed action in accordance with section 88(1) subsections (3) and (4). To object to a proposed action, the permanent licensee on whom the notice of proposed action was served must file a written notice of objection with the Executive Director prior to June 19, 2026.

A notice of objection may be in any form, but it must be in writing and include all of the following:

- (a) the name, address and phone number of the permanent licensee;
- (b) a copy of the notice of proposed action; and
- (c) the reason the permanent licensee objects to the proposed action.

After considering any objection to a notice of proposed action, the Executive Director must do one of the following:

- (a) take the proposed action;
- (b) rescind the notice of proposed action;
- (c) vary the proposed action, but only if the action taken is permitted by clause 47(1)(b), (c) or (d) of the *Liquor Control Act*; or
- (d) refer the matter to the Regulatory and Appeals Board in accordance with subsection 47B(1)(b) of the Act.

Notice of Action

The office of the Executive Director, Alcohol, Gaming, Fuel and Tobacco, Service Nova Scotia has concluded that a seven (7) day suspension of Ragazzi Resto Bar, 5187 Salter Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Eating Establishment Liquor License #006917 and Lounge License #006918 shall be served on, June 22 to June 28, 2026, inclusive, as was determined in collaboration with the licensee.

In accordance with sections 95(1) and (2) of the *Nova Scotia Liquor Licensing Regulations* a Suspension Notice will be posted at the premises stating that the Liquor License has been suspended. This suspension does not prevent the business from providing the sale of food or other non-liquor related services.



Scott MacDonal, Executive Director
Alcohol, Gaming, Fuel and Tobacco
Service Nova Scotia