

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-189

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE
UPHOLDING THE CITY MANAGER'S DENIAL OF PETITION TO DISQUALIFY
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER KATIE BELLOTTI PORTER SUBMITTED BY
YASER ALNAJJAR AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ILLUSIONS SMOKE SHOP**

WHEREAS, Yaser Alnajjar (Licensee) holds a Tobacco Retailer's Special Business License issued pursuant to Elk Grove Municipal Code ("EGMC") Chapter 4.27 ("Special Business License") for the business known as The Illusions Smoke Shop (aka Illusions #2) located at 4809 Laguna Boulevard, Suite 110, Elk Grove, California 95758; and

WHEREAS, the City of Elk Grove (City) asserts that Licensee violated the terms of the Special Business License and has taken action to revoke that license; and

WHEREAS, Elk Grove Municipal Code (EGMC) section 4.27.120 provides that any licensee aggrieved by the decision of the City Manager in revoking a license may appeal the decision by submitting a written appeal pursuant to EGMC Chapter 1.11; and

WHEREAS, Licensee filed a Request for Appeal of the Notice of Revocation of Tobacco Retailer's License on June 25, 2025, pursuant to EGMC Chapter 1.11, and provided notice of date and time for the administrative hearing on July 2, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2025, Licensee filed a Petition to Disqualify Administrative Hearing Officer (Petition to Disqualify) with the City Manager seeking to disqualify the assigned administrative hearing officer Katie Bellotti Porter, pursuant to EGMC section 1.11.070.B ("Petition to Disqualify"); and

WHEREAS, the City Manager denied Licensee's Petition to Disqualify; and

WHEREAS, Licensee has appealed the City Manager's denial of the Petition to Disqualify to the City Council pursuant to EGMC section 1.11.070.B.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elk Grove hereby declares it has duly considered Licensee's appeal of the City Manager's denial of the Petition to Disqualify the assigned administrative hearing officer Katie Bellotti Porter pursuant to EGMC section 1.11.070.B, and finds:

- 1) Licensee's Petition to Disqualify is untimely; and
- 2) Licensee has not demonstrated that the assigned administrative hearing officer Katie Bellotti Porter is biased or prejudiced against Licensee in this matter; and
- 3) The City Manager's denial of Licensee's Petition to Disqualify is upheld.

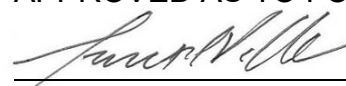
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Elk Grove this 24th day of September 2025


BOBBIE SINGH-ALLEN, MAYOR of the
CITY OF ELK GROVE

ATTEST:


JASON LINDGREN, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


JONATHAN P. HOBBS
CITY ATTORNEY

CERTIFICATION
ELK GROVE CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2025-189

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO) ss
CITY OF ELK GROVE)


I, Jason Lindgren, City Clerk of the City of Elk Grove, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Elk Grove at a regular meeting of said Council held on September 24, 2025 by the following vote:

AYES: **COUNCILMEMBERS:** *Singh-Allen, Robles, Brewer, Spease*

NOES: **COUNCILMEMBERS:** *None*

ABSTAIN: **COUNCILMEMBERS:** *None*

ABSENT: **COUNCILMEMBERS:** *Suen*



Jason Lindgren, City Clerk
City of Elk Grove, California