

**LICENSES AND CONSUMER SERVICES
LICENSE INSPECTOR'S REPORT**

License Number: L247-50344 **Police File Number:** 13237

Date of Application: March 15, 2012

Inspector: Michele Harvet, 612-673-5484

Applicant/Legal Entity: Learn 2 Eat, Inc.

DBA/Trade Name: Signature Cafe

Complete Address: 130 Warwick Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414

Purpose of Application: New Proprietor

License Requested: On-Sale Wine with Strong Beer, Class E

Current License: On-Sale Wine with Strong Beer, Class E

Responsible person within 75 miles of Minneapolis City Hall: Derek Grams

Public Hearing Requirement: Not Required

License Conditions: None

Neighborhood/Ward: Prospect Park/East River Road / 2

Zoning: R2B/UA – This is a permitted use in the Two Family District/University Area Overlay District.

7 acre requirement: Not met. This parcel is not contiguous with seven acres of commercial zoning and may be authorized per Charter Amendment 144.

Off-Street Parking: The Office of the Zoning Administrator has determined that four spaces are required to be provided on site.

Churches or schools within 300 feet of the proposed premises: No

Seating: Inside: 38 Seats Outside: 35

Fire Occupancy: Inside: 45 Maximum Capacity Outside: 45

Food Service Requirement: This establishment may be licensed per Charter Amendment 144 and is required to operate as a restaurant subject to the 70/30 ratio of food to alcohol sales. No more than 30% of gross annual sales may be from alcohol.

Hours of operation proposed: Inside and Outside: 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily

Metropolitan Council Service Availability Charges: No new SAC determination is required for this business since there is no change in use.

HISTORY OF LOCATION

This location had a Food Restaurant license from at least 1992 to 2003 when they upgraded to an On-Sale Wine and Strong Beer, Class license pursuant to Charter Amendment 144. This restaurant has been operating with this license continuously since 2003.

APPLICANT

The applicant is Learn 2 Eat, Inc., a Minnesota corporation formed on July 15, 2011, under Chapter 302A (Charter Number 4380751-2), having the required restriction on the transfer of stock and has the following owners:

<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Shares</u>
Derek Grams	2/10/73	CEO	45%
Joy Grams	4/19/79	CFO	45%
Zachary Carlson	6/6/84	Partner	5%
Jasmine Carlson	3/9/86	Partner	5%

The applicants meet all minimum requirements including criminal background check.

MANAGER

The manager at Signature Café will be Derek Grams. Mr. Grams has worked in the food and alcohol service industry at several establishments since 1998. He has been at Sodexo USA and The Sample Room since 2005.

POLICE REVIEW

Police Licensing and this Inspector have reviewed the expenses and source of funds reported in this application. The applicant has provided documentation showing adequate legal and traceable funding for this venture and has passed the criminal background check. The Second Precinct of the Minneapolis Police Department has discussed security issues with the applicant.

PREMISES

The licensed premises are located at the ground level of a multi-use building. The entire premises occupy approximately 2000 square feet. Approximately 500 square feet is for the seating area. There is table seating for 38 patrons. The rest of the establishment consists of a kitchen, pantry, preparation area and rest rooms. The licensed premises space is compact and contiguous. There are no undefined spaces.

There is an outdoor patio adjacent to the building on the south side. It is thirty feet by 20 feet and has table seating for thirty-five patrons.

BUSINESS PLAN/OPERATIONS

All alcohol servers will be required to ask for identification from all patrons that appear under 30 years of age. Servers will monitor the amount of alcohol each guest is consuming in order

to prevent over serving and intoxicated guests. If a guest does become intoxicated, the server will arrange transportation for the guest.

There will be secret shoppers who will be under the age of 30 who will check to see if the server is accomplishing their job. As a reward for passing a check, the server will be given a gift card/certificate for our or another restaurant. If a server fails a self check or a city compliance check, they will be placed on probation. The second failure in a one year period may lead to termination. All servers will read and sign an employee alcohol service agreement.

All staff will act as security for the establishment. They will be responsible for maintaining the safety of their guests and the prevention of illegal activities on the premises. They will call for police assistance if someone they have asked to leave does not leave. They will work with the local precinct on setting up a no admittance list, if necessary.

Entertainment will be provided in the form of background music (prerecorded or radio).

The menu offers a changing variety of items like; crostini, artichoke gruyere gratin, calamari, goat cheese cassoulet, meat/cheese/olives tapas, soup of the day, salads, roasted duck leg confit, lemon thyme broiled chicken breast, beef pot roast and pork short ribs ranging in price from \$6 to \$21.

The hours of operation for the establishment will be 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily.

All litter and trash will be removed from a 100 feet radius of the premises on a daily basis.

Noise is not anticipated to be a problem since because of the nature of their business and clientele they plan to continue to attract. They will work with their patrons to ensure that they keep the noise down on the patio. They will not have music on the patio to ensure the noise does not affect the neighborhood. If there are noise complaints, they will address the complaint in a respectful manner.

There are no mechanical amusement devices. No charitable gambling or sports team sponsorships are anticipated at this time.

PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY

A public hearing is not required for this license application.

RECOMMENDATION

The Licenses and Consumer Services Division recommends approving this application for an On-Sale Wine with Strong Beer, Class E license pursuant to Charter Amendment 144.

LICENSE CONDITIONS

None.