

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

**LICENSE NUMBER:** L247-50351

**POLICE FILE NUMBER:** F. 13249

**DATE OF APPLICATION:** May 15, 2012

**INSPECTOR:** Leanne Selander

**APPLICANT/LEGAL ENTITY:** Dilla's Bar & Restaurant, Inc.

**DBA/TRADE NAME:** Dilla's Ethiopian Restaurant

**COMPLETE ADDRESS:** 1813 Riverside Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN, 55454

**LICENSES REQUESTED:** On Sale Wine with Strong Beer, Class E, and Food Catering

**CURRENT LICENSE:** Last licensed as an On Sale Wine with Strong Beer, Class E

**RESPONSIBLE PERSON WITHIN 75 MILES OF MINNEAPOLIS CITY HALL:** Beko Tufa, owner and manager.

**PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENTS:** A public hearing is not required.

**LICENSE CONDITIONS:** None required

**NEIGHBORHOOD/WARD:** Cedar Riverside, Ward 2

**ZONING:** C3A, CO, UA. The zoning division has certified that this is a permitted use in the Community Commercial - Community Overlay-University Area Overlay district.

**7 ACRE REQUIREMENT:** The property meets this requirement

**OFF-STREET PARKING:** The number of parking spaces required by the zoning code is two. The applicant meets this requirement.

**CHURCHES OR SCHOOLS WITHIN 300 FEET OF THE PREMISES:** None

**SEATING:** Inside: 49 Outside: NA

**FIRE OCCUPANCY:** 49

**FOOD SERVICE REQUIREMENT:** The restaurant must maintain a 60% food to 40% alcoholic beverage ratio.

**HOURS OF OPERATION PROPOSED:** INSIDE: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m., daily. Alcohol will not be served before 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. OUTSIDE: N/A

**METROPOLITAN COUNCIL SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGES:** Zero

**HISTORY OF LOCATION** This location has been a restaurant since at least 1992. In early 2011, the licensee at that time applied for and was granted a Wine with Strong Beer license. They ceased operating in Dec. 2011, and the space has been vacant since then.

**APPLICANT**

The applicant is Dilla's Bar & Restaurant, Inc., a Minnesota corporation formed on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012, under Chapter 302A (Charter Number 475662500026), having the required restriction on the transfer of stock and has the following stockholders and President:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Shares</u></b>
Beko Tufa	President	1 share
Ayantü Tefera	Vice President	1 share

The applicants, Beko Tufa and her daughter, Ayantu Tefera, meet all minimum requirements including criminal background checks. Neither has owned an alcohol establishment previously. This corporation is also applying for recognition as an IRS 2553, small business corporation, where losses and profits are passed through the share holders.

**MANAGER** Ms. Tufa, will also be the manager.

**POLICE REVIEW** Police Licensing and this Inspector have reviewed the expenses and source of funds reported in this application. The applicants have provided documentation showing adequate legal and traceable funding for this venture and have passed the criminal background check. The 1<sup>st</sup> Precinct of the Minneapolis Police Department has discussed security issues with the applicant.

**PREMISES**

The lease shows exclusive use of the premises by the applicant. The licensed premises consist of two first floor dining areas, a first floor kitchen, and a basement. The basement holds coolers, freezers, storage and prep areas, and restrooms. The 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the premises occupies approximately 1,810 square feet. Approximately 1146 square feet of that is for seating. Indoor seating consists of tables and chairs, along with a counter that seats five. Alcohol is not allowed to be served at the counter without food service. The licensed premise is compact and contiguous, and there is no outdoor area.

**BUSINESS/PLAN/OPERATIONS**

Dilla's is a full service, sit-down restaurant serving Ethiopian and American cuisine. Ms. Tufa was the head cook at an Ethiopian restaurant in Nairobi, Kenya for four years. Since 2006 she has been a cook at the Red Sea Restaurant serving Ethiopian meals

along with alcoholic beverages. Since February 2012, her daughter, Ayantu, has worked as a cook's apprentice under her mother's guidance at the Red Sea. Her goal is to become a cook and business manager.

The applicants have submitted a business plan detailing their operations. Both owners underwent alcohol server training on March 25, 2012. All future employees will undergo mandatory alcohol server training upon their hiring and then once yearly thereafter. Per the applicant's business plan, a primary responsibility of staff is to insure the safety of customers, employees, and property. No one underage or who is visibly intoxicated will be served alcohol and management will fire any staff member who allows minors to consume alcohol. Staff will immediately notify the manager of irregular behavior and/or call 911 in the event of an unruly customer. Staff will also monitor patrons who go outside to smoke; no wine or beer will leave the premises under any circumstance. In addition, customers will be advised that a food purchase is required with the purchase of beer or wine.

At closing time, staff will monitor the parking lot adjacent to the business for any loitering. Staff assigned to security will also monitor the parking area during regular business hours, and if requested, escort customers to their car. Upon closing, staff will clean within 100 feet of their premises, and, in addition, will also check for litter in the morning, mid-morning and evening.

Entertainment offered will be radio, TV, taped music, Karaoke and a Juke box. A Class E license does not allow live entertainment. The age group that Dilla's hopes to attract is 25 to 55. Music will not be played to a level that disturbs surrounding residents. The applicant does not foresee a negative impact on neighbors with the class of entertainment they are providing.

**PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY** Notice is not required. (The applicant originally applied for an On Sale Liquor license which triggered a public hearing notification to residents and property owners within 600 feet. The applicant subsequently withdrew that application and submitted a Wine with Strong Beer license. The public hearing scheduled to take place in the community was cancelled, however approximately 1500 notices had already been mailed or hand delivered.)

**RECOMMENDATIONS** The Licenses and Consumer Services Division recommends approving this application for an On-Sale Wine with Strong Beer, Class E License.

**LICENSE CONDITIONS** There are no license conditions being placed on this license at this time.