

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

**License Number:** L204-50010      **Police File Number:** 13265

**Date of Application:** May 21, 2012

**Inspector:** Michele Harvet, 612-673-5484

**Applicant/Legal Entity:** T & C Restaurant Concepts, Inc.

**DBA/Trade Name:** Sporty's Pub & Grill

**Complete Address:** 2124 Como Avenue SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414

**Licenses Requested:** On-Sale Liquor with Sunday Sales, Class D and Sidewalk Café

**Current Licenses:** On-Sale Liquor with Sunday Sales, Class D and Sidewalk Café

**Purpose of Application:** A new proprietor wants to operate this restaurant with the same license type that was previously approved.

**Responsible person within 75 miles of Minneapolis City Hall:** Chris Christopherson

**Public Hearing Requirement:** Not Required

**License Conditions:** See below

**Neighborhood/Ward:** Como / 2

**Zoning:** C1/UA – This is a permitted use in the Neighborhood Commercial District/University Area Overlay District.

**7 acre requirement:** Not met, a state exemption was granted in 2009 that states "Notwithstanding any law, ordinance, or charter provision to the contrary, the City of Minneapolis may issue an intoxicating liquor license to an establishment located at 2124 Como Avenue Southeast."

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

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

**Seating:** Inside: 99 Seats      Outside: 16 seats

**Fire Occupancy:** Inside: 118    Maximum Capacity Outside: 16

**Food Service Requirement:** The applicant is within 500 feet of a residentially zoned district and is required to operate as a restaurant subject to the 60/40 ratio of food to alcohol sales. No more than 40% of gross annual sales may be from alcohol.

**Hours of operation proposed:** Inside: 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 A.M. daily  
9:00 A.M. to 2:00 A. M. Saturday and Sunday

Outside: 11:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. Monday through Friday  
9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P. M. Saturday and Sunday

**Metropolitan Council Service Availability Charges:** A new SAC determination is not required for this business since there are no changes to the seating areas or service.

### **HISTORY OF LOCATION**

This location has previously been licensed with an On-Sale Beer, Class D license prior to 2002. From 2002 to 2005, it operated an On-Sale Wine with Strong Beer, Class D License. From 2005 to 2009, it operated with an On-Sale Beer, Class D License. From 2009 to now, it has been operating with an On-Sale Liquor with Sunday Sales, Class D License.

### **APPLICANT**

The applicant is T & C Restaurant Concepts, Inc., a Minnesota corporation formed on December 7, 2007, under Chapter 302A (File Number 2618184-3), having the required restriction on the transfer of shares and has the following owner:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>DOB</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Shares</u></b>
Chris Christopherson	8/1/76	CEO	100%

The applicant has extensive experience in managing restaurants. He meets all minimum requirements including criminal background check.

### **MANAGER**

The manager at Sporty's Pub & Grill will be Chris Christopherson. Mr. Christopherson has worked in the food and alcohol service industry since 2002. He has managed at Parasole Restaurant Holdings, Timberlodge Steakhouse, Boston's Pizza and Shelly's Woodroast Restaurant.

### **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 premises cover one level for a total of about 1860 square feet of restaurant as well as about 350 square feet for the kitchen. There are no undefined spaces.

The main floor is at street level and has seating for 88 people at tables and two small bar areas that seat 14 people. There men's and women's restrooms on the main floor. And there is an employee restroom on the main floor.

### **SIDEWALK CAFE**

There will be a sidewalk cafe with four tables that seat four people each on the Como Avenue Southeast side. The total seating outside is for sixteen patrons. The planned hours of operation for the sidewalk cafe are 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM on Monday through Friday and 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM on Saturday and Sunday.

### **BUSINESS PLAN/OPERATIONS**

All employees will be required to attend annual MLBA alcohol server training. New staff will be trained by a manager, as well as a qualified peer trainer, using materials acquired from the MLBA. Their policy is to card everyone who appears to be under 35 years of age. No one under the age of 21 will be admitted after 9:00 P.M. They reward staff members that pass a youth alcohol compliance check with a \$25 Sporty's gift certificate. Staff member that fail a youth alcohol compliance check, or are observed serving a minor, will be disciplined. This discipline may include termination, based on the circumstances. Sporty's will practice a monthly self-audit for youth alcohol compliance.

There is a four-camera security surveillance system in place at Sporty's. Security staff will be on duty from 10:00 P.M. to 2:15 A.M. on Fridays and Saturdays and other times if necessary. Entertainment will be provided in the form of background music and television.

The menu will include burgers, sandwiches, salads, pizzas, and appetizers ranging in price from \$6 to \$9.

The entertainment will consist of karaoke, one acoustic performer, no amplified instruments, free poker, and team trivia. There will be no entertainment outdoors. Sports sponsorships are possible if the team plays locally, or most of the members live locally. There will be no charitable gambling.

There are seven mechanical amusement devices (one is a pool table).

### **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 Liquor with Sunday Sales, Class D license.

### **LICENSE CONDITIONS**

1. The licensee will collect all litter within 100 feet of the exterior of the building housing the licensed premises on a daily basis, in compliance with Minneapolis City Ordinance 259.125.

2. The licensee will post a prominent sign requesting customers to be respectful of the neighbors.
3. The licensee will not operate the outdoor seating area after 9pm on a daily basis.
4. The licensee will strictly enforce Minneapolis City Ordinance 364.30 and Minnesota State Statute 340A.502, Sales to obviously intoxicated persons. No person may sell, give, furnish, or in any way procure for another alcoholic beverages for the use of an obviously intoxicated person.
5. The licensee will not permit drinking games on the licensed premises which require or compel a participant to drink.
6. The licensee will prevent noise levels generated by the licensed premises from violating Minneapolis noise ordinances, Chapter 389 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances.
7. The licensee will provide adequate containers for cigarettes beside each door.