

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

LICENSE NUMBER: L206-50186

POLICE FILE NUMBER: 13262

DATE OF APPLICATION: May 17, 2012

INSPECTOR: Greg Buenning

APPLICANT/LEGAL ENTITY: Little Tijuana Restaurant, Inc.

DBA/TRADE NAME: Little Tijuana Cafe

COMPLETE ADDRESS: 17 26th Street East

LICENSE REQUESTED: Class "E" On-Sale Liquor with Sunday Sales

CURRENT LICENSE: None

RESPONSIBLE PERSON WITHIN 75 MILES OF MINNEAPOLIS CITY HALL: Yes

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENTS: A public hearing is required

NEIGHBORHOOD/WARD: Whittier/Ward Six

ZONING: C3A/PO

7 ACRE REQUIREMENT: Met

OFF-STREET PARKING: None required

CHURCHES OR SCHOOLS WITHIN 300 FEET OF THE PROPOSED PREMISES: No

SEATING: 66

FIRE OCCUPANCY: 73

FOOD SERVICE REQUIREMENT: 60/40

HOURS OF OPERATION PROPOSED: INSIDE: 11:00 to 2:00 a.m. daily

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGES: None

HISTORY OF LOCATION

Prior to this application this address had been used as a restaurant space since 1962.

APPLICANT

The applicant is Little Tijuana Restaurant, Inc., a Minnesota corporation formed on June 6, 2011, under Chapter 302A (Charter Number 7R-814). The applicant has provided documentation showing adequate, legal, and traceable funding for this venture. They have the required restriction on the transfer of shares and have the following shareholders and officers:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Shares</u>
Stephen Wagner	Director, President	100%
Deborah L. Dickson	Secretary	0%

MANAGER

Deborah Dickson will be the Manager of Little Tijuana Café. She was the manager at Little Tijuana Café for the past 20 years prior to the business closing to expand their business model. She will follow her same principles moving forward as she has in the past to make the best dining experience possible for their customers. She has experience in all facets of restaurant management.

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 Fifth Precinct of the Minneapolis Police Department has discussed security issues with the applicant and how to maintain a safe and clean establishment.

PREMISES

The applicant is the owner of the premises. Hennepin County Land Records verifies that. The licensed premises will operate on the first floor and the basement of the building. The premises occupy approximately 1,805 square feet on the first floor and 600 square feet in the basement. There is seating on the first floor for 66 people at tables and chairs. The bar seats 6 people.

BUSINESS/PLAN/OPERATIONS

The restaurant will be a full service sit-down restaurant and will offer a full lunch and dinner menu, and have a focus on Tex-Mex cuisine, salads, burgers, and homemade malts. They intend to employ approximately 25 people in various areas. There will always be a manager on duty and on Fridays and Saturdays there will be two managers on duty. The establishment must operate as a restaurant subject to the 60/40 ratio of food to alcohol sales. No more than 40% of sales may be from alcohol.

All staff shall undergo alcohol server training, which will be conducted by Alcohol Compliance Services within 30 days of opening. All guests who wish to drink alcoholic beverages will be required to present a valid, government-issued identification. Bartenders and wait staff will check the identification of any person who appears to be under the age of 35 and not rely on other staff members to screen potential underage guests. Obviously intoxicated patrons will not be served or admitted.

Little Tijuana will be adding an internal video surveillance system to address additional security issues. The applicant indicates that they will have four cameras with the possibility of adding more.. The cameras will have recording capability and will have a minimum of 30 days storage. The applicant indicates that video will be available to Business Licensing and Minneapolis Police upon request.

PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY

A public hearing is required for this application. 420 public hearing notices were mailed out to residents and property owners within 600 feet of the premises and e-mailed to the Whittier Neighborhood Association and the Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association on May 29, 2012. Business Licenses received four responses, all of which were in favor of the license being approved. The public hearing will be held on June 18, 2012, at Minneapolis City Hall Council chambers at 1:30 p.m.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Whittier Neighborhood Association has met with the applicant and has recommended the application for approval.

The Licenses and Consumer Services Division make the following recommendation for the application for Little Tijuana Cafe. The license application for a Class "E" On sale Liquor with Sunday Sales license is recommended for approval.