

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

LICENSE NUMBER: L247-50356

POLICE FILE NUMBER: 13279

DATE OF APPLICATION : June 7, 2012

INSPECTOR: Greg Buenning

APPLICANT/LEGAL ENTITY: World Street Kitchen, LLC

DBA/TRADE NAME: World Street Kitchen

COMPLETE ADDRESS: 2743 Lyndale Avenue South

LICENSE REQUESTED: Class "E" On-Sale Wine with Strong Beer

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: C2

7 ACRE REQUIREMENT: Met

OFF-STREET PARKING: The Minneapolis Zoning Department requires this location to provide six off-street customer parking spaces. This has been met

CHURCHES OR SCHOOLS WITHIN 300 FEET OF THE PROPOSED PREMISES:
Yes. A church is located within 300 feet of the premises.

SEATING: 70

FIRE OCCUPANCY:

FOOD SERVICE REQUIREMENT: 70/30

HOURS OF OPERATION PROPOSED: INSIDE: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. Sun-Thu
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 a.m. Fri-Sat

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGES:

HISTORY OF LOCATION

This building is a new construction and there is no business history

APPLICANT

The applicant is World Street Kitchen, LLC, a Minnesota corporation formed on February 24, 2012, under Chapter 322B (File Number 474219600021). 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>
Sameh Wadi	Chief Manager	100%

MANAGER

Mr. Wadi intends to operate as the manager of the business. He has experience in that capacity. He owned Saffron Restaurant and Lounge and also has ownership in World Street Kitchen food cart. Mr. Wadi has won numerous awards from magazines and national TV shows for his food. Some awards and accolades he has received are from Iron Chef America, Best Chef America, Best New Restaurant, and many more.

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.

PREMISES

The lease shows exclusive use of premises by the applicant. The licensed premises are on the first floor of the establishment. The premises occupy approximately 2,547 square feet. There is seating for 70 people at tables and chairs. The dining counter area seats eight people.

BUSINESS/PLAN/OPERATIONS

World Street Kitchen will have operating hours of 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday. They will offer what they call a "Fast-casual" menu for their guests. They will offer global food at affordable prices with a relaxed atmosphere. The food will be in a price range of \$7.00 to \$10.00. They indicate that they will provide premium service to their customers. They intend to target the local population, families, urban professionals, and food enthusiasts. The business will offer wine and beer as a compliment to the dining experience. They will have alcohol server training to their staff to ensure that those being served wine or beer are checked for legal identification indicating the person is at least 21 years of age prior to being licensed. They indicate that they will also ensure that they will have a safe environment for their customers to enjoy their dining experience. They will contact the police when matters appear to be getting out of control. The location of this premises does meet the seven acres of contiguous commercial zoning, however, the business will be within 300 feet of a church which requires it to not have any signage that broadcasts out toward the outside.

PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY

A public hearing is required for this application. 371 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, East Calhoun Community Organization, Calhoun Area Residents Action Group, Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association and the Lyn-Lake Business Association on May 3, 2012. A public hearing will be held on July 9, 2012, at the Regulatory, Energy and Environment Committee meeting. Business Licenses received ___ public hearing responses for this business.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Licenses and Consumer Services Division make the following recommendation for the application for World Street Kitchen. The license application for a Class "E" Wine with Strong Beer license is recommended for approval.