

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

LICENSE NUMBER: L247-50363 **POLICE FILE NUMBER:** 13301

DATE OF APPLICATION: July 18, 2012

INSPECTOR: Greg Buenning

APPLICANT/LEGAL ENTITY: The Gray House, LLP

DBA/TRADE NAME: The Gray House

COMPLETE ADDRESS: 610 Lake Street West
Minneapolis, MN 55408

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 not required

NEIGHBORHOOD/WARD: Whittier Neighborhood Association/Ward Six

ZONING: C3A

7 ACRE REQUIREMENT: Met

OFF-STREET PARKING: This location has non-conforming rights.
Off-street parking spaces are not required

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

SEATING: 45

FOOD SERVICE REQUIREMENT: 60/40

HOURS OF OPERATION PROPOSED: INSIDE: Tue-Thurs 4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Fri-Sat 4:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.
Sun 12:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGES: None

HISTORY OF LOCATION

This address was used as restaurant space since 2005. Prior to that it housed a motor vehicle repair garage.

APPLICANT

The applicant is The Gray House, LLP, a Minnesota partnership formed on May 21, 2012, under Chapter 323A. The applicant has provided documentation showing adequate, legal, and traceable funding for this venture. They have the following shareholders and officers:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Shares</u>
Ian C. Gray	Owner/Manager/Partner	50%
Katie F. Sabongi-Gray	Owner/Partner	50%

MANAGER

Ian Gray will serve as the Manager of Gray House. He has been in the restaurant business as a chef 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 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 lease shows exclusive use of premises by applicant. The licensed premises will operate on two floors of the building, the basement and the first floor. The premises occupy approximately 2,600 square feet on the two floors. There is seating area on the first floor will consist of 1,300 square feet and seating for 50 people at tables and chairs. The bar will seat ten people. They will not have any outdoor seating. The basement will be used for storage.

BUSINESS/PLAN/OPERATIONS

The business plan for Gray House will have a menu what they call, "Upscale Pub Fare". They will have wine and craft beer for their patrons. They expect to be serving patrons in the 25-50 year age group. They indicate that they will utilize Minneapolis based businesses for various vendor needs. They will also support local farmers for their food products. Mr. Gray brings his experience as executive chef to the business and will serve from a selection of 16-20 menu items consisting of pasta dishes, locally raised produce and other ingredients.

The ownership will ensure that alcohol service training will be done prior to 30 days of hire. They indicate that Alcohol Compliance Services will be their training partner. As part of the training, staff will check for proper identification of anyone appearing to be 35 years and younger. If any staff member violates this policy they will be terminated. 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. The hours of operation for the establishment will be 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday, 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday and 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Sunday. They will be closed on Mondays

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

The Licenses and Consumer Services Division make the following recommendation for the application for Gray House. The license application for a Class "E" On sale Wine with Strong Beer license is recommended for approval.