

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

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APPLICANT: Manaslu Group, LLC

DBA: Gorkha Palace

ADDRESS: 23 4th St NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413

LICENSE REQUESTED: On-Sale Wine with Strong Beer, Class C-2

CURRENT LICENSE: On-Sale Wine with Strong Beer, Class E

DATE OF APPLICATION: May 31, 2012

INSPECTOR: Michele Harvet, 612-673-5484

PURPOSE OF APPLICATION: The applicant seeks approval of a permanent expansion of premises to add outdoor seating on an outdoor patio to have a total of six seats outside, to add twelve seats inside and to upgrade the class of entertainment.

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED: Yes

PERMANENT EXPANSION OF PREMISES

Gorkha Palace would like to permanently expand their licensed premises to include an outdoor patio with seating for six people. This would be for three two-top tables in front of the establishment, facing the parking lot, on the 1st Avenue Northeast side. They would also like to add twelve seats inside the establishment in a former office/storage space. This would be a private dining room. There were 42 seats inside, with the added twelve, there will be a total of 54 seats inside. The hours of operation would remain the same for the entire establishment, inside and out. Those are; Monday through Friday Lunch 11am to 2pm, Monday through Thursday Dinner 5pm to 9pm, Friday Dinner 5pm to 10pm, Saturday 11am to 10pm, and Sunday 5pm to 9pm. There will be no speakers or music played outside. Noise is not expected to be an issue since the patio is not close to residences and faces a large parking lot. These new additions are for customer seating only. A new SAC determination letter shows that no additional SAC fees will be required.

UPGRADE OF ENTERTAINMENT

Gorkha Palace would like to upgrade their entertainment from Class E to Class C2 to offer every Thursday night, from 6pm to 9pm, to have two musicians, a sitar player and a tabla player to play Hindustani classical music for their customers.

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.

RECOMMENDATION

The Licenses and Consumer Services Division recommends approving this application for an internal and external permanent expansion of premises and an upgrade of entertainment to Class C2 at Gorkha Palace

PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY

A public hearing is required for this license application. 146 notices were mailed to resident and property owners within 600 feet of the premises on August 7, 2012. An electronic hearing notice was emailed to Council Member Hofstede, the Nicollet Island/East Bank Neighborhood Association, the Historical Northeast Business Association and the Northeast Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce on August 3, 2012. Five multi-residential buildings were posted on August 8, 2012. The public hearing will be held on August 20, 2012 at the Regulatory, Energy and Environment Committee meeting.