

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

LICENSE NUMBER: L216-50144

POLICE FILE NUMBER: 13333

DATE OF APPLICATION: September 27, 2012

INSPECTOR: Greg Buenning

APPLICANT/LEGAL ENTITY: Republic Calhoun Square, LLC.

DBA/TRADE NAME: Republic

COMPLETE ADDRESS: 3001 Hennepin Avenue, Suite 2200
Minneapolis, MN 55408

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

CURRENT LICENSE: Republic Seven Corners
221 Cedar Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN

PURPOSE OF APPLICATION: The applicant seeks approval of a Class "E" On Sale Liquor License to be operated in conjunction with a full service restaurant.

RESPONSIBLE PERSON WITHIN 75 MILES OF MINNEAPOLIS CITY HALL: Yes

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENTS: A public hearing is not required

NEIGHBORHOOD/WARD: CARAG/Ward Ten

ZONING: C3A

7 ACRE REQUIREMENT: Met

OFF-STREET PARKING: Minneapolis zoning requires 14 off-street parking spaces. This is met. The applicant will utilize the Calhoun Square parking ramp adjacent to Calhoun Square for their customer parking needs.

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

SEATING: 235

FIRE OCCUPANCY: 450

FOOD SERVICE REQUIREMENT: 60/40

HOURS OF OPERATION PROPOSED: INSIDE: Mon-Fri 11:00 a.m.-2:00 a.m.
Sat-Sun 10:00 a.m.-2:00 a.m.

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGES: None

HISTORY OF LOCATION

The premises have been previously licensed as on sale liquor establishments. The most recent licensee was The Independent. Prior to that, it was occupied by the Smiling Moose.

APPLICANT

The applicant is Republic Calhoun, 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>
Richard A. Guntzel	Partner/Manager	50%
Matthew H. O'Reilly	Partner	50%

MANAGER

Mr. Richard Guntzel will be the manager for Republic. He is part owner and has 20 years in the hospitality business. He is current owner of Republic Seven Corners, which he has co-owned with Mr. O'Reilly since June of 2011.

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 applicant. The licensed premises will operate on the second floor of Calhoun Square in suite 2200. The premises consist of approximately 6,624 square feet. There is seating for 235 people at tables and chairs, including 30 bar seats.

BUSINESS/PLAN/OPERATIONS

Republic will be a contemporary neighborhood pub with a strong focus in craft beers and local food. They will also serve heirloom tomatoes, farm direct organic eggs, and local cheeses. The menu will include small plates, burgers, and entrees ranging in price from \$4.00 to \$24.00. There will not be any live entertainment or televisions. Ambient music will be used as background sound only.

Republic 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. Last call for alcohol service will be 15 minutes prior to closing. All staff will undergo alcohol server training conducted by Best Practices. Continued alcohol server training will be done on an annual basis. New staff will receive in-house alcohol server training prior to their first shift and alcohol server

training within thirty days of hire. All guests will be required to present valid, government issued identification. Bartenders and wait staff should immediately check the identification of any person who appears to be under the age of 40 and not rely on other staff members to screen potential underage guests. Obviously intoxicated patrons will not be admitted. Service to obviously intoxicated guests is prohibited. Patrons will not be allowed to remove alcohol from the premises. A reward/discipline policy will be implemented for employees. The on duty manager or supervisor will be in charge of security situations. Security is going to be a team effort. All staff members will be trained to avoid physical confrontations. Mall security and/or Police will be called in the event a situation warrants that.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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