



**HISTORY OF LOCATION**

This location most recently housed Lone Tree Bar & Grill, which held a Class B on-sale liquor license until it closed in September 2010. The space has been vacant since that time.

**APPLICANT**

The applicant is RELM Holdings, LLC, a Minnesota corporation formed on November 1, 2012 under Chapter 322B (File Number 625286500020) and having the required restriction on the transfer of stock. The officers and shareholders of RELM Holdings, LLC are as follows:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Shares</u></b>
Slainte Group, LLC	Member	42.54%
5 Fish, LLC	Member	31.47%
Chris Wyffels	Member	17.48%
Mark Petchenik	Member	8.51%

The officers and shareholders of Slainte Group, LLC are as follows:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Shares</u></b>
Lucas Miller	President	50%
Catherine Hart	Member	50%

The sole shareholder of 5 Fish, LLC is Rebecca Boss.

**MANAGER**

The general manager of Mason’s will be Lucas Miller. Mr. Miller has over 20 years of experience in various areas of the service industry. He has passed the criminal background check.

**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 applicant has also undergone a security review with the First Precinct of the Minneapolis Police Department.

**PREMISES**

The space contains approximately 5,725 square feet of the first floor of the building commonly known as The Cowles Center, located at 528 Hennepin Avenue. There will be seating for 202 patrons at tables and chairs. A bar will offer seating for an additional 15 patrons, bringing the total available seating to 217. The licensed premises also includes the concession stand and lobby at the Cowles Center. The space is compact and contiguous. The maximum occupant load of the establishment is 380 persons. There will be a sidewalk café with 42 seats. The maximum capacity of the sidewalk cafe is 62 persons.

**BUSINESS PLAN/OPERATIONS**

Mason’s will be open Monday-Friday from 7:00 AM-2:00 AM, Saturday from 10:00 AM-2:00 AM, and Sunday from Noon-Midnight. The sidewalk café will be open Monday-Saturday from 11:00 AM-1:00 AM and Sunday from Noon-Midnight. The applicant’s business plan states their concept will appeal to a wide range and interests, but is generally geared toward business people and people attending a performance at the attached Cowles Center and Hennepin Center for the Arts.

Mason's will operate as a full-service restaurant, serving a wide variety of appetizers, salads, soups, sandwiches, wraps, burgers, entrees and beverages. All staff associated with alcohol service will undergo alcohol compliance training given by Alcohol Compliance Services. Their policy is to require proper identification from all patrons ordering alcoholic beverages. The applicant is applying for a Class B license, which allows entertainment in the form of live music and singing without limitation as to the number of musicians, singers, or the type of amplification. The applicant's business plan states that prerecorded background music will be offered for ambiance. A small group of musicians or a DJ may occasionally be offered. Since the premises is located directly below a number of theaters, volume will be monitored so that it does not disturb those performances. The applicant indicates that it may sponsor sports teams. No charitable gambling or amusement devices will be offered on the premises.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Business Licenses recommends approving this application for On-Sale Liquor Class B with Sunday Sales, sidewalk café and food caterer licenses.