

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

**LICENSE NUMBER:** L206 - 550210

**POLICE FILE NUMBER:** F.13402

**DATE OF APPLICATION:** May 9, 2013

**INSPECTOR:** Nicole Anderson

**APPLICANT/LEGAL ENTITY:** MAYA Authentic Mexican Food, LLC

**DBA/TRADE NAME:** MAYA Cuisine

**COMPLETE ADDRESS:** 1840 Central Avenue Northeast  
Minneapolis, MN 55418

**LICENSE REQUESTED:** Class "E" On-Sale Liquor with Sunday Sales and  
2 AM license

**CURRENT LICENSE:** Food Restaurant

**PURPOSE OF APPLICATION:** The applicant seeks approval of a Class "E" On-  
Sale Liquor License.

**RESPONSIBLE PERSON WITHIN 75 MILES OF MINNEAPOLIS CITY HALL:** Isela Pacheco

**PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENT:** Required

**NEIGHBORHOOD/WARD:** Logan Park/One

**ZONING:** C1

**7 ACRE REQUIREMENT:** Met

**OFF-STREET PARKING:** No parking requirement

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

**SEATING:** 67

**FIRE OCCUPANCY:** 89

**FOOD SERVICE REQUIREMENT:** Required to operate as a restaurant subject to the  
60/40 ratio of food to alcohol sales. No more than 40% of gross annual sales may be  
from alcohol.

**HOURS OF OPERATION PROPOSED:** 8:30 AM – 2:00 AM seven days a week

**METROPOLITAN COUNCIL SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGES:** None

**HISTORY OF LOCATION**

This location has operated with a Food Manufacturer and Restaurant license from 2006 to 2010, prior to that there was retail business at this location.

**APPLICANT**

The applicant is MAYA Authentic Mexican Food, LLC; a Minnesota limited liability company, formed on December 22, 2011, under Chapter 322B (Charter Number 459416900028) having the required restriction on the transfer of shares and has the following owner:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Shares</u></b>
Isela Perez Pacheco	Owner/Manager	100%

The applicant has experience in operating a restaurant and retail sales. She meets all minimum requirements including criminal and financial background checks.

**MANAGER**

Isela Pacheco will serve as the General Manager. She has been in the hospitality industry from 2001 to 2006 with Marshall Field’s River Room Restaurant in Saint Paul as a server and was a Service Manager and then a General Manager for Chipotle Mexican Grill from 2010 to 2011. Alcohol was served at all of these establishments.

**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 Fourth Precinct of the Minneapolis Police Department has discussed security issues with the applicant.

**PREMISES**

The premises are on the first floor at street level. The entire premises occupy approximately 2500 square feet. Approximately 1500 square feet is for the seating area. The rest of the establishment consists of a kitchen, coolers, storage areas, employee area and rest rooms. There will be 67 seats at tables and booths and a small food service counter. The main seating area consists of 7 booths with total seating for 28 persons and an open room near the rear of the building for larger group gatherings and birthdays with seating for 34 persons at tables and booths. There is no bar area. There are no undefined spaces and the restaurant is compact and contiguous. The men’s and women’s restrooms are also located on the main floor of this establishment.

**BUSINESS/PLAN/OPERATIONS**

MAYA Cuisine, currently operating as a food restaurant, is a casual dining establishment and would like the opportunity to add beer and margaritas to their menu

options to be competitive in the neighborhood. Their menu focuses on fresh handmade Mexican cuisine, including handmade corn tortillas, fajitas, carne asada, and various other entree and side choices. They employ a staff of approximately 8; four employees in the morning and four employees in the evening. MAYA Cuisine is required to have a 60/40 food to alcohol ratio. All employees will complete alcohol compliance training provided by the Minnesota School of Bartending along with the online program [www.ServingAlcohol.com](http://www.ServingAlcohol.com). They will then have annual compliance training as part of their normal process. They will have a discipline policy for alcohol servers. Proposed business hours will be 8:30 AM to 2:00 AM daily with alcohol service ceasing no later than 2:00 AM. They will make a last call for any alcohol service 15 minutes prior to closing. MAYA Cuisine will be seeking approval of a Class "E" On Sale Liquor with Sunday Sales and 2 AM license. This license does not allow live entertainment. The applicants indicate that they will provide pre-recorded music and TV daily with karaoke available on the weekends, which is allowed under the Class E license. There currently is no outdoor seating but would like to propose a sidewalk cafe area in the spring of 2014. They will not offer charitable gambling or have mechanical amusement devices. The applicant has indicated that they currently sponsor Edison Girls Soccer Team, Soccer Team "Chivas", and they are offering support to Fridley Middle School Tennis Club. The applicant has indicated that they will ensure that the outside area will be monitored for litter abatement on a regular basis.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing is required for this license application. 103 notices were mailed to residents and property owners within 600 feet of the premises on May 31, 2013. An electronic notice was emailed to Council Member Kevin Reich, the Logan Park Neighborhood Association, and the Northeast Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce on June 3, 2013. Six multi-residential buildings were posted, as well. The public hearing will be held on June 13, 2013 at 6:00 PM at the Logan Park Recreation Center.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Licenses and Consumer Services Division make the following recommendation for the application for MAYA Cuisine. The license application for a Class "E" On sale Liquor with Sunday Sales and 2 AM license is recommended for approval.