

**LICENSES AND CONSUMER SERVICES
LICENSE INSPECTOR'S REPORT
Extended Hours License
L317-50019**

Purpose of Application: Mesa Pizza is requesting to extend their business hours of operation to the following:

Friday's and Saturday's from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m.

Applicant's Name (Legal Entity): Mesa Pizza Uptown, LLC

DBA/Trade Name: Mesa Pizza

Complete Address: 1440 West Lake Street, Minneapolis, MN 55408

Telephone Number: 608-469-5114

Current License: Restaurant

Zoning: C3A/PO Community Activity Center and Pedestrian Oriented Overlay Districts

Current Authorized Hours: Sunday – Thursday from 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Friday – Saturday from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.

Neighborhood/Ward: East Isles / Ward 10

Date of Application: June 6, 2013

Inspector: Greg Buenning

Public Hearing Requirement: A public hearing is required for this license application. 49 notices were mailed to residents and property owners within 300 feet of the premises, and emailed to the East Isles Neighborhood Association, East Calhoun Community Organization, Calhoun Area Residents Action Group, Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association and the Lyn-Lake Business Association on June 26, 2013. The public hearing will be held on July 22, 2013, at the Regulatory, Energy and Environment Committee meeting.

Background: Mesa Pizza has been at this location since August of 2011. The applicant proposes to extend the hours of operation for their food restaurant for dining room and delivery service to 3:00 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. The restaurant does not serve alcoholic beverages, nor does it provide entertainment (only background music).

Findings as Required by the Minneapolis Licensing Code:

The Licenses and Consumer Services Division has analyzed the application and concludes that the application has answered the following:

A security plan that describes the security features, including personnel and equipment, that the applicant will employ and how they will be utilized:

Mesa Pizza had a security review with 5th Police Precinct Inspector Tony Diaz on June 3, 2013. In their review they indicated that they will monitor people in front of their restaurant and will keep people quiet. If the patrons cannot keep quiet they indicate that they will send them on their way. They indicate that they will maintain a queue line and will utilize moveable stanchions to keep an orderly line. If the queue line extends outside they will have crowd control monitor the line. The employees monitoring the crowd will be identifiable by wearing shirts that indicate who they are.

Their plan indicates that they will deny entry and service to disorderly patrons, who are excessively intoxicated, or display aggressive behavior. Inspector Diaz requested that they emphasize keeping the front area quiet.

Description of how the applicant will maintain the orderly appearance and operation of the premises with respect to litter and noise:

Staff will remove litter twice daily, once at 5:00 p.m. and at closing time. They will pick up litter more than twice a day if it becomes necessary. They also indicate that staff will monitor noise and ask that loud and boisterous customers either keep quiet or leave.

Description of how the business will have people exit the establishment at closing time and during an emergency that requires all people to exit the establishment quickly:

Mesa Pizza will make sure that dining-in customers know that they need to be out of the establishment at closing before they place their order if it's within 15 minutes of closing time.

Such other reasonable and pertinent information as the city council may require:

Upon request, the licensee shall meet representatives of the City of Minneapolis to discuss any safety, security or operational concerns.

Proximity to permitted or conditional residential uses.

Nature of the business and its impacts of noise, light and traffic.

This restaurant is adjacent to residential uses. Pizza by the slice is the main food offered at Mesa Pizza. The impact on noise in the neighborhood is manageable provided noise mitigation is taken seriously and being managed proactively. There is sufficient light in the area of Mesa Pizza. Traffic on Lake Street is generally busy, and with Mesa Pizza being there it does not have an impact on the traffic flow.

Conformance with applicable zoning regulations, including but not limited to use, yards, gross floor area and specific development standards.

The business is categorized as a food restaurant which is a permitted use in the C3A/PO district.

History of complaints related to the use.

There are no significant police calls for service at this location. There were several late night inspections done at Mesa Pizza by Business License Inspectors. Mesa Pizza operates a restaurant in Dinkytown with extended hours. That location has not had significant complaints and is being managed well.

RECOMMENDATION

The Licenses and Consumer Services Division make the following recommendation for the application for Mesa Pizza. The license application for an Extended Hours license is recommended for approval.