

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

License Number: L198 50140 **Police File Number:** 13410

Date of Application: June 25, 2013

Inspector: Craig Eliason

Applicant/Legal Entity: Elite Hospitality Group, Inc.

DBA/Trade Name: Fine Line Music Café & Event Center

Address: 318 1st Avenue North

License(s) Requested: On-Sale Liquor Class A with Sunday Sales, 2:00 AM

Purpose of Application: To obtain an on-sale Class A liquor with Sunday Sales license – New owner.

Responsible person within 75 miles of Minneapolis City Hall: Estephan (Steve) Hark

Public Hearing Requirement: Not Required

License Conditions: Yes

Neighborhood/Ward: Downtown West / 7

Zoning: B4S-1. This is a permitted use in the Downtown Business District.

7 acre requirement: N/A

Off-Street Parking: No parking requirement

Churches or schools within 300 feet of the proposed premises: N/A

Seating: 159

Fire Occupancy: 600

Food Service Requirement: The applicant meets the minimum food requirement.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM-2:00 AM Monday-Sunday

Metropolitan Council Service Availability Charges: None

HISTORY OF LOCATION

The Fine Line Music Café has held a Class A on sale liquor license since it opened over 20 years ago.

APPLICANT

The applicant is Elite Hospitality Group, Inc., a Minnesota corporation formed on May 20, 2013 under Chapter 302A (File Number 673351100020) and having the required restriction on the transfer of stock. The officers and shareholders of Elite Hospitality Group, Inc. are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Shares</u>
Estephan Youssef Hark	CEO/Secretary/Treasurer	75%
Victor Guzhagin	Vice President	25%

MANAGER

The general manager of the Fine Line Music Café will be Estephan (Steve) Hark. Mr. Hark has been the principal owner and manager of Aqua, a night club in Minneapolis, since 2007. 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 premises contain approximately 7,589 gross rentable square feet on the first floor, plus an additional approximately 4,400 square feet of office/storage space in the basement in the building located at 318 1st Avenue North. There will be interior seating for 159 patrons at tables and chairs and a bar. The occupant load is 600 persons. There is no outdoor area.

BUSINESS PLAN/OPERATIONS

The Fine Line Music Café & Event Center will be available to hold a large variety of events between 8:00 AM-2:00 AM seven days per week. The applicant’s business plan states that the Fine Line will continue to be a full service event center providing entertainment in the form of live music and bands, vocalists and soloists, karaoke, a disc jockey, dance nights and concerts. It will also serve as a venue for privately held functions such as Christmas parties, appreciation parties, retirement parties, employee parties, graduation parties, bar mitzvahs, proms and weddings. All staff associated with alcohol service will undergo initial alcohol compliance training given by Serving Alcohol, Inc. and be required to attend at least annually thereafter. The Fine Line will require proper identification from all patrons entering the premises. The applicant plans to use an electronic ID scanner and to share a “do not admit” list with those establishments who also utilize the system. The applicant is applying for a Class A 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. Dancing and singing by patrons and a disc jockey are permitted. The applicant indicates that it will not sponsor sports teams or offer charitable gambling or amusement devices on the premises.

RECOMMENDATION

Business Licenses recommends approving this application for On-Sale Liquor Class A with Sunday Sale license.