

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

License Number: L247 50413 **Police File Number:** 13427

Date of Application: August 12, 2013

Inspector: Craig Eliason

Applicant/Legal Entity: Whole Foods Market Group, Inc.

DBA/Trade Name: Whole Foods Market

Complete Address: 222 Hennepin Avenue

License(s) Requested: On-Sale Wine Class E with Strong Beer

Current License(s): Grocery, Food Manufacturer, Meat Market, Off-Sale Liquor

Purpose of Application: On-Sale Wine License with Strong Beer for a Culinary School

Responsible person within 75 miles of Minneapolis City Hall: Robert Eisenbise

Public Hearing Requirement: Required

License Conditions: No

Neighborhood/Ward: Downtown West / 7

Zoning: B4N This is a permitted use in the Downtown Business District.

Off-Street Parking: Provided

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

Seating: 22

Food Service Requirement: The applicant will operate as a culinary school

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM-10:00 PM

Metropolitan Council Service Availability Charges: Paid

HISTORY OF LOCATION

This is a newly-constructed building that has not been previously licensed.

APPLICANT

The applicant is Whole Foods Market Group, Inc., a corporation legally registered in the state of Delaware, having the required restriction on the transfer of stock. Whole Foods Market, Inc. is the sole shareholder. The officers of Whole Foods Market are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
Roberta Lang	President/Vice-President/Treasurer
Albert E. Percival	Secretary
Anthony C. Gallo	Director

MANAGER

The manager of Whole Foods Market will be Robert Eisenbise. Mr. Eisenbise has been employed as the Store Team Lead of Whole Foods Market in Minnetonka, MN since 2011. Prior to that, he served in various positions at the Whole Foods Market in St. Paul, MN from 2002 to 2011. 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.

PREMISES

The space devoted to the culinary arts school will encompass a small area within the Whole Foods Market grocery store in the first floor of the newly-constructed building located at 222 Hennepin Avenue. There will not be an outdoor area.

BUSINESS PLAN/OPERATIONS

Whole Foods Market Group, Inc. plans to operate a culinary school within a separate area in its grocery store. Minnesota Statute 304A.4041 allows a culinary school to obtain an on sale liquor license that allows the license holder to furnish each class participant, at no additional cost, up to a maximum of 6 ounces of wine or 12 ounces of intoxicating malt liquor. The culinary school will operate from 8:00 AM-10:00 PM daily. Whole Foods Market has a full security staff available.

PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY

Fourteen notices were mailed to property owners and residents within 300 feet of the main door of the establishment on August 7, 2013. The public hearing was held before the Regulatory, Energy & Environment Committee on August 19, 2013 at 1:30 PM in Room 317 City Hall.

RECOMMENDATION

Business Licenses recommends approving this application for On-Sale Wine Class E with Strong Beer.