

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

License Number: L247-50417 **Police File Number:** 128329

Date of Application: September 19, 2013

Inspector: Ronald Martin, 612-673-3903

Applicant/Legal Entity: Los Andes Restaurant, Inc.

DBA/Trade Name: Los Andes Restaurant

Complete Address: 317 West Lake Street, Minneapolis, MN 55408

License Requested: On-Sale Wine with Strong Beer, Class E

Current License: Food Restaurant

Purpose of Application: To obtain a new On-Sale Wine with Strong Beer License

Responsible person within 75 miles of Minneapolis City Hall: Christian Quito

Public Hearing Required: No

License Conditions: None at this time.

Neighborhood/Ward: Lyndale / 10

Zoning: C1 – This is a permitted use in the Neighborhood Commercial District.

7 acre requirement: Met

Off-Street Parking: The Office of the Zoning Administrator has determined that four off-street parking spaces are required to be provided on site.

Churches or schools within 300 feet of the proposed premises: No

Seating: Inside: 53 Seats Outside: None

Fire Occupancy: 69

Food Service Requirement: The applicant wants to operate with an On-Sale Wine license. They are 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: Monday – Thursday: 11:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M.
Friday – Sunday: 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 A.M.

HISTORY OF LOCATION

Los Andes Restaurant has operated at this location as a food restaurant from June of 2006 to the present date. Previously, Los Andes Restaurant had operated with an On-Sale Wine with Strong Beer, Class E from October 2006 to April 2013, under different ownership.

APPLICANT

The applicant is Los Andes Restaurant, Inc.; a Minnesota corporation, formed on January 8, 2013, under Chapter 302A (File Number 638868700021), having the required restriction on the transfer of stock and has the following owners:

Los Andes Restaurant, Inc.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>% Ownership</u>
Jose Guallpa	President	50%
Christian Quito	Vice-President	50%

The applicants have experience working in various restaurants and other hospitality industries, including various restaurants and hotels in the twin cities metro area. They current operate Los Andes Restaurant as a licensed food restaurant in Minneapolis. They meet all minimum requirements including criminal and financial background checks.

MANAGER

The manager at Los Andes Restaurant will be Christian Quito. Mr. Quito has worked for over 12 years in the banquet service industry, which includes holding the position of banquet supervisor for the Depot and Hilton Hotels in Minneapolis.

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 Fifth 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 area for business use is approximately 1,386 square feet. The rest of the establishment consists of a kitchen, coolers, storage areas, an employee area and bath rooms. There will be 34 seats at tables. 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

Los Andes Restaurant is a sit-down restaurant featuring traditional dishes from Central America, including Ecuador, Columbia and Peru. The menu includes numerous entrees, appetizers, and desserts, ranging in price from \$3 to \$15.

Los Andes alcohol servers will be required to ask for identification from all patrons that appear under 35 years of age. The applicant does not plan to utilize electronic ID devices at this time. All servers will be required to complete an on-premise alcohol compliance training course within the first 60 days of serving alcohol. Los Andes is considering a rewards program for employees who pass an alcohol compliance check. Los Andes will also enforce a policy in that an employee who fails an alcohol compliance check to be disciplined and also be required to re-attend alcohol compliance training. A second violation of this nature will result in the employee's immediate termination.

All staff will act as security for the establishment. They will be responsible for maintaining the safety of their guests and the prevention of illegal activities on the premises. The applicant has completed the required Minneapolis Police Security Plan Review.

The applicant plans to patrol the area around the business twice daily to remove any and all litter within a 100 foot perimeter .

The applicant does not plan to have any live entertainment, and may offer background music consisting of a radio, pre-recorded, music, karaoke or television.

The proposed hours of operation are 11am – 11pm, Monday thru Thursday, and 11am – 1am, Friday and Saturday.

There will be no amusement devices or charitable gambling. The applicant does not plan on sponsoring any sports teams.

The applicants have been operating a licensed food restaurant at this location since 2006. There have been no reported problems during this time period.

PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY

A public hearing is not required for this license application.

RECOMMENDATION

The Licenses and Consumer Services Division recommends approving this application for an On-Sale Wine with Strong Beer, Class E License.

LICENSE CONDITIONS

None at this time.