

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

**License Number:** L237-50068

**Police File Number:** 13548

**Date of Application:** June 18, 2014

**Inspector:** Amy Duncan

**Applicant/Legal Entity:** Verdant Tea, LLC.

**DBA/Trade Name:** Verdant Tea

**Complete Address:** 2111 E. Franklin Ave Minneapolis, MN 55404

**License Requested:** On-Sale Liquor with Sunday Sales, Class C-1

**Current License:** Restaurant

**Purpose of Application:** To upgrade from a Restaurant license to an On-Sale Liquor with Sunday Sales, Class C-1 entertainment.

**Responsible person within 75 miles of Minneapolis City Hall:** David Duckler

**Public Hearing Requirement:** Yes

**Neighborhood/Ward:** Seward, Ward 6

**Zoning:** C2

**7 acre requirement:** Met

**Off-Street Parking:** 46 shared off street parking spots (9 required)

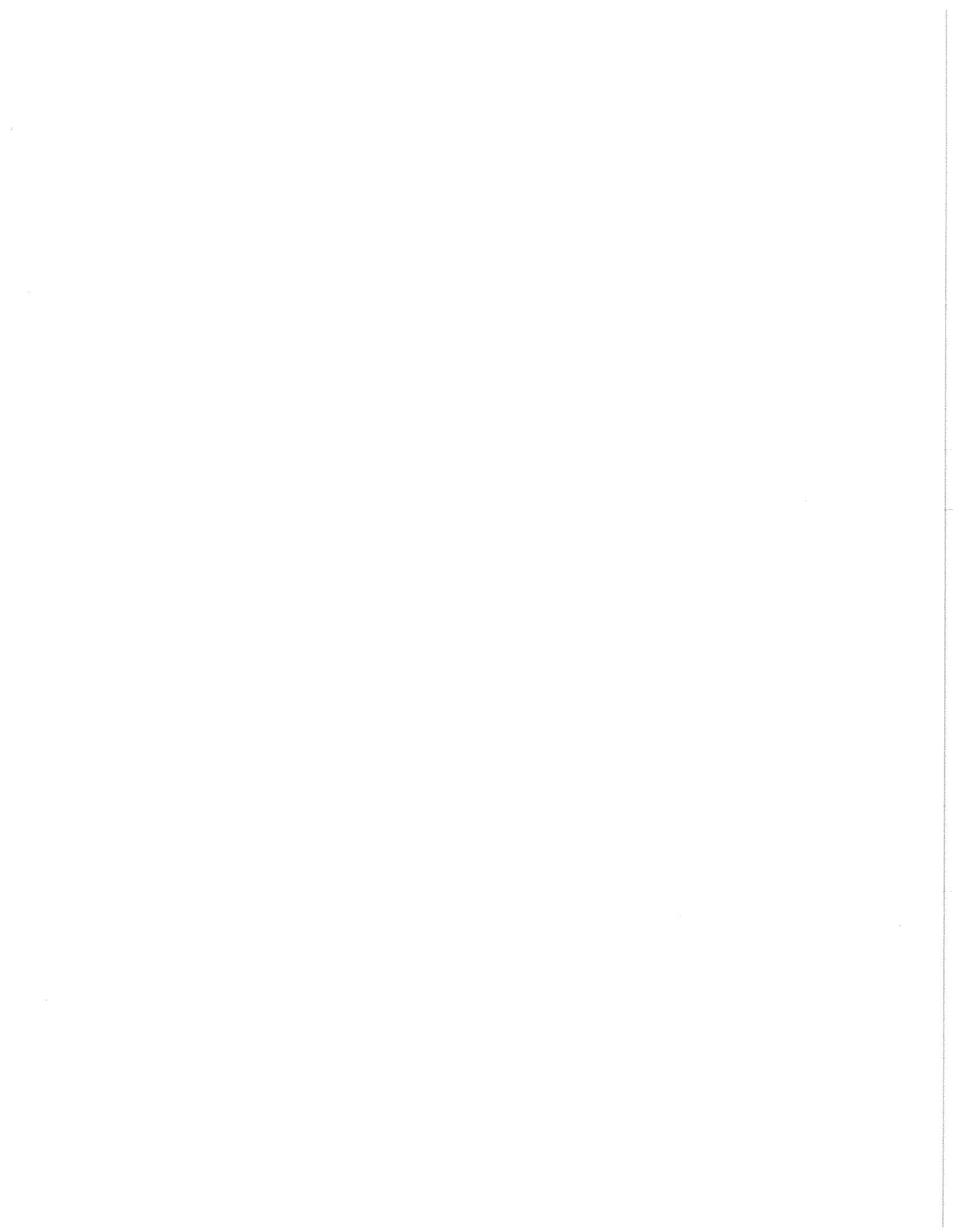
**Schools within 300 feet of the proposed premises:** No

**Seating:** Interior: 66  
Exterior: 14

**Food Service requirement:** There is a food requirement of 60% food to 40% alcohol.

**Hours of operation proposed:** 9a-11p Daily

**Metropolitan Council Service Availability Charges:** Paid under previous licensee.



**History of Location**

This location was previously the Koyi Sushi Too Restaurant that closed approximately three years ago. Verdant Tea came in with a Restaurant license in 2013.

**Applicant**

The applicant is Verdant Tea, LLC. Incorporated under Minnesota Statute 302A.

| <u>Name</u>   | <u>Title</u> | <u>Shares</u> |
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| David Duckler | President    | 100%          |

**Manager**

The manager for Verdant Tea will be Nathaniel Gruber. Mr. Gruber is experienced in the restaurant business as he worked both at Infinitea and at Four Season’s Coffee in WI.

**Police Review**

Minneapolis Police Licenses and 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct reviewed the financial, criminal and security plans for Verdant Tea, LLC. They have determined that Verdant Tea, LLC. meets the minimum ordinance requirements for an alcohol license.

**Premises**

The premises are located on Franklin between 21<sup>st</sup> Ave S and 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave S. They will occupy the first floor. The basement is storage. There will be seating for 80 patrons. Twelve (12) seats will be located at a food service bar. The rest of the seating will be at booths and tables and chairs. The main entrance, for the restaurant, is located midblock on Franklin between 21<sup>st</sup> Ave S and 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave S. This same entrance will accommodate the outdoor patio. The outdoor patio will have seating for 14. There will be no outside speakers. It will be located on the Franklin Avenue side of the building and sit in the same footprint as the Koyi Sushi Too patio.

**Business Plan/Operations**

Verdant Tea, LLC. is a full service restaurant that sells tea and specifically paired entrees. The hours of operations will be 9am – 11pm, Tuesday - Sunday. The patio will be open 9am – 11pm, Tuesday - Sunday. There will be no entertainment or outdoor speakers. Verdant Tea, LLC. uses a professional trainer for alcohol server training as a yearly basis. They also have weekly meetings to remind their staff of the necessity of checking for identification for every alcohol purchase.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 22, 2014 at the Seward Neighborhood group Community Development meeting. {} notices were sent on {} 2014 to residents and property owners within 600 feet of Verdant Tea.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Licenses and Consumer Services Division recommends the approval of an On Sale Liquor with Sunday Sales Class C-1 license.

