

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

**License Number(s):** L216-50174 & L311-50018      **Police File Number:** F.13585

**Date of Application:** September 3, 2014

**Inspector:** Nicole Anderson

**Applicant/Legal Entity:** Northgate Brewing, LLC

**DBA/Trade Name:** Northgate Brewing

**Complete Address:** 783 Harding Street Northeast  
Minneapolis, MN 55413

**Licenses Requested:** On-Sale Liquor, Taproom, with Sunday Sales, Class E and Off-Sale Malt Liquor, Growler

**Current License:** None

**Responsible person within 75 miles of Minneapolis City Hall:** Adam Sjogren

**Public Hearing Requirement:** Required

**Neighborhood/Ward:** Mid-City Industrial Neighborhood / 01

**License Conditions:** None

**Zoning:** I2 – This is a permitted use in the Medium Industrial District.

**7 acre requirement:** Met

**Off-Street Parking:** The Office of the Zoning Administrator has determined that seven spaces are required to be provided on site.

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

**Seating:** Inside: 74 Seats      Outside: N/A

**Fire Occupancy:** Inside: 94      Maximum Capacity Outside: N/A

**Food Service Requirement:** The applicant is exempt from providing minimum food service per MCO 360.65.

**Hours of operation proposed:** Thursday - 4:00pm to 10:00pm, Friday 4:00pm to 12:00 midnight, Saturday 12:00 noon to 12:00 midnight, and Sunday 12:00 noon to 10:00pm.

**Metropolitan Council Service Availability Charges:** Seven SAC charges; these SAC charges have been paid in full.

### **HISTORY OF LOCATION**

This location has not held a business license prior to this point. It has been used in an industrial manner prior to this.

### **APPLICANT**

The applicant is Northgate Brewing, LLC, a Minnesota company formed on February 3, 2012, under Chapter 322B (File Number 465286900020), having the required restriction on the transfer of shares and has the following owners and members:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Shares</u></b>	<b><u>Percent</u></b>
Todd Slininger	CEO	300,000A	30
Khristopher "Adam" Sjogren	CFO	300,000A	30
Thomas Carruthers	Head Brewer	210,000A	21
John/Marcia Lundsford	Investor	4,000B	0.4
Josh Ide	Investor	5,000B	0.5
Dean Natto	Investor	5,000B	0.5
Tom & Sue Anderson	Investor	6,000B	0.6
Graham Jensen	Investor	10,000B	1
Will Oudavanh	Investor	10,000B	1
Fred/Sharon Slininger	Investor	10,000B	1
Bernard Meyerring	Investor	10,000B	1
Keith Slininger & Laura Aranda	Investor	10,000B	1
Mary Dicke	Investor	10,000B	1
Justin Scalan	Investor	10,000B	1
Chris Eckes	Investor	10,000B	1
Scott Eckes	Investor	10,000B	1
Tim Riorden	Investor	10,000B	1
Mike & Vizma Baloga	Investor	10,000B	1
Sam Kokesh	Investor	10,000B	1
Sandy Younger	Investor	10,000B	1
Tom/Katie Carruthers	Investor	40,000B	4

The applicants meet all minimum requirements including criminal background check.

### **MANAGER**

The manager at Northgate Brewing will be Adam Sjogren. Mr. Sjogren has operated Northgate Brewing with an Off-Sale Growler license located at 3134 California Street Northeast since 2012. The Northgate Brewing customer base has increased, hence this new location which will now include a taproom.

## **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 Second Precinct of the Minneapolis Police Department has discussed security issues with the applicant.

## **PREMISES**

The entire beer brewing facility, on the first floor, consists of about 7,400 total square feet. The taproom is about 1,500 square feet and has seating for 74 people at tables and benches including a bar area with seating for 13 people. The rest of the premises consist of the office, fabrication area, walk-in cooler, storage, and restrooms.

## **BUSINESS PLAN/OPERATIONS**

Northgate Brewing will have annual alcohol server training through Robert Pomplum and Loss Control Services, Inc. All managers, brewers, cellarmen and any other person who will sell growlers must attend this training. There will be a strict carding policy under which they will card everyone who appears to be 35 or under in age. Employees failing to card customers according to the policies and sells alcohol to anyone under 21 years of age will be suspended and/or terminated. All customers entering the establishment after 9:00pm will be required to present valid identification.

Adam Sjogren, co-founder, will act as head of security. Staff will be trained to be courteous and non-confrontational, yet observant and forceful. Northgate believes proactive actions are necessary to prevent unwanted actions. All employees will wear clothing that makes them identifiable as Northgate employees. The manager on duty will monitor the outside of the establishment 30 minutes past closing to ensure there is no loitering, loud patrons, or criminal activity.

Access to the production facility will be strictly controlled and limited at all times. Doors will remain locked during non-public hours to prevent unauthorized access to the facility. A Northgate employee must escort guests at all times. Finished product will be stored in a cold room that will be locked when the facility is closed. Brewery tours will be by appointment only.

The property owner has installed a remote, cellular monitoring system. There are two window break sensors in the taproom and door detectors on all exits.

The manager, Adam Sjogren, will act as the neighborhood liaison and will be the contact person for any questions or complaints with regard to the taproom and production facility, or off-sale growler aspect of the operation. Employees will contact the police if there are any situations that need police assistance or for criminal activity. Obviously intoxicated persons will not be allowed on the premises.

Northgate Brewing will be open on Thursdays from 4:00pm until 10:00pm, Fridays 4:00pm until 12:00 midnight, Saturdays 12:00 noon until 12:00 midnight, and Sundays 12:00 noon until 10:00pm.

Northgate will have speakers inside the taproom that will be kept at a background level of noise that cannot be heard outside the facility; they will take measures to reduce and eliminate any noise pollution. At closing, the sound will be turned off and the lights brought up to a maximum level inside. Patrons will be reminded to be respectful of the neighborhood when exiting, although this should not be an issue as they are surrounded by industrial uses.

Litter will be removed on a daily basis within 100 feet of the premises.  
Northgate will sponsor local soccer and softball teams whose members are all over the legal drinking age.  
Northgate will not conduct charitable gambling activities and will not offer mechanical amusement devices.

**PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY**

A public hearing is required for these license applications. 30 notices were mailed to residents and property owners within 600 feet of the premises on September 10, 2014 and emailed to Council Member Reich and the Northeast Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce. The public hearing will be held on September 23, 2014 at the Community Development & Regulatory Services Committee meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Licenses and Consumer Services Division recommends approving these applications for an On-Sale Liquor with Sunday Sales, Taproom, Class E license and an Off-Sale Malt Liquor, Growler license.

**LICENSE CONDITIONS**

None at this time.