

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

License Number: L216 50172 **Police File Number:** 13581

Date of Application: August 28, 2014

Inspector: Phil Schliesman

Applicant/Legal Entity: Soigne Hospitality, LCC

DBA/Trade Name: Merchant

Address: 211 1st Street North, Ste 150

License(s) Requested: On-Sale Liquor Class E with Sunday Sales, Sidewalk Café, Food Caterer, Liquor Caterer

Purpose of Application: To obtain a new On-Sale Liquor Class E with Sunday Sales license

Responsible person(s) within 75 miles of Minneapolis City Hall: Gavin Kaysen

Public Hearing Requirement: Required

License Conditions: No

Neighborhood/Ward: North Loop/3

Zoning: B4N/PO – This is a permitted use in the Downtown Neighborhood District/Pedestrian Oriented Overlay District

7 acre requirement: Met

Off-Street Parking: The Office of the Zoning Administrator has determined there are no additional off street parking requirements.

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

Seating: Inside: 170 Outside: 5

Fire Occupancy: Inside: 184 Maximum Outside Capacity: 14

Food Service Requirement: The applicant is required to operate as a restaurant subject to the minimum food service requirement. Based upon the extensive menu and the establishment's business plan to operate as a full service sit down restaurant, this requirement is met.

Hours of Operation: 5:00 PM - 2:00 AM Weekdays; 11:00 am to 2:00 am Weekends

Metropolitan Council Service Availability Charges: 12 charges have been paid (BIRE#3092541)

HISTORY OF LOCATION

This is a newly renovated multi-use building that has not been previously licensed.

APPLICANT

The applicant is Soigne' Hospitality LLC, a Delaware corporation formed on November 7, 2012 which filed under Chapter 322B (File Number 73541060024) with the Minnesota Secretary of State's office on February 24, 2014 to conduct business in Minnesota and having the required restriction on the transfer of ownership. The owners and officers of Soigne' Hospitality LLC are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Shares/Unit</u>
Gavin N Kaysen	President/CEO/Chef	39 Class B Units
Matthew S Hemsley	Director	4 Class A Units
Andrew Zimmern	Board Member/Investor	.125 Class A Units
12 Investors	Investors Only	6.875 Class A Units

Each of the 13 investors has less than 10% ownership interest and no acting management role in the company.

MANAGER

The manager of Merchant will be Gavin Kaysen. Mr. Kaysen was the former chef for Café Boulud's chain of restaurants in New York and has over 10 years in the restaurant industry.

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 contains approximately 5,908 square feet on the first floor with a small outdoor area, and 493 square feet in the basement for storage in the newly-renovated multi-use IDC Building, located at 211 1st Street North. The licensed premises space is compact and contiguous. There will be interior seating for 170 patrons at tables, booths and bar. The outdoor area will be on the sidewalk facing the front of the restaurant and seat 5 guests at a bar that is open to the interior of the restaurant. The Fire Department has calculated an occupant load of 184 persons for the interior space and up to 14 for the outdoor patio.

BUSINESS PLAN/OPERATIONS

The applicant's business plan indicates Merchant is designed to provide food and beverage service featuring a farm to table dining concept for a casual, refined market. Merchant plans to be open for dinner during the week and for brunch and dinner on the weekends. Merchant will offer a mix of Italian, French, and American cuisine with a strong emphasis on vegetables

and preservation techniques. There will be an open-flame grill/stove, a dedicated family dining table called Dorothy's Table in honor of Gavin's grandmother, and a chef's table where guests will be offered a close up view of the kitchen and will have direct interaction with the chef. The applicant intends to offer entertainment in the form of radio and pre-recorded background music. Merchant staff will undergo extensive alcohol server training prior to opening and on an ongoing basis offered by Alcohol Compliance Services. The applicant indicates that at the present time it has no intent to offer charitable gambling activities or sponsor competitive sports teams.

The Police Department Security Review was completed on August 12, 2014 by Lt. Don Harris.

PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY

Thirty-three public hearing notices were mailed to property owners and residents within 300 feet of the main door of the establishment on September 23, 2014. The public hearing is scheduled before the Community Development & Regulatory Services Committee on October 7, 2014 at 1:30 PM in Room 317 City Hall.

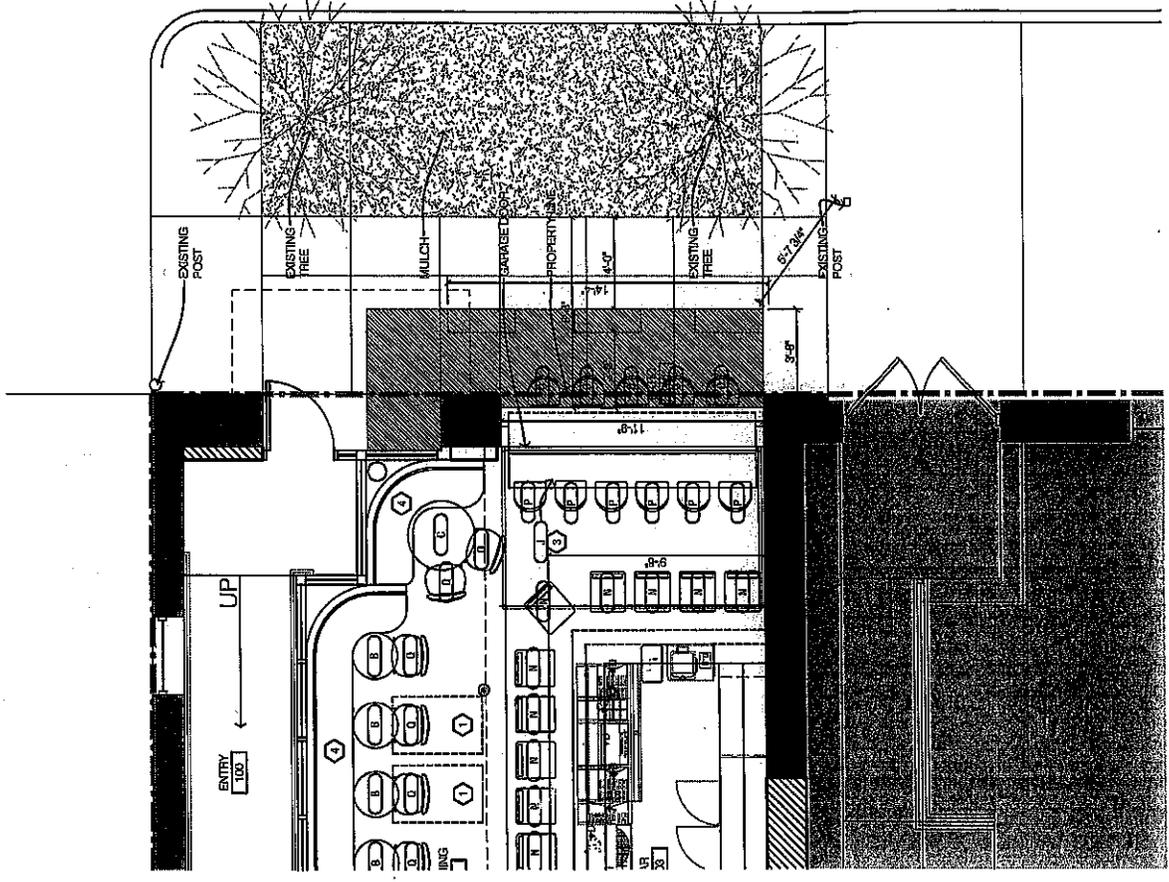
RECOMMENDATION

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

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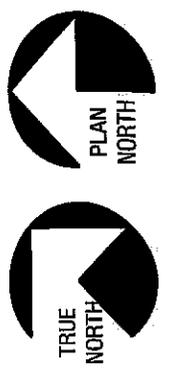
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EXTERIOR
SQ. FOOTAGE: 80 SQ. FT
5 SEATS



*Stanchions
not required.*

*9/23/14
Boms
Approved*



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MERCHANT FLOOR PLAN - EXTERIOR - 211 N. FIRST ST.

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1/8" = 1'-0"