

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

License Number: L196-50257 **Police File Number:** F13644

Date of Application: February 19, 2015

Inspector: Mohamed Ismail

Applicant/Legal Entity: VPC Minneapolis Uptown Pizza, LLC

DBA/Trade Name: Giordano's

Complete Address: 2700 Hennepin Avenue S

License Requested: On Sale Liquor with Sunday Sales Class E

Current License: None

Purpose of Application: The applicant is applying for a liquor license for a full service restaurant.

Responsible person within 75 miles of Minneapolis City Hall: John Gleason

Public Hearing Requirement: Required

Neighborhood/Ward: East Isles/ Ward 7

Zoning: C2/SH

7 acre requirement: Met

Off-Street Parking: Minneapolis Zoning Department requires 11 off street parking spaces. The applicant is providing a total of 21 off-street parking spaces in the surface parking lot.

Seating: Interior: 125
Bar area (stage, dance floor, entertainment area): No bar area
Exterior: No outdoor area

Food Service requirement: Restaurant required.
Server Training: Alcohol Service Training Resources
Health risk level: 1

Hours of operation proposed:
Interior: 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. (Sun-Thurs); 11:00a.m-2:00 a.m. (Fri-Sat)
Exterior: No outdoor area

Hours of Food Service: 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.(Sun-Thurs); 11:00a.m-2:00a.m(Fri-Sat) Reduced menu hours: None

Metropolitan Council Service Availability Charges: 11 SAC charges were paid.

History of Location

This location was previously a BP gas station.

Applicant

The applicant is VCP Minneapolis Uptown Pizza, LCC. They are registered under chapter 322B of the Minnesota Statutes.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Shares</u>
VCP Minneapolis Uptown Pizza, LCC		100%
Yorgo Koutsogiorgas	President/CEO	0.00%
Brent Johnson	Secretary/CFO	0.00%
Chad Peterson	VP/Assistant Secretary	0.00%
Scott Zemnick	VP Assistant Secretary	0.00%

The applicants currently own and operate the Giordano's in Chicago, Illinois. This restaurant has operated since 1974.

Manager

John Gleason will be the general manager.

Police Review

Minneapolis Police License Division has reviewed the applicant's financial and criminal histories. They have determined the application meets code.

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 5th Precinct of the Minneapolis Police Department has discussed security issues with the applicant

Premises

The premise is located at 2700 Hennepin Avenue. It is approximately 4020 square feet with interior seating for 125 persons. The location is compact and contiguous as required by city ordinance. There is no outside patio or outside speakers.

Business Plan/Operations

Giordano's Pizza will be a sit down style pizzeria restaurant. They currently operate in the City of Chicago, Illinois. Menu is extensive, including stuffed pizza, pasta dishes and salads. There will be background music and television for entertainment. There will be no outdoor patio or outdoor speakers. Their hours of operation will be 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. (Sun-Thurs); 11:00a.m-2:00 a.m. (Fri-Sat)

The applicant is requiring all servers to attend alcohol server training. Their business plan indicates an alcohol policy that requires all patrons who appear to be a minor to be

carded. Giordano's will conduct in-house alcohol compliance training and they have submitted a detail alcohol compliance training manual. All servers and bartenders will be responsible for carding guests, and they will be thoroughly trained to card anyone that appears to be under 30 years of age.

Giordano's security plan indicates staff will regularly inform exiting guests to have a safe evening and to respect the surrounding neighborhood. Management and staff will work with Minneapolis police to escort potentially problematic guests away from the area.

Giordano's noise mitigation includes training their employees to address loud or unruly behavior from patrons; removal procedures for unruly or disruptive patrons, and the importance of minimizing noise as patrons depart the premises, with an emphasis on closing.

The license holder is requesting a Class E Entertainment license which allows the use of radio and television. No live entertainment is permitted.

The applicant will not offer mechanical amusement devices or charitable gambling on the premises. At the present time, they have no immediate intent to sponsor competitive sports teams.

Public hearing results

A public hearing is required for this license application. The public hearing was conducted in the community on March 30, 2015. On March 13, 2015, 237 notices were mailed to residents and property owners within 600 feet of the premises. An electronic hearing notice was e-mailed to Council Member Lisa Goodman, the East Isles Residents Association, South Hennepin Business Association, Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Business Association, and Loring Business Association. Two people attended the public hearing. One of the residents had some concerns about the parking issues but he was not opposed Giordano's license application.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Licenses and Consumer Services Division recommends approval of an On Sale Liquor with Sunday Sales, Class E.