

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

**License Number:** L247-50472      **Police File Number:** 13648

**Date of Application:** February 25, 2015

**Inspector:** Michele Harvet, 612-673-5484

**Applicant/Legal Entity:** Café Racer, LLC

**DBA/Trade Name:** Café Racer Kitchen

**Complete Address:** 2929 East 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Minneapolis, MN 55406

**Responsible person within 75 miles of Minneapolis City Hall:** Luis Patino

**Public Hearing Required:** Yes

**License Conditions:** None at this time.

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

**Most Recent License Approved at this Location:** Food Restaurant

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

**Neighborhood/Ward:** Seward/ 2

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

**7 acre requirement:** Not met. This parcel is not contiguous with seven acres of commercial zoning and may be authorized per Charter Amendment 144.

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

**Seating:** Inside: 35 Seats      Outside: 40

**Maximum Capacity:** Inside: 60      Maximum Capacity Outside: 75

**Food Service Requirement:** This establishment may be licensed per Charter Amendment 144 and is required to derive a substantial amount of its income from the sale of foods including non-alcoholic beverages. This restaurant is at Health Risk Level One.

**Alcohol Server Training:** Training will be provided in-house by Mr. Patino using the Responsible Beverage Sales and Service (RASS) training program by which he has been certified.

**Hours of operation proposed:**            **Interior:**    10:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. Daily

**Exterior:**    10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. Daily

**Hours of Food Service:** 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. Daily

**Metropolitan Council Service Availability Charges:** A SAC determination letter dated February 6, 2015, advised that two SAC units are due for this business. This will be paid by the applicant using a payment deferral program offered by the Met Council.

### **HISTORY OF LOCATION**

This location has operated with a Food Grocery license from at least 1992 to 2000. After that, it has operated with a restaurant license since about 2003 with the Clicquot Club and then the Donut Cooperative.

### **APPLICANT**

The applicant is Café Racer, LLC; a Minnesota limited liability company, formed on October 15, 2014, under Chapter 322B (File Number 788429100027) having the required restriction on the transfer of shares and has the following owner:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>DOB</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Shares</u></b>
Luis Patino	3/31/86	Owner/Manager	100%

The applicant has experience in operating a restaurant and retail sales. He meets all minimum requirements including criminal and financial background checks.

### **MANAGER**

The manager at Café Racer Kitchen will be Luis Patino. Mr. Patino has approximately twelve years of experience in the food and alcohol service industry. Mr. Patino also has been certified by the Responsible Beverage Sales and Service training program.

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

### **PREMISES**

The premises are on the main floor at street level with approximately 920 square feet. The dining area has bench/chair table seating for approximately 31 people. The rest of the establishment consists of a kitchen, coolers and storage. There is a unisex restroom on the main floor of this establishment, as well. This space is compact and contiguous. There is a small food service counter with seating for four. There is a basement area with storage for non-food related items. The basement will not be considered licensed premises. There are no undefined spaces.

## **OUTDOOR SEATING AREAS**

There will be an outdoor patio, on private property, in front of the restaurant facing East 25th Street. It will have four tables that seat four people each. There will also be an outdoor patio, on private property, on the west sideyard with five tables that seat a total of 20 patrons.

## **BUSINESS PLAN/OPERATIONS**

All alcohol servers will be required to ask for identification from all patrons that appear under 40 years of age. Servers will monitor the amount of alcohol each guest is consuming in order to prevent over serving and intoxicated guests. They will perform quarterly self-audits. Employees will be rewarded for passing a youth alcohol compliance check. If a server fails a compliance check, they will be placed on probation which could lead up to termination if there is another violation. All servers will read and sign an employee alcohol service agreement.

All staff will act as security for the establishment. Staff will be trained on several different security issues. They will be responsible for maintaining the safety of guests and the prevention of illegal activities on the premises. They will call for police assistance if someone they have asked to leave does not leave.

Full menu service shall remain available during all of the establishment's hours of operation. The menu offers items like slow cooked pulled chicken breast, braised pulled pork or balsamic roasted vegetables with sides of sazon rice, roasted vegetables, sweet plantains, carrot soufflé, arepa sandwiches. Beef or soy hot dogs are also available. The price range is \$8 or \$9.

Entertainment will be provided in the form of prerecorded background music on the interior of the establishment only. There will be no live entertainment provided.

All litter and trash will be removed from a 100 feet radius of the premises on a twice daily basis (opening and closing times).

Noise is not anticipated to be a problem because of the nature of their business and clientele they plan to continue to attract. They will work with their patrons to ensure that they keep the noise down on the patio. They will not have music on the patio to ensure the noise does not affect the neighborhood. If there are noise complaints, they will address the complaint in a respectful manner. Management will provide their cellular phone number with Police and neighboring residents to be able to address concerns immediately.

There are no mechanical amusement devices. No charitable gambling or sports team sponsorships are being planned.

## **PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY**

A public hearing is required for this license application. 206 notices were mailed to residents and property owners within 600 feet of the premises and emailed to Council Member Gordon, the Seward Neighborhood Group, the Seward Civic & Commerce Association and the Southeast Business Association, on March 23, 2015. The public hearing will be held on April 2, 2015 at the Matthews Park Recreation Center.

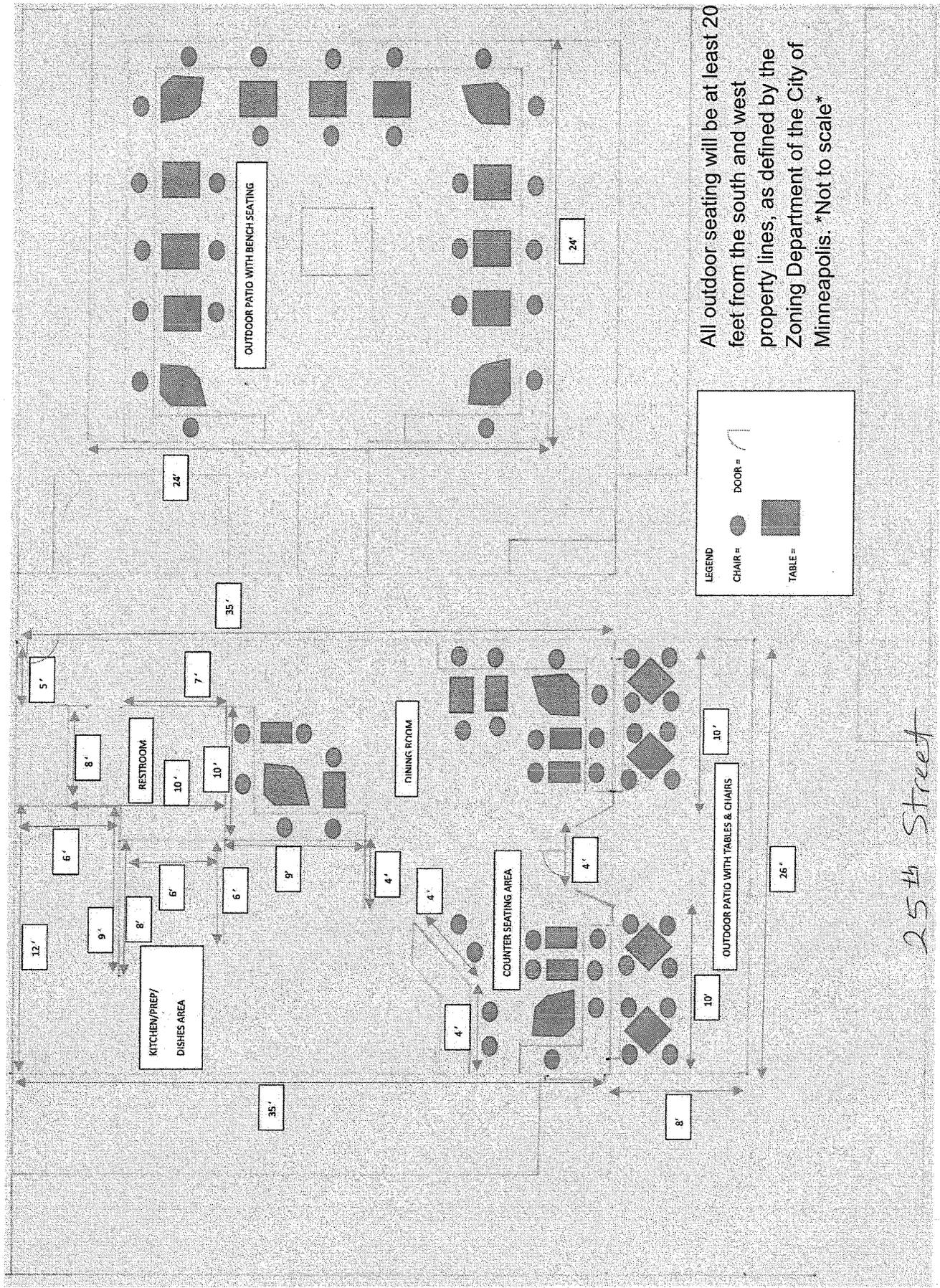
## **RECOMMENDATION**

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.

Cate Racer Kitchen 2929 E. 25th St.



All outdoor seating will be at least 20 feet from the south and west property lines, as defined by the Zoning Department of the City of Minneapolis. \*Not to scale\*

25th Street