

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

License Numbers: L181-50002 & L170-50018

Police File Numbers: 13684

Date of Application: May 11, 2015

Inspector: Nicole Anderson

Applicant/Legal Entity: Wander North Distillery, LLC

DBA/Trade Name: Wander North Distillery

Complete Address: 771 Harding Street Northeast Suite 150, Minneapolis, MN 55413

Licenses Requested: On-Sale Liquor Class C-2, Cocktail Room and Off-Sale Distilled Spirits

Current Licenses: None

Responsible person within 75 miles of Minneapolis City Hall: Brian Winter

Public Hearing Requirement: Required

License Conditions: None at this time

Neighborhood/Ward: Mid-City Industrial Neighborhood / 01

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 14 spaces are required to be provided on site. This requirement has been met.

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

Seating: Inside: 93
Outside: N/A

Fire Occupancy: Inside: 230
Max Capacity Outside: N/A

Hours of operation proposed: Wednesday-Thursday 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Friday 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., and Saturday 12:00 noon to 11:00 p.m.

Metropolitan Council Service Availability Charges: Four SAC units are owed for this project and were paid on April 9, 2014.

HISTORY OF LOCATION

Wander North has operated at this location since 2014 with State approved manufacturing and distribution permits for distilled spirits. Previous to that it housed a warehouse / manufacturing facility.

APPLICANT

The applicant is Wander North Distillery, LLC, a Minnesota corporation formed on March 4, 2013 under Chapter 322B (File Number 658028700029), having the required restriction on the transfer of shares and has the following shareholders:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Shares</u>
Brian Winter	Chief Manager	88.75%
Sarah Crowley	Shareholder	5%
Brian Soper	Shareholder	5%
David Hauser	Shareholder	1.25%

The chief manager and shareholders have extensive experience in the food service industry. The applicants meet all minimum requirements including criminal background check.

MANAGER

The manager of Wander North will be Brian Winter, owner and head distiller. Mr. Winter has experience in running the production facility for almost a year and has a background in management, food service, and customer relations.

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 lease shows exclusive use of premises as required. The premises occupy approximately 4,198 square feet of interior space on the main street level in Suite 150. The cocktail room will consist of approximately 1,392 net square feet with seating for 93 patrons with nine of those seats being at a bar. The rest of the facility consists of the distillery, storage area, restrooms, and private office. The space is compact and contiguous.

BUSINESS PLAN/OPERATIONS

Wander North will have annual alcohol server training. Any person who will sell alcohol for on or off site consumption, or pour at approved off-site festivals must attend 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. Brian Winter, founder, will act as head of security. Staff will be trained to be courteous and non-confrontational, yet observant and forceful. Wander North believes proactive actions are necessary to prevent unwanted actions. All employees will wear clothing that makes them

identifiable as Wander North employees. The staff 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 Wander North employee must escort guests at all times if inside the bonded area. Finished product will be stored in a room that will be locked when the facility is closed. Distillery tours will be by appointment only.

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

The owner, Brian Winter, will act as the neighborhood liaison and will be the contact person for any questions or complaints with regard to the cocktail room and production facility, or off-sale distilled spirits 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.

Wander North will be open on Wednesday and Thursday 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Friday 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., and Saturday 12:00 noon to 11:00 p.m. They 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.

They will sponsor local soccer and softball teams whose members are all over the legal drinking age.

Wander North 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. 29 notices were mailed to residents and property owners within 600 feet of the premises on May 26, 2015 and emailed to Council Member Reich and the Northeast Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce. The public hearing will be held on June 9, 2015 at the Community Development & Regulatory Services Committee meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

The Licenses and Consumer Services Division recommends approving these applications for an On-Sale Liquor, Cocktail Room, Class C-2 license and an Off-Sale Liquor, Distilled Spirits license.

LICENSE CONDITIONS

None at this time.

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PK10
 908 sq. ft.
 COMPANY: 130

- (3) 6 PERSON LIVING ROOM SET
- (6) 4 TER 20" TABLES (NON-COMMERCIAL)
- (3) 2 TER 24" TABLES
- 54 SEAT

1/4" = 1'

