

LICENSES AND CONSUMER SERVICES
LICENSE INSPECTOR'S REPORT
Extended Hours License
L317-50079

Purpose of Application: Juba Coffee Restaurant wishes to extend their operating hours for their existing restaurant license to 1:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and 2:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

Applicant's Name (Legal Entity): Juba Coffee, LLC

DBA/Trade Name: Juba Coffee

Complete Address: 2927 East Lake Street
Minneapolis, MN 55406

Telephone Number: 612-227-3990

Current License: Restaurant

Zoning: C2/PO

Current Authorized Hours: Sunday through Thursday, 6:00 am until 10:00p.m.
Friday and Saturday until 11:00 pm.

Neighborhood/Ward: Longfellow/Ward 2

Date of Application: December 15, 2015

Inspector: Greg Buenning

Public Hearing Requirement: A public hearing is required for this license application. On December 29, 2015, 65 notices were mailed to residents and property owners within 300 feet of the premises. Notices were posted at five Multi-family buildings. Electronic notices were e-mailed to Council Member Cam Gordon, Longfellow Neighborhood Association, and the Lake Street Council. The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, at the Community Development & Regulatory Services Committee meeting.

Background: Juba Coffee is currently licensed as a food restaurant. They have been so licensed since September 14, 2014. They offer coffee, sambusa, desserts, juices, and other menu items to their customers.

Findings as required by the Minneapolis Licensing Code

The Licenses and Consumer Services Division has analyzed the application and concludes that the application has answered the following:

A security plan that describes the security features, including personnel and equipment, that the applicant will employ and how they will be utilized.

Juba Coffee has had a security plan review with the 3rd Police Precinct. The plan has been approved. Juba has indicated that they will have security cameras with 24 hour recording ability in the front and back of the business, and will share any video with the Minneapolis Police Department and Business Licensing. They will have two employees present during closing time and be proactive to ensure that customers will have left by closing time. They will monitor their parking lot to prevent loitering and other problematic behaviors. They will also have signage to indicate that loitering and littering is prohibited. They indicate they will deal with customer issues and will call the police when necessary.

Description of how the applicant will maintain the orderly appearance and operation of the premises with respect to litter and noise.

Juba Coffee's business plan indicates that they will closely monitor the parking lot adjacent to the business for noise issues. They will not allow congregating or loitering by clientele. Their litter abatement will include cleaning their area at the time the business opens, at least once before, or at closing. They will have a log that will be used to ensure this will be completed and it will be available for viewing to inspectors and the police. They have city furnished trash and ash receptacles in front of the business.

Conformance with applicable zoning regulation, including but not limited to use, yards, gross floor space and specific development standards.

The property is zoned C2/PO Zoning District for the property located at 2927 East Lake Street. The business is categorized as a food restaurant, which is a permitted use in the C2/PO zoning district.

Proximity to permitted or conditional residential uses.

Juba Coffee, 2927 East Lake Street is located in a two-story story building. The entrance is at the sidewalk level and the one block area surrounding them is commercial, with some residential buildings to their south.

Nature of the business and its impacts of noise, light, and traffic.

This restaurant is adjacent to both commercial and residential uses.

History of complaints related to the use.

Juba Coffee has been issued violation orders for litter issues in 2014. They have also been issued citations for remaining open beyond their legal business operating hours in both 2014 and early 2015. Citations for operating after hours were issued on December 5, 2014, for operating 15 minutes beyond their required closing time, and January 22, 2015, for operating 20 minutes beyond their required closing time. The violations occurred shortly after they were issued their license, and have been non-existent since April of 2015. The owner was not hands-on with the day-to-day operations and had employees that were not taking ownership in running the business properly. It is believed that through discussions with the owner the issues have been resolved. Since that time they have operated within their required hours and have kept their area free of litter. Business Licensing has been closely involved with Juba Coffee ownership in an effort to help them manage their business in a satisfactory manner in 2015, and moving forward. There are no outstanding fines or fees with our partners at zoning, health, and CPED. The 3rd Police Precinct of the Minneapolis Police Department has also noted that they have not observed any problems or received complaints about the business.

RECOMMENDATIONS (pending public hearing):

The Licenses and Consumer Services Division makes the following recommendation regarding this application to extend hours:

Grant the license applicant the following extended hours: Open until 1:00 a.m., Sunday through Thursday and 2:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

This is an annually reviewed license. These hours will be reviewed at the next license renewal period. It will be possible to restrict the hours further if there are violations related to the Extended Hours License.