

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

License Numbers: L186-50252 and L161-50556

Police File Number: 13795

Date of Application: January 29, 2016

Inspector: Michele Harvet, 612-673-5484

Applicant/Legal Entity: Bottleneck MN LLC

DBA/Trade Name: City Works Restaurant and Pour House

Complete Address: 600 Hennepin Avenue, Ste #110, Minneapolis, MN 55403

Licenses Requested: On-Sale Liquor with Sunday Sales, Class E and Sidewalk Café

Current License at Location: None

License History of Location: This location has previously held an On-Sale Liquor with Sunday Sales, Class B license and Sidewalk Café license (part of the time) as Gameworks from 2002 to 2010.

Purpose of Application: To obtain a new On-Sale Liquor and Sidewalk Café license

Responsible person within 75 miles of Minneapolis City Hall: Thomas Schoenberger

Public Hearing Required: No

Neighborhood/Ward: Downtown West / 3

Zoning: B4S-2/DP – This is a permitted use in the Downtown Service / Downtown Parking Overlay Districts.

7 Acre Requirement: Met

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

Seating: Interior: 250 Exterior: 40

Fire Occupancy: Interior: 267 Maximum Capacity of Exterior: 40

Hours of operation proposed: **Interior:** Sunday – Saturday: 11:30pm to 2:00am
Exterior: Sunday – Saturday: 11:30am to 2:00am

Food Service Requirement: This establishment meets the minimum food service requirements set forth in MCO 360.65.

Alcohol Server Training: Training will be provided by the Minnesota Licensed Beverage Association and/or Learn2Serve.

Metropolitan Council Service Availability Charges: A SAC determination letter dated July 30, 2015, states that this project has four units to be charged. This has been paid by the applicant under BIRE-3099957.

Applicant

The applicant is Bottleneck MN LLC, an Illinois limited liability company authorized on October 8, 2015, to transact business, in Minnesota, as a foreign company under Chapter 322C (File Number 845433900023), having the required restriction on the transfer of shares and has the following members:

Bottleneck MN LLC

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Shares</u>
Bottleneck D.M., Inc.		66.05%
Bottleneck Management, Inc.	Manager	1.95%
43 Class B Subscribers	Investors	32% combined

Bottleneck D.M., Inc.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Shares</u>
Jason Akemann & His Revocable Trust	Managing Member	33.33%
Christopher Bisailon & His Revocable Trust	Managing Member	33.33%
Nathan Hilding & His Revocable Trust	Managing Member	33.33%

Bottleneck Management, Inc.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Shares</u>
Jason Akemann & His Revocable Trust	Managing Member	33.33%
Christopher Bisailon & His Revocable Trust	Managing Member	33.33%
Nathan Hilding & His Revocable Trust	Managing Member	33.33%

Bottleneck Management, Inc. and Bottleneck D.M., Inc. own and operate eight other restaurants in Illinois and Maryland. The applicants meet all minimum requirements including criminal background check.

Manager

The manager of City Works will be Thomas Schoenberger. Mr. Schoenberger has been working and managing in the food and alcohol service industry for at least 22 years.

Premises

City Works Restaurant and Pour House will be located on the first floor of the Mayo Square building, in Suite #110. It will have approximately 10,337 square feet of space that includes seating for approximately 250 patrons at tables, booths and a bar. The rest of the space is for the kitchen,

coolers/freezer, an office, restrooms and storage. The space is compact and contiguous. There are no undefined areas.

The applicant is proposing a sidewalk café in front of the establishment, on City right-of-way, along Hennepin Avenue. It will be approximately 631 total square feet and have seating for 40 patrons. A minimum of six feet will be maintained between the café and any obstructions. The plan has been approved by Public Works.

Business Plan/Operations

City Works Restaurant and Pour House will require all servers and bartenders to take a state certified course in alcoholic beverage sales as a condition of employment. Initial training will be led by the Director of Training for Bottleneck Management. Ongoing training will occur and staff are required to sign an alcohol service agreement before starting their first shift.

Staff will be required to ask for identification for anyone ordering an alcoholic beverage. Serving an underage person will result in suspension and or termination. Staff will be trained to detect intoxicated persons and stop service to anyone showing signs of being over-served. Employees will not be allowed to drink alcohol while on the job. Violation of this policy will result in immediate termination.

In an effort to decrease potentially bad situations, all managers and staff will be cross-trained in techniques to minimize confrontation. Contracted security personnel will be used during busy shifts which are anticipated to include Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, as well as during events at the Target Center and Target Field. It is a company policy to patrol both the inside and outside perimeter of the establishment. They take loitering seriously and will not allow that to happen in front of their establishment. They plan to respectfully but diligently patrol the perimeter of their restaurant and dissuade any loitering that may occur on their corner.

City Works will be monitored by 24 hours surveillance and will have an internal alarm system. It's standard policy that their recordings are handed over to law enforcement if they are requested. Any noise complaints will be addressed with the affected individual or individuals to rectify the situation.

Last call is announced 30 minutes prior to close. Music is turned off and lights are turned up 15 minutes prior to close. They have experienced that it is much easier to have customers trickle out on their own rather than rushing them out en masse at closing time.

Prerecorded music and televisions will be played throughout the restaurant; however, the sound will be kept at an ambient level to ensure no disruption to the surrounding area takes place. Sound proofing applications are being used to help reduce noise drift.

The entertainment at City Works will primarily be audio-visual in format. On college football Saturdays, NFL Sundays and during large sporting events, they will utilize the services of a video DJ. The VJ is tasked with playing proprietary content during commercials. For example, the VJ will entertain patrons with comedic television segments, YouTube clips, and an occasional popular music video. This will not be used to promote dancing.

Litter and cigarette butts will be cleaned several times a day as part of the busboy's duties. There will not be any sport team sponsorships, nor any charitable gambling.

City Works Restaurant generally provides contemporary American cuisine (along with craft beers), consisting of appetizers, salads, burgers, sandwiches/wraps, wings & ribs, with a signature twist and flare. A few examples of unique food items include: sweet corn bisque, duck confit nachos, calamari, hot wings, truffle mac n cheese, salmon salad, kale salad, American Kobe burger, filet mignon sliders, pork chop, short rib and rainbow trout ranging in price from \$6 to \$22.

License Conditions

None at this time.

Public Hearing Summary

A public hearing is not required for these license applications.

Police Review

Police Licensing and this Inspector have reviewed the expenses and source of funds reported in this application. The applicants have provided documentation showing adequate, legal and traceable funding for this venture and have passed the criminal background check. The First Precinct of the Minneapolis Police Department has discussed security issues with the applicant.

Recommendation

The Licenses and Consumer Services Division recommends approving this application for an On-Sale Liquor with Sunday Sales, Class E and Sidewalk Café license for City Works Restaurant and Pour House.

Sidewalk Café Diagram

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