

**LICENSES AND CONSUMER SERVICES**

**LICENSE INSPECTOR'S REPORT**

**License Number:** L208-50347

**Police File Number:** 13866

**Date of Application:** July 26, 2016

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

**Applicant/Legal Entity:** Nitelife, Inc.

**DBA/Trade Name:** Spearmint Rhino Gentlemen's Club

**Complete Address:** 725 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis MN 55403

**License Requested:** Expansion of On-Sale Liquor, with Sunday Sales, Class A with Adult Entertainment

**Current License at Location:** On-Sale Liquor, with Sunday Sales, Class A with Adult Entertainment

**Purpose of Application:** The applicant seeks approval of a permanent expansion of premises to add more licensed premises in the basement area of this location.

**Public Hearing Required:** Notice is not required for this type of application.

**Neighborhood/Ward:** Downtown West/7

**Total Occupancy for Basement:** Previous: 68 With Expansion: 82

**Metropolitan Council Service Availability Charges:** In a SAC determination letter dated January 15, 2015, it was advised that 5 SAC units were required for a previous expansion project. The proposed expansion space for this application was included in this determination letter and has been paid for by the applicant.

**Expansion Area**

The applicant would like to expand their premises to additional VIP seating to the basement level of this location. The basement level does not have general seating, only VIP and dance booth seating. The project includes the repurposing of a 664 square foot storage room into anew VIP room and the addition of two individual rooms within the existing VIP room. The new VIP room will include three VIP rooms accessed via a common hallway. The three rooms are open to the hallway and will not have doors. Each room will have perimeter seating around the entire perimeter seating around the entire perimeter. Access to the new VIP room will be through an existing VIP room that will be converted into a vestibule and will be used solely for circulation. The additional two small rooms will be approximately 38 square feet each, constructed similarly

to the existing VIP rooms with no door and open to a common hallway. The additional space would be compact and contiguous to their currently licensed premises.

### **Business Plan/Operations**

The applicant plans to operate the expanded area with the same hours of operations as the rest of the business with no changes to their currently approved business plan. The rooms will all be in compliance with Minneapolis Code of Ordinance 219.520. - Building standards so that they have at least one side open to an adjacent public room so that the area inside is visible to persons in the adjacent public room. These areas shall be lighted in a manner that the persons in these areas are visible from the adjacent public rooms (with a ceiling mounted chandelier and track lighting). Management will monitor these areas consistently to prevent activities defined in Minneapolis Code of Ordinance 219.510.

### **License Conditions**

None at this time.

### **PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY**

A public hearing is not required for an interior expansion of premises.

### **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.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Licenses and Consumer Services Division recommends approving this application for a permanent expansion of premises for Spearmint Rhino Gentlemen's Club to expand further into their basement area. This approval is based upon final inspection.