

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

**License Number:** L216-50225

**Police File Number:** F. 13887

**Date of Application:** September 15, 2016

**Inspector:** Greg Buenning

**Applicant/Legal Entity:** Robbin 77, Inc.

**DBA/Trade Name:** Bunny's Bar and Grill Northeast

**Complete Address:** 34 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue Northeast, #108  
Minneapolis, MN 55413

**License Requested:** On-Sale Liquor Class "E", with Sunday Sales

**Current License at this location:** None

**License History of Location:** This address was the location of Community Keg House which held a Class "E" On-Sale Wine with Strong Beer license from November of 2015 until June of 2016

**Purpose of Application:** To obtain a new On-Sale Liquor, Class "E" with Sunday Sales license

**Responsible person within 75 miles of Minneapolis City Hall:** Gary Rackner

**Public Hearing Required:** A public hearing is required

**Neighborhood/Ward:** Sheridan/Ward 3

**Zoning:** I1/IL

**7 Acre Requirement:** Met

**Off-Street Parking:** The office of the Zoning Administrator has determined that a parking variance granted in 2004 reducing the parking requirement of 54 spaces to 32 spaces meets the need for this business.

**Seating:** Interior: 120 seats Exterior: None

**Fire Occupancy:** Interior: 207

**Hours of Operation Proposed:** Interior: Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. daily

**Food Service Requirement:** Met  
Health Risk: 1

**Alcohol Server Training:** Alcohol server training will be provided by Training Intervention Procedures (TIPS)

**Metropolitan Council Service Availability Charges:** Five (to be paid prior to license issued)

**Applicant**

The applicant is Robbin 77, Inc, a Minnesota company formed on August 5, 2016, under Chapter 302A (File Number 897614200023), having the required restriction on the transfer of shares and has the following members:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Shares</u>
Steven Koch	President	50%
Gary Rackner	Vice-President	50%

**Manager:**

Gary Rackner will be the manager of Bunny’s Bar and Grill Northeast. Mr. Rackner currently owns Bunny’s in St. Louis Park, MN with Mr. Koch. Gary has 38 years in the hospitality industry. He and Mr. Koch have been business partners for 18 years. They will bring the experience from that business to the new Bunny’s Bar and Grill Northeast.

**Premises**

Bunny’s Bar and Grill Northeast is located at 34 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE in the historic Keg House Arts Building which once housed part of the larger Grain Belt Brewery. The one-story brick building currently has tenants which include artists, architects, non-profits, publishers, an art gallery, and photographers. Bunny’s Bar and Grill Northeast will occupy 4,400 square feet of the building. The interior will have seating for 120 patrons. There will be no outdoor area.

**Business/Plan/Operations**

Bunny’s Bar and Grill Northeast will be a full-service restaurant. They will offer breakfast, lunch, and dinner for their patrons. They will provide alcohol server training to all staff upon hire and annually thereafter. Training will be provided by Training for Intervention Procedures (TIPS). Their policy will be that all parties entering the business will be checked for proper identification before being served alcoholic beverages. Anyone who appears to be under the age of 35 will be checked for proper identification. I.D. scanners will be utilized. They will also be trained in visible signs of intoxication and will be very vigilant on these matters. Their policy

for employees serving to underage persons will be termination. They will not offer a rewards program for their staff, indicating that it is their job to check for proper I.D.

Their security plan indicates that the on-duty manager will be the head of security. He and the staff will be responsible for well-being of their guests. They will install security surveillance cameras inside the restaurant. The outdoor area has security cameras. They will provide video to the Minneapolis Police Department and Business Licensing upon request. They indicate they will compile an 86 list for patrons who have caused problems in the past. Any patrons who become loud or cause problems will be talked to, and, if necessary police will be called. Their noise management plan will be to keep noise levels low in an effort to be good neighbors with the surrounding residents.

### **Public Hearing Results**

A public hearing for this application will be held on October 11, 2016, in City Council chambers, room 317. On September 29, 2016, 229 notices were mailed to residents and property owners within 600 feet of the business. Notices were also sent to Council Member Jacob Frey, Sheridan Neighborhood Association, and Beltrami Neighborhood Council.

### **Police review**

Minneapolis Police Licenses Division and this Inspector have reviewed the application, financial statements, criminal histories and security plans. They have determined that the applicant meets the minimum ordinance requirements. The 2nd Police Precinct of the Minneapolis Police Department has discussed security issues with the applicant and has approved their security plan.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Business License Division recommends approval of an On-Sale Liquor with Sunday Sales, Class "E" License for Robbin 77, Inc.