

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

License Number: L216-50227

Police File Number: F.13894

Date of Application: September 23, 2016

Inspector: Greg Buenning

Applicant/Legal Entity: Alma Tierra, Inc.

DBA/Trade Name: Restaurant Alma

Complete Address: 528 University Avenue Southeast
Minneapolis, MN 55413

License(s) Requested: On-Sale Liquor Class "E" with Sunday Sales License and permanent expansion of premises to add interior seating

Current License at Location: On-Sale Wine with Strong Beer Class "E" License

License History of Location: Restaurant Alma has operated with an On-Sale Wine with Strong Beer Class "E" license since 1999.

Purpose of Application: To obtain a new On-Sale Liquor Class "E" license, add three new shareholders, and expand indoor seating from 80 to 140

Responsible person within 75 miles of Minneapolis City Hall: Alexander K. Roberts

Public Hearing Required: A public hearing is required for a new on-sale liquor license only

Neighborhood/Ward: Marcy-Holmes/Ward 3

Zoning: C1

7 Acre Requirement: Met

Off-Street Parking: The office of the City of Minneapolis Zoning Administrator has determined that no additional off-street parking spaces are required.

Seating: Interior: 140 Exterior: None
Total Square feet: 2,650

Fire Occupancy: Interior: 250

Hours of Operation Proposed: **Interior:** 7:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. Sunday-Thursday
7:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m. Friday & Saturday

Exterior: Same as interior

Hours of Food Service: During all open hours
(reduced menu after 10:00 p.m.)

Food Service Requirement: Met
Health Risk: 1

Alcohol Server Training:

Alcohol server training will be conducted by Ale Training Services. Their staff will be trained in all aspects of alcohol awareness, server responsibilities, carding, intervention, and Minnesota Alcohol Laws. Certification will be required for all employees that will serve alcohol. Certification will be renewed annually. They will be required to read and sign the alcohol compliance form upon hiring. Employees will be required to check identifications of all patrons who appear to be under the age of 30 who wish to purchase alcohol. If an employee serves a minor, the staff will quickly evaluate whether the incident was due to negligence or I.D. fraud. The incident will be documented and appropriate action will be taken, whether it requires re-training, re-assignment, or termination.

Metropolitan Council Service Availability Charges: One (paid)

Applicant

The applicant is Alma Tierra, Inc., a Minnesota company formed on April 22, 1999. They are registered under chapter 302A, File #10Q-471 of the Minnesota statutes. The applicant has provided documentation showing adequate, legal, and traceable funding for this venture. They have the required stock restriction on the transfer of shares and have the following shareholders and officers:

Previous Corporate Structure

Name	Title	Shares
Alexander Roberts	President/Owner	100%

New Corporate Structure

Name	Title	Shares
Alexander Roberts	President/Owner	76%
Robert C. Pohlad	Vice-President/Owner	12%
Brian Muldoon	Investor/Partner	6%
Paula Buchta	Investor/Partner	6%

Manager

Alexander Roberts will be the manager of the business. Mr. Roberts has been the owner of the business since 1999. He is a skilled chef and will continue to offer fine dining as he has since the original opening.

Premises

The premises will be located at 528 University Avenue Southeast. It is a two-story building. The business will operate on the first floor in 2,650 square feet of space. They will have 140 indoor seats for patrons. There will not be any outdoor seating at this time.

Business Plan/Operations

Restaurant Alma has been located at this address since 1999. Restaurant Alma currently has an On-Sale Wine with Strong Beer license. They now wish to operate in the same manner, but want to now offer liquor to compliment the dining experience. They have also conducted an extensive expansion and will be increasing

their patron seating from 88 to 140 seats. Restaurant Alma is a fine dining establishment and is in good standing with the City of Minneapolis Business Licensing Division. They have operated in the Marcy-Holmes Neighborhood as a good neighbor and in a very professional manner. They indicate they will continue to operate in a professional manner and be good neighbors in the community. Restaurant Alma will offer breakfast, lunch, and dinner to their patrons. Their menu will consist of classic American breakfast, sandwiches, croissants, breads, and a variety of different meat and fish dishes to cater to all of their customer's tastes. The staff of Restaurant Alma will be trained to observe all types of behavior. They will expect their clientele to be civil, mature, and generally well-mannered. Unruly and disruptive patrons will be asked to leave the business, and if necessary escorted off premises. The on-duty manager will be responsible for occupancy levels to avoid overcrowding issues. Restaurant Alma will be open until 11:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 12:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Restaurant Alma will offer last call 30 minutes prior to closing time. The management will remind patrons to be mindful of neighbors when they exit to their cars. Management will also monitor the parking lot to ensure no one is loitering.

License Conditions

None

Public Hearing Summary

On September 28, 2016, 246 notices were mailed to residents and property owners, and notices were also posted at 19 multi-family buildings within 600 feet of the premises. An electronic hearing notice was e-mailed to Council Member Jacob Frey, the Marcy-Holmes Neighborhood Association, and the Northeast Minneapolis River District. A public hearing for this license application will be held on October 11, 2016, in City Council Chambers, Room 317, 350 S. 5th Street.

Police review

The Minneapolis Police Licensing Division has reviewed the applicant's financial and criminal history. They have determined the application meets the necessary requirements.

Recommendation

Licenses and Consumer Services Division recommends the approval of an On-Sale Liquor with Sunday Sales Class "E" license.