

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

FILE: 13156
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NEIGHBORHOOD: Lind-Bohanon

APPLICANT: City Afrique Restaurant, Inc.
DBA: City Afrique Restaurant
ADDRESS OF ESTABLISHMENT: 4326 Lyndale Avenue North
LICENSE REQUESTED: Applicant seeks approval of a new On-Sale Wine with Strong Beer, Class E License
DATE OF APPLICATION: July 8, 2011
INSPECTOR: Nicole Anderson

BASIC LICENSE INFORMATION

7 acre requirement: Met

Zoning District: I2

Off- Street Parking: Net parking requirement of 16 spaces provided on site – shared parking agreement BZZ-4455.

Seating: 40 seats on the interior premises.

There are no qualifying churches or schools within 300 feet of the proposed premises. This establishment is more than 500 feet from residentially zoned area; If a wine license is granted to this establishment, statute and ordinance require that it operate as a restaurant subject to the 60/40 ratio of food to alcohol sales. No more than 40% of gross sales may be from alcohol.

Hours of operation proposed: 11:00am – 1:00am, 7 days a week

Lease shows exclusive use of premises by applicant.

Responsible person within 75 miles of MPLS City Hall: Aurelius Butler

Public Hearing requirement: None Required

SAC: The SAC determination for this establishment was 0 units.

HISTORY OF LOCATION

This location currently holds a restaurant license. The previous establishment, The Recreation Club, held an On-Sale Wine with Strong Beer, Class E license from 2003 until 2004.

APPLICANT

The applicant is City Afrique Restaurant, Inc; a Minnesota professional corporation formed on February 14, 2011, under Chapter 302A (Charter Number 4180629-2), having the required restriction on the transfer of shares and has the following shareholder:

Aurelius Dwoe Butler, II	Owner/President	6818 Emerson Ave N, Brooklyn Park, MN 55430	100%
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The shareholder has some experience working in restaurants. The applicant meets all minimum requirements including criminal background checks.

APPLICANT EXPENSES AND SOURCE OF FUNDS

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.

MANAGERS

The manager of City Afrique will be Aurelius Butler. He worked and managed in the food service industry from 1984 to 1985 at Pantry Chef Italian Restaurant in Philadelphia, PA.

PREMISES

The premise is located at 4326 Lyndale Avenue North. The establishment will have table and chair seating for 35 people and bar seating for 5 people. The entire premises occupy approximately 3,850 square feet. Approximately 1,900 square feet of that space is for customer use. The remaining space consists of an office, rest rooms, storage and interior ramp for deliveries. This space is compact and contiguous.

CONDITION OF LICENSE

The 40' x 26' floor space indicated on the diagram may not be used for any customer use due to Community Planning and Economic Development and Zoning parking requirements. This Condition will remain in effect until such time Community Planning and Economic Development and Zoning approve a variance or other form of parking requirement for City Afrique's establishment.

There is currently a Shared Parking Requirement (BZZ-4455) for all the businesses located from 4318-4340 Lyndale Avenue North. The current calculation for parking spaces to square footage is 16 required spaces for City Afrique; if the 40' x 26' floor space were included with any type of entertainment license this would require the establishment to accommodate parking for 32 spaces, which is not currently allowed under this Shared Parking agreement.

BUSINESS PLAN/OPERATIONS

All staff will receive a copy of the Alcohol Policy and Procedure Manual prior to Alcohol Server Training. Employees will receive a summary of the laws regarding alcohol sales as well as the restaurants' Alcohol Service Employee Agreement, which will be read and signed to acknowledge they have read and understand the contents. City Afrique will send selected employees for formal external training upon hire and annually thereafter. When training is established, new hires will be trained in-house upon hire and annually, along with periodic refreshers. Alcohol training refreshers will include: comparing picture id with the customer; checking the birth date on the id; examining the id for signs of falsification or tampering; using an electronic id card reader, if it becomes necessary; and checking the US Driver License Booklet that will be located at the bar seating area. Management will practice with employees' ways to check patrons' id and

how to refuse sales to those under the age of 21. All employee alcohol server training sessions will be documented.

Any patrons ordering alcoholic beverages who appear to be younger than 30 years old and all patrons ordering alcoholic beverages after 9pm, regardless of age/appearance will be carded. Signs and cards will be posted about City Afrique's alcohol service policy at the bar, on all tables, as well as in restrooms. City Afrique will conduct semi-annual unannounced Youth Compliance Checks for self audit. Employees who pass the check will be publicly recognized while those who fail the check will be put on probation. If a second failure occurs with an employee their employment will be terminated.

Managers, supervisors, bartenders, hosts, and servers will be cross-trained as security. During regular operating hours the restaurant employees will keep a lookout for problem patrons on the inside of the premises and notify management. On the outside of the premises 2 contracted security employees will patrol the parking lot at least once every 30 minutes during regular business hours and for special events at the restaurant. The contracted security employees will patrol the parking lot from 7 PM till the close of business during the summer months and from 5 PM through the close of business during the winter months. The security will patrol the parking lot to prevent loitering and anyone loitering in the restaurant parking lot will be asked respectfully by one or both of the security staff to leave and will be escorted off the premises by the security. If the loiterer resists, management will be notified and if necessary, the police will be called. Patrons behaving disorderly or found to be conducting illegal activities on the restaurant premises will be asked respectfully by the restaurant management to control themselves and cease their activity. If this request is not heeded by the patron the restaurant management or security personnel will escort the disorderly or illegally behaving patron out of the facility. If the patron resists and/or becomes more disorderly, management will call for police.

Entertainment will be limited to only background music and karaoke on Sundays, which is allowed under the Class E license.

The entrée menu offers items such as Cassava leaf and rice, potato greens and rice, Okra sauce and rice (AKA: fufu), Fufu and soup, and crazy dry rice with fried fish. Entrée items are priced around \$10.99. Appetizers include items such as Jamaican beef pockets, spicy wings, and friend plantains ranging in price from \$3.50-\$4.99. Food will be served during all operating hours.

After the restaurant closes every night, designated restaurant staff will police the parking lot and the area around the restaurant, within 100 feet, to pick up litter that may have been deposited by patrons.

Motion sensor lights are installed in the rear of the building where the parking lot is located to provide added security for patrons. If restaurant management receives a complaint of noise, every attempt will be made to address the situation immediately. If the noise results from the actions of the restaurant patrons, management will either ask the patrons to reduce the noise, relocate the patrons or ask them to leave the premises as the case warrants. City Afrique will notify the local police precinct of our presence

and establish a partnership with them. They will notify the precinct and request their assistance whenever the need arises.

There will be no mechanical amusement devices, charitable gambling, or team sponsorships at this time.