

**In the Matter of  
On-Sale Wine and Strong Beer  
License Held by La Que Buena, Inc.  
d/b/a La Que Buena Restaurant  
1609 East Lake Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55407**

**Findings of Fact,  
Conclusions and  
Recommendations**

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This matter came before the Department at a Licensing Settlement Conference hearing on Thursday, June 21, 2007 in Room 1C, Minneapolis City Hall. Appearing on behalf of the licensee were Juan Sanchez; Owner and Licensee, and Luis Caire; consultant. Appearing for the City were Ricardo Cervantes; Deputy Director of Licenses and Consumer Services, Michele Harvet; License Inspector, and Linda Roberts; License Inspector. Based on information presented at the hearing, the Department makes the following findings of fact, conclusions, and recommendations:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. La Que Buena Restaurant has been licensed as an On-Sale Wine and Strong Beer establishment with Class E entertainment since 2003. They also have an All Night Special Food license.
2. On June 3, 2007, while investigating a complaint regarding alcohol sales after 2:00am, Inspectors observed alcohol present on customer tables after 2:30am.
3. The licensee admitted to using the unlicensed basement space for private parties. The basement at this location does not have the appropriate egress, natural light or ventilation to be used for events.

**CONCLUSIONS**

1. The licensee had alcohol out on tables after 2:30am which is in violation of Mpls Ord 364.85.
2. The licensee used the basement space for an event which is not approved for any event in conjunction with the business license.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

In lieu of the imposition of adverse license action including possible license revocation, the licensee agrees to comply with the following mandatory conditions and understands that failure to do so may result in further adverse license action inclusive of revocation:

1. The Minneapolis Licenses and Consumer Services Division will impose a \$2000.00 sanction. \$1500.00 of that amount to be stayed provided there are no same or similar violations until June 3, 2009. \$500.00 will be due at time of signing this agreement.
2. The licensee will submit and implement a plan and policy for closing down alcohol service at the end of the night.
3. The licensee will operate within the confines of their licensed premises with no occupancy of the basement other than permitted use (i.e.: storage).
4. The licensee will provide annual alcohol server training for staff and also provide alcohol server training for newly hired staff within 30 days of hire.

La Que Buena, Inc. understands that the holding of a business or liquor license in the City of Minneapolis is both a privilege and a responsibility, and, as such, it is understood that there is a minimum standard that shall be met in order to hold such a license. Furthermore, it is understood that a license holder is responsible to ensure that its business operates in compliance with all applicable laws, ordinances and regulations. As such, it is understood and agreed that any violation of the above Recommendations shall constitute just and proper cause for the immediate imposition of any agreed upon or stayed penalties. It is further understood that compliance with the above Recommendations is a requirement for continuing to hold a license and that failure to comply with any of these conditions may result in additional adverse license action.

I have read the above findings of fact, conclusions, and recommendations. I agree with their contents and I agree with the above noted Recommendations. I understand that the failure of my business to adhere to this agreement may be cause for further suspension, revocation, or denial of my license. I understand that this report must be accepted and approved by the Minneapolis City Council and Mayor.

Based upon the foregoing, this agreement is FREELY & VOLUNTARILY ENTERED INTO IN GOOD FAITH:

For La Que Buena, Inc.  
d/b/a La Que Buena Restaurant:

By: Juan Sanchez  
Juan Sanchez  
Owner/Licensee

Dated: 6/24/, 2007.

For the City of Minneapolis:

By: Ricardo Cervantes  
Ricardo Cervantes, Deputy Director  
Licenses & Consumer Services

Dated: June 26, 2007.

*Signed before me this 24 of June 2007  
by Juan Sanchez a person  
known to me.  
Luis Humberto Tonarelli-Caire*

