

LICENSES AND CONSUMER SERVICES

LICENSE INSPECTOR'S REPORT

FILE: 13160

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APPLICANT: Levit Holdings, LTD

DBA: Ichiban Japanese Steak House

ADDRESS: 1333 Nicollet Avenue

TYPE OF LICENSE: On-Sale Liquor with Sunday Sales, Class E

DATE OF APPLICATION: May 23, 2011

INSPECTOR: Phil Schliesman

PURPOSE OF APPLICATION: The applicant seeks approval of an expansion of premises to allow for seating on a sidewalk cafe.

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS: Notice to residents and property owners within 300 feet of the premises is required. 8 notices were mailed on August 12, 2011. The public hearing was held on September 12, 2011 at the regularly scheduled REE Committee meeting. No feedback has been received.

SIDEWALK CAFE AREA

The owner is requesting to expand the licensed premises to allow outdoor seating on a sidewalk cafe. This establishment has been operating with an On-Sale Liquor license since 1993. Licenses and Consumer Services has not received any complaints about their establishment. The owner is proposing seating for up to 30 seats at eight tables for full-service dining. The total square footage of this area is 350 square feet. It will also serve as a place for people to smoke and have a beverage while they are waiting. There will be three picnic tables with eight seats at each table. The maximum stated capacity of the entire outdoor licensed premises will be 47 people based on one person per 7.5 square feet.

The hours of operation will be the same for indoors and outdoors: Sunday through Thursday; 4:30 pm to 9:30 pm, and Friday & Saturday; 4:30 pm to 10:00 pm. There will be no entertainment provided in the outdoor area.

NOISE AND PATRON MANAGEMENT ON PATIO

The applicant will make every effort to mitigate noise should it ever become a problem. Their solutions may include, but are not limited to:

1. Install noise barriers that deflect or absorb noise as needed for area.
2. Have staff specifically monitor and control patrons that are too noisy. Provide proactive management of noisy patrons. (Move inside.)
3. Install and use a sound meter.
4. Post educational signs about noise and respecting the neighbors.

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGE

The Metropolitan Council has determined that the proposed outdoor area shall incur additional charges. The licensee has paid this.

APPLICANT EXPENSES AND SOURCE OF FUNDS

The applicant has provided documentation showing adequate funding for this venture.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REVIEW

This report and all supporting documents have been reviewed by the Minneapolis Police License Division.

Phil Schliesman, Inspector
Licenses and Consumer Services