

Good Neighbors Report

To: Public Safety and Licensing Committee

From: Attorney Ian R. Pomplin

RE: The Forge Tavern, LLC., Ariel Anton, Agent
3001 Douglas Ave.

Meeting date: Wednesday, November 19, 2025

Departments: Health, Police, Clerk, City Development, and Attorney in person, Building submitted a written report due to scheduling conflicts

License(s) requested: Class "B" (beer) and "Class B" (intoxicating liquor) licenses

Business plan and premises description. Ms. Anton intends to operate an tavern in the building currently operated as "Marko's." The Forge will be a neighborhood bar that will operate in largely the same manner as Marko's. The bar is currently operational and Ms. Anton is prepared to take over operations immediately.

Owner/agent experience. Ms. Anton has previous bartending experience and has been the manager of Marko's for approximately six months.

Health department. No issues were raised by the health department.

City Development and Building. No issues were raised by City Development or the Building department. Due to the name change, Ms. Anton was informed that she must work with City Development about any signage changes that will occur.

Police Department issues. Ms. Anton discussed the common issues that arise for businesses that hold liquor licenses with Sgt. Cruz and Attorney Pomplin. Ms. Anton was informed of the importance of having bartenders with operator's licenses. This location has had formal expressions of concern issued in the past due to issues with disgruntled citizens. Ms. Anton was informed that the City was aware of these issues and had investigated them, and ultimately rescinded the formal expressions of concern.

Overall Summary

The premise at 3001 Douglas Avenue does not raise concerns to city staff, provided that the premises is operated within the scope of the written business plan.