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July or August, 2006, forcing the building owner to sue him in Small Claims Court and obtain a judgment in Case No. 06-SC-4128. Ms. Morones took occupancy approximately September 1, 2006. Ms. Morones applied August 28, 2006 and the Public Safety and Licensing Committee denied Ms. Morones a Class "A" Beer License, in part we believe based on the bad conduct of the prior business owner, Mr. Marshall. Ms. Morones was apparently advised that she could not reapply for eleven months. When she reapplied in 2007 for a Class "A" Beer License, she was advised of the 3,000 square foot minimum requirement for convenience stores and the thirty day application period to be grandfathered after expiration of the prior Class "A" Beer License.

5) Ms. Morones has been an excellent and hard working Hispanic owner of Mead Street Foods since September, 2006. We are not aware of any police calls or other disturbances since that time. There are only two other neighborhood convenience stores with beer licenses (at 20<sup>th</sup> and Mead and 20<sup>th</sup> and Racine). With the low margins of a convenience store, Ms. Morones feels she needs the higher margins on the sale of beer to remain financially viable.

6) Ms. Morones, the business owner, with the support of Mr. Malone, the building owner, requests that the Public Safety and Licensing Committee grant an exception to permit Ms. Morones to obtain a Class "A" Beer License, despite the convenience store being 2,500 instead of 3,000 square feet, and despite not applying within thirty days of the surrender without notice of Mr. Marshall's Class "A" Beer License.

Please place this Petition for Exception on the agenda of the next Public Safety and Licensing Committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



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