

Good Neighbors Report

To: Public Safety and Licensing Committee
From: Attorney Nhu H. Arn
RE: S&I Distribution, LLC., dba Wings and Drinks, Shariq Aziz
Meeting date: Tuesday, December 3, 2024
Departments: Health, Building, City Development and Attorney

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

Business plan. This establishment will operate primarily as a restaurant much like Buffalo Wild Wings, but on a smaller scale. Mr. Aziz will serve only beer and wine and is not currently on the wait list for a full “Class B” license. He does not intend to apply for a liquor license at any time in the foreseeable future. Mr. Aziz will have dine-in seating for approximately 15-20 people, with carry-out options for food.

The proposed premise is currently an empty box and is attached to the back side of a convenience store/gas station (which currently holds a “Class A” license). The two sides are separated by a wall with separate entrances for both businesses and no areas in common. The convenience store/gas station is operated by the landlord and the applicant’s father, while this premise will be owned and operated solely by Mr. Aziz. These will exist as two entirely separate businesses and must stay this way for both establishments to be licensed.

Owner/agent experience. Mr. Aziz has worked at the convenience store/gas station next door for the past 7-8 years, so he familiar with the alcohol industry. Attorney Arn provided him with a brief overview of regulations that are more relevant to Class “B” premises.

Health and building departments. Mr. Aziz intends to start construction as soon as the common council approves such license, with the expectation that everything will be completed within three months. Mr. Aziz was advised to submit applications for the necessary building permits and plan review through the state as soon as possible, to not delay his anticipated opening date.

Police Department issues. The RPD liaison was unable to attend the good neighbors meeting but may provide additional information to the committee during its meeting.

Overall Summary

Mr. Aziz intends to operate a restaurant at this location serving mostly chicken wings, with the addition of beer and wine. The hours of operation are reasonable for a restaurant, so there are currently no concerns from staff regarding nuisance issues. Mr. Aziz is waiting to see if the committee and council approve the license application prior to starting construction. Given the status of the building and the approvals/permits needed, the anticipated completion date of three months might be a bit too optimistic.