

Good Neighbors Report

To: Public Safety and Licensing Committee

From: Attorney Nhu H. Arn

RE: Big Ern Bars, LLC., dba/ The Beacon
3113 Douglas Avenue
Ernie Petrowsky, Agent and Owner

Meeting date: Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Departments: City Development and Attorney

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

Business plan. Mr. Petrowsky took over the establishment at the beginning of March and is currently operating only as a restaurant. He hopes to add alcohol back onto the menu but will continue to operate primarily as a restaurant. Because of that, underage persons are permitted on the premises without their legal guardians. Bar staff will be checking for identification whenever alcoholic drinks are served.

Mr. Petrowsky intends to close earlier than midnight on most nights and will serve food whenever the establishment is open. Mr. Petrowsky understands that any changes to the business plan will require prior approval from the council and may affect his ability to allow underage persons on premises.

Owner/agent experience. Mr. Petrowsky currently works full-time for a company that rents dart boards and pool tables and owns his own dart company. He will continue to work these other jobs even while he operates the bar. Mr. Petrowsky will reside on the second floor of the building, which is entirely separate from the establishment. He has bartended occasionally but has never operated a bar/restaurant as the agent and owner.

Smoking and vaping. Mr. Petrowsky has applied for a cigarette, vaping products and tobacco retailer’s license. He understands that indoor smoking is prohibited, but indoor vaping usage is not. He intends to sell mostly vape products.

Police Department issues. According to Sgt. Nabors, there are no nuisance issues associated with this premise. Mr. Petrowsky intends to hire security only when necessary and for special events. He does have a security camera system in place.

Overall Summary

Mr. Petrowsky is taking over the Beacon as the new owner and manager. He does not intend to make many changes. Given the lack of nuisance issues associated with the location and previous establishment, the early closing hours, and its primary operation as a restaurant, there are no staff concerns to report.