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April 25, 2019

Vanessa Boutwell  
1642 Washington Avenue  
Racine, WI 53403

RE: Exceeding permitted hours of Conditional Use Permit at 1642 Washington Avenue

Ms. Boutwell;

We have received information that you and your establishment have violated condition (f) of your condition use permit dated May 20, 2015. Your conditional use permit allows your restaurant to be open on Friday and Saturday from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. On April 6th and April 13th, 2019, at approximately 3:05 a.m. and 2:37 a. m. respectively, the Racine Police Department was dispatched to Catfish and More located at 1642 Washington Avenue for complaints of disorderly crowds, loud music and parking violations.

You are being formally notified that any future violations of the conditional use permit at the above premises may result in **revocation of your condition use permit**, which would require you to vacate the property at 1642 Washington Avenue. Please direct any questions you may have to the Building Division at (262) 636-9464 or to the Planning Division at (262) 636-9151.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenneth D. Plaski". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kenneth D. Plaski  
Chief Building Inspector  
Zoning Administrator

Cc. Matthew Sadowski  
Planning Manager

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Deputy City Attorney



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July 9, 2019

Vanessa Boutwell  
1642 Washington Avenue  
Racine, WI 53403

RE: Revocation of Conditional Use Permit for 1642 Washington Avenue

Ms. Boutwell;

We have received information that you and your establishment continue to violate condition (f) of your conditional use permit dated May 20, 2015. Your conditional use permit allows your restaurant to be open on Friday and Saturday from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. and on Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. On July 7, 2019, at approximately 2:45 a.m. the Racine Police Department was dispatched to Catfish and More located at 1642 Washington Avenue for complaints of large crowds and vehicles blocking the roadway. See attached.

**You are being notified that your Conditional Use Permit is hereby revoked. This revocation is effective immediately, and you cannot operate your restaurant from this location after the date on this letter.** You are hereby ordered to vacate the premises immediately. Failure to comply with this order may result in citations and forfeitures of up to \$1000.00 plus court costs a day for each and every day of the violation, along with 30 days imprisonment for each violation in the case of a default. Additionally, this matter will be referred to the City Attorney's Office for further disciplinary actions, should you continue to operate despite the lack of an occupancy permit.

Any person aggrieved by a revocation order issued by the zoning administrator may appeal that order to the city plan commission. Appeals of revocations of conditional use permits shall be filed with the secretary of the plan commission in care of the city clerk within thirty (30) days of the mailing date of the order of revocation.

Respectfully,

Kenneth D. Plaski  
Chief Building Inspector  
Zoning Administrator

Cc. Matthew Sadowski, Planning Manager; Nhu Arn, Deputy City Attorney; Robin Zbikowski, Assistant City Attorney

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# Racine Police Department (RAPD)

# Incident Report

IMAGE  
WILL  
APPEAR  
AFTER  
APPROVAL

Incident:

Informational Report Only

Incident Report Number:

19-030696

Between: Date - Time

And/At: Date-Time

7/7/19

02:45

Incident Location:

1644 Washington Av, Racine, WI, 53403

CFS Code-1:

9031

CFS Code-2:

CFS Code-3:

CFS Code-4:

CFS Code-5:

CFS Code-6:

CFS Code-7:

CFS Code-8:

Name (Last, First, Middle)

DOB:

Race/Sex

Address: (Address, City, State, Zip)

Home Phone Number

Employer

Work Phone Number

Employer Address

Cell Phone Number

Name (Last, First, Middle)

DOB:

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Address: (Address, City, State, Zip)

Home Phone Number

Employer

Work Phone Number

Employer Address

Cell Phone Number

## SUMMARY

Fourteen officers had to respond to 1644 Washington Ave (Catfish and More) due to fights, unreasonable disturbance violations, loud music, vehicles speeding down the street, and patrons crowding all lanes of traffic. It took fourteen officers approximately 25 minutes to clear the crowd and close the business. I spoke to the owner Vanessa Boutwell.

Sgt Spaulding and Sgt Villalobos responded to the scene. Boutwell ID'd verbally, verified DOT. Dashcam footage and body cam footage exists.

Vehicle Information: (Year, Make, Model, Style, Color)

License Number:

State:

Expiration Year:

Vin:

Insurance Company:

Other Vehicle Information:

NCIC#

Reporting Officer(s):

Aukland, Jacob L.

Payroll Number :

2779

Report Date:

07/07/2019

Time Received:

02:45:51

Time Cleared:

03:44:45

Unit(s) Assigned:

3041, 3051, 3061, 3081, 3101,

Pages:

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Reviewed by:

Smith, Michael E.

Payroll Number :

1982

Copy To

Date: 07/07/2019  
 CFS Code: 9031  
 Incident Report Number: 19-030696

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19-030696

Incident Location:

1644 Washington Av, Racine, WI, 53403

Incident Date:

07/07/2019

**NAMES****Police Officer-1**

Spaulding, Joseph RAPD1203 W/M of 730 Center St, Racine, WI, 53403  
Work Phone: (262) 635-7700

**Police Officer-2**

Villalobos, Joe RAPD1772 W/M of 730 Center St, Racine, WI, 53403  
Work Phone: (262) 635-7700

**Mentioned-1**

Catfish and More of 1644 Washington Av, Racine, WI, 53403  
Work Phone: (779) 772-6149

**Mentioned-2**

Boutwell, Vanessa CATFISH AND MORE B/F of 1644 Washington Av,  
Racine, WI, 53403

**NARRATIVE**

On 07/07/19 at approximately 0245 hours I was dispatched to responded to 1644 Washington Ave (Catfish and More). It should be noted that Catfish and More is a popular late night restaurant that is very busy after bar close. Officers often have to respond due to the loud and unruly customers and clear pedestrians out of the roadway. In this specific incident, a complainant reported "30-40 vehicles speeding down the roadway and playing loud music." On arrival I observed an estimated 150-200 people in/around catfish. There were also dozens of cars illegally parked and playing music. Myself and other officers attempted to clear pedestrians from the roadway using our sirens and PA system but they would either not move or would immediately move back into the roadway. The vehicles and pedestrians associated with Catfish and More would consistently block all four lanes of traffic. Officers would clear the roadway and try to address another violation only to have to return to clear the roadway. It is painfully clear that Catfish and More is not equipped in space nor personnel needed in order to maintain safety and handle the large after bar crowd which frequents their business.

I then overheard another officer say on the radio that there was an active

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Aukland, Jacob L.

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fight inside Catfish and More. Myself and other officers got out on foot to get to the fight. Due to the large crowd I was unable to even get near the door, left alone inside the building to the fight. The fight stopped before officers were able to break it up and both parties left and clearly did not want to speak with officers. Due to the unsafe conditions officers were forced to close Catfish and More. It took fourteen officers with a K9 Unit approximately 25 minutes to clear the street/sidewalk/business and restore order. It should be noted that dispatch received several priority calls for service in the city of Racine which we were unable to respond to due to almost all officers on shift being needed at Catfish and More.

After Catfish and More was closed I spoke to Vanessa Boutwell who stated to me that she was the owner. When asked if Boutwell had any plan in place when they have a disorderly crowd she stated she had cameras. I asked Boutwell if she had any other plan in place for disorderly crowds or people blocking the street and she stated, "No."

Dashcam and Body camera footage exists of the incident.  
Boutwell ID'd verbally, verified DOT.

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