

## Good Neighbors Report

To: Public Safety and Licensing Committee

From: Attorney Ian R. Pomplin

RE: Harborspot – Lakeside Dining & Spirits, Roy Peterson, Agent  
207 Gaslight Circle.

Meeting date: Wednesday, January 14, 2026

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.** Mr. Peterson intends to open a bar and restaurant at the location of the recently closed Corner House on the Lake. His business is not yet operational due to a need to refurbish the interior of the building and the cooking areas. He expects that the business will be open in spring 2026. Once open, he intends to operate a family friendly restaurant serving pizza, craft cocktails, and other similar food. His premises description has been amended, and will include outdoor seating for alcohol service.

**Owner/agent experience.** Mr. Peterson has previous bar and restaurant experience, including the sale of alcohol, for approximately 13 years at his restaurant Reefpoint Brewery. Reefpoint Brewery will remain operational, and Mr. Peterson will have a manager at each location.

**Health department.** The bar and restaurant has yet to receive approval by the health department, and the building requires renovation before those approvals can be provided. The applicant was provided contact information to work with the City during the renovation to ensure it can be appropriately licensed.

**City Development and Building.** The bar and restaurant has yet to receive approval by the Building department and City Development, and the building requires renovation before those approvals can be provided. The applicant was provided contact information to work with the City during the renovation to ensure it can be appropriately licensed.

**Police Department issues.** Mr. Peterson discussed the common issues that arise for businesses that hold liquor licenses with Sgt. Cruz and Attorney Pomplin. Mr. Peterson was reminded that he needed to have staff with operator’s licenses to serve alcohol. Closing hours were discussed, and if the applicant wishes to extend closing hours during the summer, he was informed he must apply to have those hours extended.

**Amended Application.** Deputy City Clerk Williams and Attorney Pomplin talked with Mr. Peterson about his licensed premises description, and City staff identified that the description itself identified where alcohol would be stored, but not where it would be sold and consumed. Mr. Peterson has submitted an amended application with an updated premises description.

## **Overall Summary**

The premise at 207 Gaslight Circle does not raise concerns to city staff, provided that the premises is operated within the scope of the written business plan and that Mr. Peterson obtains the necessary approvals that he has yet to receive.

Given that the business has not yet been granted necessary health permits or building approvals, the Committee should approve a “conditional grant of the license” if it is so inclined, which would require the applicant to start operating within six months of the date of the common council approval.

Further, if the Committee were inclined to approve the application, it should be approved as amended to include the updated premises description.