

### **Good Neighbors Report**

To: Public Safety and Licensing Committee  
From: Attorney Nhu H. Arn  
Applicant: Box-me!, LLC., dba/The New Cafe  
Meeting date: Wednesday, May 21, 2025  
Departments: City Development, Police, Building and Attorney  
License(s) requested: Class "B" (beer) and "Class B" (intoxicating liquor) licenses

### **Issues Discussed**

**Business plan.** Mr. Lopez seeks to open a new restaurant serving breakfast and lunch on the corner of Sixth and Main. He is making a few minors updates to the building and intends to start operating as soon as the alcohol beverage license is issued. The business will operate primarily as a restaurant and will close at 3:00 p.m. every day.

**Owner/agent experience.** Mr. Lopez has approximately fifteen plus years of experience managing multiple restaurants in the Milwaukee and Kenosha area. He resides in Milwaukee but intends to commute to Racine every day to operate the restaurant.

**Amendment to the premises description.** Mr. Lopez has submitted a map of the second-floor banquet hall to be included as part of the licensed premises (see Amendment to Application). Alcohol may be stored, served or consumed on both the first and second floor only. Eventually, Mr. Lopez intends to expand into the sidewalk by applying for a sidewalk café permit. There is currently no outdoor seating as part of this application/business plan.

**Police Department issues.** There is no history of nuisance issues at this location. Sgt. Aukland reviewed standard police issues with the applicant, including but not limited to: 1) when to call for police assistance; 2) training staff to access video surveillance; 3) allowing immediate entry for officers; and 4) taking a proactive approach in dealing with crowds.