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September 28, 2009

Ronald D. Leonhardt City Clerk/License Committee City Hall 200 E. Wells Street, Room 105 Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

Based on criteria listed in the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances Chapter 68-4.11, the City of Milwaukee Health Department formally submits the attached objection to the release of the Food Dealer's License for Othman A. Farah located at 3732 W Vliet St doing business as A-J Foods by Alderman Hines. The mailing address for the applicant is 6455 S 20th St, Apt #1, Oak Creek WI 53154.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office at 414-286-3521.

Sincerely,

Bevan K. Baker, FACHE

Bevan K. Baker (PMF)

Commissioner of Health

Hulbert, Kevin

From:

Runner, Alex

Sent:

Friday, September 25, 2009 12:45 PM

To:

Filmanowicz, Raquel; Hulbert, Kevin

Cc:

Weber, David; Reese, Barbara; Holloway, Denise

Subject: FW: A-J Foods

Raquel and Kevin,

I just wanted to let you both know that Pres. Hines wishes to be on record as opposed to a new food license at 3732 W. Vliet Street.

A community meeting was held last night and there is widespread opposition to this proposed corner store. (From residents and businesses, including Harley-Davidson.) There are numerous reasons for our opposition – crime, loitering, unfit location, etc. – but one major reason is that the applicant has a bad track record with his existing store at 45th/North Ave.

Do we have a policy in place that an applicant can be refused outright (early in the process) if his/her other store locations are nuisance properties and/or have numerous code violations? If not, we think that such a policy should be considered. (Let me know if Ald. Hines can/should play a role in this.)

Thanks! – and let me know if you have any questions/concerns.

Best, Alex

From: Runner, Alex

Sent: Friday, September 25, 2009 12:40 PM

To: Reese, Barbara

Cc: hwproperties@netzero.com; Terry McCauley; Paoi Lor; preitter@wi.rr.com; 'Alex Babaian'; Hines Jr., Willie

Subject: RE: A-J Foods

Barb, as you know, Pres. Hines is opposing the food license at this location. Can you please give Mr. Babaian a call and see if we can address his other concerns, as well?

Thanks, Alex

From: Alex Babaian [mailto:babaianrug@sbcglobal.net]

Sent: Friday, September 25, 2009 10:16 AM

To: Hines Jr., Willie

Cc: hwproperties@netzero.com; Terry McCauley; Paoi Lor; preitter@wi.rr.com

Subject: A-J Foods

Willie,

I am seriously concerned that the owner and operator of the purposed A-J Foods on the corner of 37th & Vliet Street are ill prepared to operate a business that contributes to this neighborhood. I refer to their lack of city regulations such as no bars on the outside of all new business operations (I thought this was a given for stores like this). The cage that the owner operator has built for he is fine but what about his customers (is he expecting a war). Is this the future site of a crime!

Their lack of a business plan troubles me as we have enough failed operations to look back on in this neighborhood. They also are evasive as to how they expect to make a profit with no real draw other than they will be nice to everyone.

I realize that they have invested money in this operation (again their lack of planning); I just want to make sure they don't leave this "Hood" (their words) in a mess that I and my neighbors have to clean up.

Regards, Alex Alex J. Babaian CRA babaianrug@sbcglobal.net 414-933-5338 http://www.babaianrug.com