

## COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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- Wisconsin Center District Board

December 8, 2021

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Dear Members:

Re: Common Council File Number 211126

Attached are written objections to file number 211126, Motion relating to the recommendations of the Licenses Committee relative to licenses, relating to a recommendation of:

Renewal with a sixty (60) day suspension, based on the police, aldermanic and neighborhood testimony of the Class "B" Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises (PEP), Food Dealer, and Sidewalk Dining Licenses for Manjee, Habib for the premises located at 618 N Water St. ("ELMNT") in the 4<sup>th</sup> aldermanic district.

Nonrenewal of the Extended Hours Establishment license, based on the police report and aldermanic testimony for Singh, Harjinder for the premises located at 1341 W Center St. ("Center Petro Mart") in the 15<sup>th</sup> aldermanic district.

This matter will be heard by the full Council at its Tuesday, December 14, 2021 meeting. Pursuant to City Ordinances, a roll call vote will be taken to confirm that all members have read the attached statement and materials.

Respectfully,

Milele Coggs, Chair  
Licenses Committee

cc: All Council Members  
City Attorney's Office  
Common Council/City Clerk – License Division  
CCF 211126





# BOBOT LAW OFFICE

VINCENT J BOBOT

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December 8, 2021

Jim Owczarski, City Clerk  
City Hall  
200 E. Wells Street, Room 205  
Milwaukee WI 53202

RE: MKE Water Street LLC  
Habib Manjee  
618 N. Water Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53202-4909

## Objection to License Committee's Recommendation

Dear City Clerk Owczarski:

On behalf of my client, MKE Water Street LLC and Habib Manjee, we are objecting to the License Committee's recommendation of a renewal with sixty (60) day suspension of the Class "B" Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises, Food Dealer, and Sidewalk Dining Licenses.

Our objection to the recommendation is based on the following:

1. Regarding Item A – The business fully cooperative with a license check conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Health and Services.
2. Regarding Item B – A patron who had been escorted out of the night club went to his car. The patron then retrieved a handgun and fired 2 or 3 shots into the air. No one was injured. The licensee fully cooperated with the police by calling, retrieving evidence and providing a video of the incident. The patron was identified.
3. Regarding Item C – The incident concerning June 18, 2021 occurred at the 628 Club and not the licensee's business. Security guards from the licensee went and assisted the other guards. The Licensee did speak with the officers at the scene. The officers wanted the Licensee to fire the security guards for their involvement in this incident. The Licensee explained to the officers that the security officers had completed their employment that morning and we off-duty at the time.

Subsequent to that incident, the Licensee terminated the security officers from his business that assisted the 628 Club security.



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4. Regarding Item D – The video of the incident showed a fight broke out between patrons that exited the ELMNT Lounge. Security officers from the Licensee worked on breaking up the altercation. There were police officers on the scene at the time of the incident. Licensee stated that a video of the altercation was provided to the police.

The video clearly shows that there were not 100 people involved in the incident. The video is attached as exhibit A.

5. Regarding Item E – The Licensee met with the Milwaukee Police Department and discussed future plans to avoid any problems. The Licensee continues to work with the police to run a responsible business.

Therefore, we respectfully request that the Common Council renew my client's Class "B" Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises, Food Dealer, and Sidewalk Dining Licenses without the sixty (60) day suspension.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Date: December 8, 2021

TO: Members of the Milwaukee Common Council via City Clerk

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From: Harjinder Singh Agent for 1341 Center Street Inc. by and through his Attorney Jeffrey J. Guerard

Re: Nonrenewal of Extended Hours Establishment for 1341 Center Street Inc. the premise located at 1341 W. Center Street Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Center Petro Mart").

RESPONSE TO THE LICENSES COMMITTEE DECEMBER 3, 2021 REPORT

1341 Center Street LLC objections to the findings of The Licenses Committee as outlined its December 3, 2021 report ("The Report").

The Committee's recommendation for nonrenewal is overly harsh and arbitrary. The conduct outlined in the Report does not rise to the level of a non-renewal. The Committee has routinely given, at most, suspensions for discipline in cases where the conduct of the applicant and the business is much more severe. The Committee's recommendation in this case is arbitrary and overly harsh.

Furthermore, the business has a mitigation plan in place for the incidents that occurred at the location. The business has hired a security company, Police Wisconsin Public Safety LLC. Public Safety, LCC is at the location during the extended hours and has significantly improved the location during those hours. The Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law note that the last incident was in May of 2021. The location has not had any incidents since that time. The reason there has not been another incident on the police report is because of the hired security.

Sincerely,

AHMAD & GUERARD, LLP

  
Jeffrey J. Guerard  
Attorney for 1341 Center St. Inc.