



CITY OF MILWAUKEE  
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Tuesday, May 05, 2026

COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

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SMITH, Corey L, Agent  
SOCHE, LLC  
530 N WATER ST  
MILWAUKEE, WI 53202

You are requested to attend a hearing which is to be held in Room 301-B, Third Floor, City Hall or you may attend virtually using the link below.

**Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 11:00 AM**

The access code is <https://meet.goto.com/219052765>. Please see the enclosed best practices document for further instructions.

**Regarding:** Your Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer Licenses Renewal Application as agent for "SOCHE, LLC" for "CITY SOCIAL BAR AND GRILL AND THE LYNQ" at 530 N WATER St.

There is a possibility that your application may be denied for one or more of the following reasons. The recommendation of the committee regarding the application shall be based on evidence presented at the hearing. Per MCO 85-4-4, unless otherwise specified in the code, probative evidence concerning non-renewal, suspension or revocation may include evidence of the following: failure of the applicant to meet municipal qualifications, pending charges against or the conviction of any felony, misdemeanor, municipal offense or other offense, the circumstances of which substantially relate to the circumstances of the particular licensed or permitted activity, by the applicant or by any employee or other agent of the applicant. If the activities of the applicant involve a licensed premises, whether the premises tends to facilitate a public or private nuisance or has been the source of congregations of persons which have resulted in any of the following: disturbance of the peace; illegal drug activity; public drunkenness; drinking in public; harassment of passers-by; gambling; prostitution; sale of stolen goods; public urination; theft; assaults; battery; acts of vandalism including graffiti, excessive littering, loitering, illegal parking, loud noise at times when the licensed premise is open for business; traffic violations; curfew violations; lewd conduct; display of materials harmful to minors, pursuant to s. 106-9.6; or any other factor which reasonably relates to the public health, safety and welfare, or failure to comply with the approved plan of operation. See attached police report or correspondence.

**Notice for applicants with warrants or unpaid fines:**

**Proof of warrant satisfaction or payment of fines must be submitted at the hearing on the above date and time. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in a delay of the granting/denial of your application.**

Failure to appear at this meeting may result in the denial of your license. Individual applicants must appear only in person or by an attorney. Corporate or Limited Liability applicants must appear only by the agent designated on the application or by an attorney. Partnership applicants must appear by a partner listed on the application or by an attorney. If you wish to do so and at your own expense, you may be accompanied by an attorney of your choosing to represent you at this hearing.

You will be given an opportunity to speak on behalf of the application and to respond and challenge any charges or reasons given for the denial. No petitions can be accepted by the committee, unless the people who signed the petition are present at the committee hearing and willing to testify. You may present witnesses under oath and you may also confront and cross-examine opposing witnesses under oath. If you have difficulty with the English language, you should bring an interpreter with you, at your expense, so that you can answer questions and participate in your hearing.

You may examine the application file at this office during regular business hours prior to the hearing date. Inquiries regarding this matter may be directed to the person whose signature appears below.

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JIM OWCZARSKI, CITY CLERK

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Jim Cooney  
License Division Manager

**If you have questions regarding this notice, please contact the License Division at (414) 286-2238.**

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Phone: (414) 286-2238 Fax: (414) 286-3057 Email Address: [License@milwaukee.gov](mailto:License@milwaukee.gov)

**Collins, Rolanda**

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**From:** License  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 3, 2026 4:54 PM  
**To:** Collins, Rolanda  
**Subject:** FW: Resident complaint regarding employment violation - 1

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Marissa Milano  
*She/her/hers*  
License Coordinator  
City Clerk-License Division  
200 E Wells St #105  
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**From:** Melendez, Yadira <Yadira.Melendez@milwaukee.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 3, 2026 4:50 PM  
**To:** License <LICENSE@milwaukee.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Resident complaint regarding employment violation - 7

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 3, 2026 3:12 PM  
**To:** [lamont.westmoreland@milwaukee.gov](mailto:lamont.westmoreland@milwaukee.gov); Bauman, Robert <[rjbauma@milwaukee.gov](mailto:rjbauma@milwaukee.gov)>; Melendez, Yadira <[Yadira.Melendez@milwaukee.gov](mailto:Yadira.Melendez@milwaukee.gov)>  
**Subject:** Resident complaint regarding employment violation

You don't often get email from [REDACTED]  
Good afternoon,

There has been a situation weighing heavy on my heart that you should be aware of, happening in the city of Milwaukee. My former employer City Social Bar & Grill at 530 N Water st has violated my employment rights and it has caused mental/emotional damage and financial hardship in my life for the past month. After working for this employer for 2 years I was wrongfully terminated after reporting sexual assault off the clock by a colleague whom was a security guard/bouncer, while hanging out off the clock with the general manger Kyesha Washington and other members of the staff.

The SA incident took place 1/18/2026, I reported the issue on 1/19/2026 and asked for accommodations due to being fearful of my life and knowing that this individual owns a gun. After my accommodation request was made and a meeting was requested, the employer removed me from the schedule and put the meeting off until 1/26/2026, a week later. After submitting a schedule accommodation for school and the initial complaint, I was

told that there were no longer any hours and was permanently removed from the schedule. After 2 years of having an open availability and no formal write ups ,they informed me that there were no hours for me any longer moving forward.

After my employer instructed me not to mention this to anyone I took this to the police on 1/22/2026 and was met with further disappointment by an officer that was rude, lacked empathy by not filling the incident with the district attorney until after a month of me calling trying to make progress with my case became hopeless.I informed his sergeant and he was the one to make sure this was filled.

As a single mother and a resident of the city of Milwaukee I am disheartened by the lack of empathy in this situation. I hope there is some sort of compensation regarding my mental, emotional and financial hardships. I was told to reach out to you all for help but any resources you can provide would be helpful. I have reached out to the Equal rights division, EEOC and the police commission already regarding this matter.

Best,

**Castro, Samuel**

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**From:** License  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2026 4:01 PM  
**To:** Castro, Samuel  
**Subject:** FW: Information in OPPOSITION of the Renewal of City Social's Bar and Grille's / The LYNQ Tavern License  
**Attachments:** Screenshot 2026-04-19 at 11.42.09 AM.png; Water Street Image #1.jpeg; Water Street Image #4.png; Water Street Image #2.jpeg; Water Street Image #3.jpeg; IMG\_5148.mov; IMG\_5127.mov; Questions re\_ Visit Milwaukee Partners Public Safety Meeting Tomorrow - Please Forward This Email to Leaders and Business Owners in the Third Ward and Downtown.eml

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**From:** >  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2026 2:25 PM  
**To:** License <LICENSE@milwaukee.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Information in OPPOSITION of the Renewal of City Social's Bar and Grille's / The LYNQ Tavern License

Please see below. I should have sent it to this address - now I have.

All my best,

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**From:** .  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 20, 2026 at 2:49 PM  
**Subject:** Information in OPPOSITION of the Renewal of City Social's Bar and Grille's / The LYNQ Tavern License  
**To:** JoCasta.Zamarripa@milwaukee.gov <jocasta.zamarripa@milwaukee.gov>, Yadira.Melendez@milwaukee.gov <yadira.melendez@milwaukee.gov>  
**Cc:** >, Adamson, Nathaniel <naadam@milwaukee.gov>, Peter.Burgelis@milwaukee.gov <peter.burgelis@milwaukee.gov>, aide1@milwaukee.gov <aide1@milwaukee.gov>, DiAndre.Jackson@milwaukee.gov <DiAndre.Jackson@milwaukee.gov>, Alex.Brower@milwaukee.gov <alex.brower@milwaukee.gov>, mayor@milwaukee.gov <mayor@milwaukee.gov>, Lafayette Crump <lafayette.crump@milwaukee.gov>

**To the Chair and Members of the Milwaukee Common Council License Committee, Mayor and Chief of Police**

**Take a Look at the videos attached as well as the pictures prior to the hearing**

My name is:

We respectfully submit this letter in opposition to the renewal of the tavern license for City Social (also operating as The LYNQ) at 530 N. Water Street.

Based on our direct observations and documented incidents, we believe City Social's operations have created a persistent and escalating nuisance that materially interferes with the quiet enjoyment, safety, and habitability. The pattern of activity associated with this establishment raises serious concerns regarding public safety and the appropriateness of license renewal.

### **1. Pattern of Disturbances and Nuisance Conditions**

The attached materials—including video evidence, communications, and documented police calls (i.e., those calls that were actually logged - there is an issue there as we believe certain officers are not logging infractions)—reflect repeated occurrences of the below in our opinion:

- Excessive late-night noise (often between approximately 2:30 a.m. and 3:30 a.m.)
- Large groups of intoxicated patrons loitering outside the premises
- Fighting, verbal threats of violence, and disorderly conduct
- Patrons obstructing traffic and creating pedestrian safety hazards
- Illegal parking and street congestion
- Lack of effective crowd control or visible security intervention during disturbances

These conditions are not isolated. They are recurring and, in our experience, worsening.

### **2. Impact on Residents and Property**

As a direct result of these conditions:

- complained repeatedly regarding noise, safety concerns, and inability to sleep
- We have experienced 1 attributable to these disturbances
- The residential character and long-standing use has been materially disrupted

This is not a theoretical concern—it is actively impacting housing stability and property use on this block.

### **3. Foreseeable Risk to Public Safety**

The pattern described above—intoxication, late-night congregation, unmanaged crowds, and repeated altercations—creates a **foreseeable and substantial risk of serious bodily injury** to patrons, nearby residents, and the public.

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This risk is heightened in the Water Street corridor, which the City has already identified as an area experiencing elevated incidents of late-night violence. In our view, the conditions associated with this establishment reflect the very risk factors the City has been attempting to address.

We also note that a related establishment was under the same ownership and has previously been the site of a fatal shooting. While each location must be evaluated on its own record, that history underscores the importance of proactive intervention where warning signs are present.

#### 4. Insufficient Operational Controls

Critically, the attached evidence reflects an apparent absence of adequate mitigation measures, including:

- Effective security presence during peak hours
- Active crowd management outside the premises
- Timely de-escalation of conflicts
- Coordination with law enforcement to address recurring issues

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Without meaningful operational controls, the existing pattern is likely to continue.

#### 5. Request for Committee Action

We respectfully submit that the Committee has before it sufficient evidence to conclude that (in our opinion):

- The premises is operated in a manner that constitutes a nuisance; and
- Continued operation under the current model poses an unreasonable risk to public safety and neighboring properties.

Accordingly, we request that the Committee **deny the renewal** of the tavern license.

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We appreciate the Committee's attention to this matter and its role in protecting both public safety and the integrity of Milwaukee's neighborhoods.

All my best,

See below evidence of our position. Note that on 3/21 when one individual was killed on Junea - see what was going on at City Social: [Ring #AlwaysHome](#)



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Extreme noise and intoxicated patrons . Traffic obstruction .

<https://ring.com/share/1ab65c8b-bf56-4d47-a369-3746043be259>

Noise continues.

The level of noise lasted at this level for nearly an hour between 2:40-3:30 am.

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Continued traffic obstruction & pedestrian safety risk

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No police presence . No security crowd control from business .

Evidence of Calls from tenants to MPD already provided for this day and time frame.

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March 21-22, 2026

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Other issues of violence etc.

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**Loitering continues then goes back into city social 2/28/26 11:58pm**

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**3/1/26 excessive noise and yelling threats of violence with city social's security present during altercation - listen to the patron say "I don't care what happen" - violence is near.**

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**3/1/26 Excessive noise disturbance from intoxicated patrons - no security mitigation from business**

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Castro, Samuel

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2026 2:17 PM  
**To:**  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Fwd: Questions re: Visit Milwaukee Partners Public Safety Meeting Tomorrow - Please Forward This Email to Leaders and Business Owners in the Third Ward and Downtown

Letter to Mark chambers & community leaders send Aug 2025. , was cc'd when originally sent .

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:**  
**Date:** August 6, 2025 at 11:14:33 AM EDT  
**To:** "Chambers, Mark" <Mark.Chambers@milwaukee.gov>  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** **Re: Questions re: Visit Milwaukee Partners Public Safety Meeting Tomorrow - Please Forward This Email to Leaders and Business Owners in the Third Ward and Downtown**

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Mark,

Thanks for your email response. To be clear,

mobility/#:~:TEXT= You%20can%20see%20below%20that, Using%20an%20economic%20microscope.

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3. <https://opportunityinsights.org> - this is -

Mark, I view the issues of Water Street through my life's lens, and you have a great opportunity to lead. This issue for me is not one primarily, but one of safety, business development, opportunities and social mobility. For me it is very simple: if people don't feel safe, they won't visit Milwaukee's downtown and Third Ward. If they don't visit and spend money, the downtown becomes blight. Once there is blight, all of the companies I mentioned below move elsewhere. The tax base is depleted. Buildings sit dormant, and more crime follows. City leaders scramble, and decades pass before revitalization occurs. Then, MKE looks like Detroit (in the 70s-2000s - it's only now coming back with vitality) and it takes a long time to recover. In our case, this can stem from the activities occurring on Water Street (500 and 600 blocks) because that is where visitors to Milwaukee enter our city (our Magnificent Mile)... they stay in downtown hotels - if within 5 blocks of the Pfister Hotel there are murders occurring our city is dead - no one will visit. If it isn't fixed, it spirals and we all suffer economically and socially. This is all very simple.

Above, I said you have an opportunity to lead and I said I view things from my life's experiences. I came up poor, but with help from others I have been able to see the world. What I can say to you Mark is that Milwaukee is a gem. It is one of my favorite cities from around the world. You (Milwaukee) have a great thing going on in Milwaukee, so "lead" and don't let a few clubs destroy what will allow for even more greatness to emanate from Milwaukee. If you don't revoke these nightclub licenses, murder/violence will follow. It has been this way since I first moved to MKE in the summer of 1995. You can lead by having these nightclub licenses converted into food and beverage. As soon as it becomes a club, violence follows. Recently, the LA Times ran an expose of the violence that is associated with certain nightclubs in the Los Angeles east side. Crime follows. Death occurs. These nightclubs attract the wrong types of activities. That's all.

Note, I don't visit Brady street bars, etc. and I don't own property in those areas you mention.

3. Great homes on Grant.

for many years. We loved walking to the laketrfront, Third Ward and downtown. As the kids got older, we moved We love our little city. So, please make it safer, Mark. That is one way to honor the 3,136 voters who elected you in 2024.

By the way, you mentioned "targeted execution" - keep these nightclubs open and that will follow. And those are not my words, those are the words of the MKE police and the social services teams who were at the July 30th hearing. Take a listen to the police officers (inspectors Lough and Grant) describing where the violence comes from. It is simple, remove the nightclub aspect of these licenses. If you care about equity and inclusion and want to improve opportunities for black and brown people, you could start by making the city safe for all people, and that could start with how you handle licensing of nightclubs on the 500 and 600 blocks of Water Street. So, now we expect you and Alderman Bauman to do the right things for all Milwaukeeans.

All my best,

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On Tue, Aug 5, 2025 at 9:15 PM Chambers, Mark <[Mark.Chambers@milwaukee.gov](mailto:Mark.Chambers@milwaukee.gov)> wrote:

Dear .

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Thank you for your detailed message. I want to be direct in my response, because beneath the passionate tone lies a narrative that needs to be addressed head-on—not just for accuracy, but for fairness and equity.

You advocate for the revocation of nightclub licenses on the 500 and 600 blocks of Water Street, tying a handful of incidents to the very existence of these venues and the people they serve—many of whom are Black and Brown. Let's be honest: this isn't just about public safety. This is about **who is being policed, where, and why.**

Because if public safety were truly the standard, then we'd be having this exact same conversation about what happens **on the other side of Water Street**, in the **Third Ward**, and certainly on **Brady Street**, where incidents also occur—often without the same level of scrutiny, reporting, or calls for license revocation. There are establishments in those neighborhoods with long histories of violence, over-intoxication, and disturbances. And yet, we rarely see a public push to cancel their licenses. **Why is that?**

You mentioned **Brothers** as a clear example. You're absolutely right. It's no secret that there have been multiple instances where MPD hasn't reported incidents from certain venues—or where operators feel emboldened enough to ask for problems to be “swept under the rug.” And far too often, they get just that.

Yet when it comes to venues that serve a predominantly Black and Brown crowd, we see a very different tone. Suddenly, the music is too loud, the guests are “the wrong type,” and the solution is to shut it all down. That is a **pattern**, not a coincidence.

Let's also be clear about your repeated use of the phrase “certain crowds.” That kind of coded language has long been used to criminalize cultural

spaces tied to communities of color. It's not the people that are the problem—it's the bias in how they are viewed and treated. This isn't just about law enforcement or policy—it's about **perception**, and whose comfort takes priority in this city.

If we are going to talk about leadership, let's talk about the kind that doesn't cherry-pick which neighborhoods deserve vibrant nightlife and which ones don't. The kind of leadership that demands accountability from **all** establishments—regardless of ZIP code, clientele, or cultural expression.

If you're truly concerned about public safety, then let's have a **citywide conversation** about licensing, enforcement, and equity. Let's look at **Brady Street, the Third Ward, and the East Side** with the same lens you apply to Water Street. Anything less is not leadership—it's targeted exclusion.

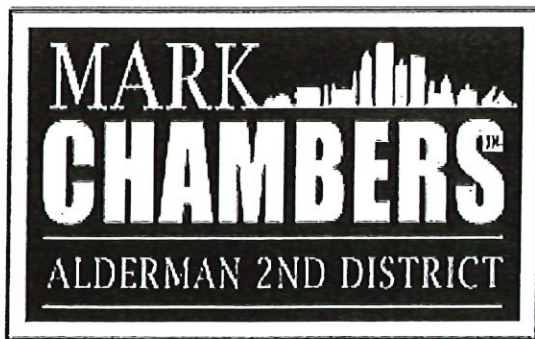
Best Wishes,

**Mark A Chambers Jr.**

2<sup>nd</sup> District Alderman

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From: I

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First - to get your mind right - **ask yourself if you, employees of downtown businesses, and guests to Milwaukee deserve a safe downtown and Third Ward?** My answer is yes. What is your answer? Everything else is just politics. The easy fix is cancel/revoke these nightclub licenses for the troubled locations, especially on the 500 and 600 blocks of Water Street.

Now, thanks for having this forum for questions. I have a few. Let me start by saying that at least with respect to the 500 and 600 blocks of Water Street, we have suffered from poor leadership by Alderman Bauman on this issue. When a leader does not take responsibility for the problems in her district and casts blame on the police and mayoral appointees, that leader should not be leading.

And here is a prime example, listen to Bob during the Public Safety and Health Committee meeting on July 30, 2025. He masterfully transferred responsibility from himself as the responsible Alderman for **Element** (recent murder - other murders/shootings over the past 20 years as **Lady Bug Club**); **Brownstone** (murder a couple years back); and **City Social** (this is Element number 2 - given how City Social operates, there will be violence emanating from that nightclub very soon). In this meeting he made the issue one of law enforcement and not an issue of governance and good leadership, which Bauman is clearly not showing.

Listen at this link: [https://milwaukee.granicus.com/player/clip/4746?view\\_id=2&redirect=true](https://milwaukee.granicus.com/player/clip/4746?view_id=2&redirect=true)

Now my questions: and they are directed at governance and leadership, specifically with respect to Bob Bauman, but also to the entire liquor/bar license committee:

1. Why did Bob Bauman allow the purported former owner of Brownstone, where a murder occurred, to transfer ownership of Brownstone to the then manager of Brownstone? These were two operators who failed to protect their staff and others. Were these persons properly vetted by Bauman and his office before he recommended them for a license to operate? The reason I ask is because Mr. Bauman, in May or June of this year, authorized the recertification of City

Social's license to operate. City Social's operator operates identical to Element and caters to the same crowd after 9pm. If you don't believe me, head down there on any Friday or Saturday and take a look (AND LISTEN) from about 10pm onwards.

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Where is the leadership on the part of Bob Bauman who allows an operator and owner of one night club on "Murder Alley" where a murder occurred, to receive a license at another location. It's just stupid! Bob should have limited City Social's licenses to just food and beverage, not a nightclub because like Element, it attracts the wrong type of activities. **So, the question is - does Bob Bauman owe the 2,938 people who voted for him in 2024 an explanation as to why he allows these types of nightclubs to continue to operate - and "he vouches for the operators as well" - then he complains that the police are not doing their jobs? What a copout (no pun intended). Milwaukee can do better.**

2. Bob Bauman criticized inspector Paul Lough, chief of staff Heather Hough, and inspector Sheronda Grant at timestamp 28:15 - through 28:54 of the above link and said things are "hopeless." He throws up his hands for a problem that he created and now blames the police. This is not a law enforcement issue; this is a leadership issue. He successfully put the blame on the mayor's staff, and not himself. Bauman could have called for the revocation of Element's, City Social's and Brownstone's licenses - he supported them by not taking a stand against them. He is not a leader.... he pontificates well though. **Please ask him why he allows these three night clubs to operate on the 500 - 600 blocks of Water Street when he knows that murder and violence will follow, destroying our downtown living and tourism industries? Ask him: "Is this leadership?" Why does he not take his own initiative and call for their revocation himself?** He calls a meeting to place blame on the police, when he should have denied these licenses - HE CREATED THE PROBLEM that he is asking the police to fix.

A week or so ago, I flew into MKE from all over. Most of us stayed at the KINN on Broadway - a great place and great food in the restaurant on the first floor. On a night out, we passed City Social. It had its front (Water Street facing) garage doors open, and music blaring all the way to the Third Ward. And right across the street, parked under the Chase Bank parking structure, were persons on 3-wheel motorcycles, in older cars (music blaring, but not as loud as City Social's music), some just hanging around drinking and smoking. You see, Element was closed, and these persons needed another location to find their entertainment. They found City Social. Soon, there will be another murder on Water Street (500 block). So, think about that, and then listen to Bauman chastise the police that it's not the clubs.... it's the people outside the club. No Bob, it's poor leadership - you need to revoke these nightclub licenses. **Ask Bob if he will propose a list of nightclubs for revocation....ones that he stood up for and recommended to the license committee?**

3. At timestamp 35:55, listen to the colloqui between city officials and Bauman. If I were Ms. Grant, I would NOT have been so humble. Ms. Grant pointed at the right

issue: REVOCATION. Bob said that in 20 years, the MKE police has never recommended revocation for a nightclub in his district. What a great leader he is. He sees carnage in his Aldermanic District and punts to the police. If I were the police or the mayor's staff I would be pissed. So, question for Bauman: **Do you want Water Street (Our Magnificent Mile) to be known as Murder Alley as it is being called? Do you want to destroy the great things that are going on in the Third Ward and Downtown? Do you want us (Milwaukee) to have a reputation that makes tourists afraid to visit downtown and the Third Ward? Are you (Bob) comfortable contacting the leadership of Baird, Foley & Lardner, Johnson Controls, Northwestern Mutual Life, Harley-Davidson, Zurn, Rev Group, and Manpower and inviting them down to the 500 and 600 blocks of Water Street for a beer (I know one person that Bob knows that would not be so comfortable)..... let's say around 10pm on? Let us know Bob.**

4. The issue is leadership. Since Bob won't take a leadership role, **can you ask the police and the mayor's offices to propose several nightclubs for revocation and send the list to Bob with the request that Bob stand before the License Committee and say "I Bob Bauman support revocation of all these nightclubs on the City's list for revocation."**

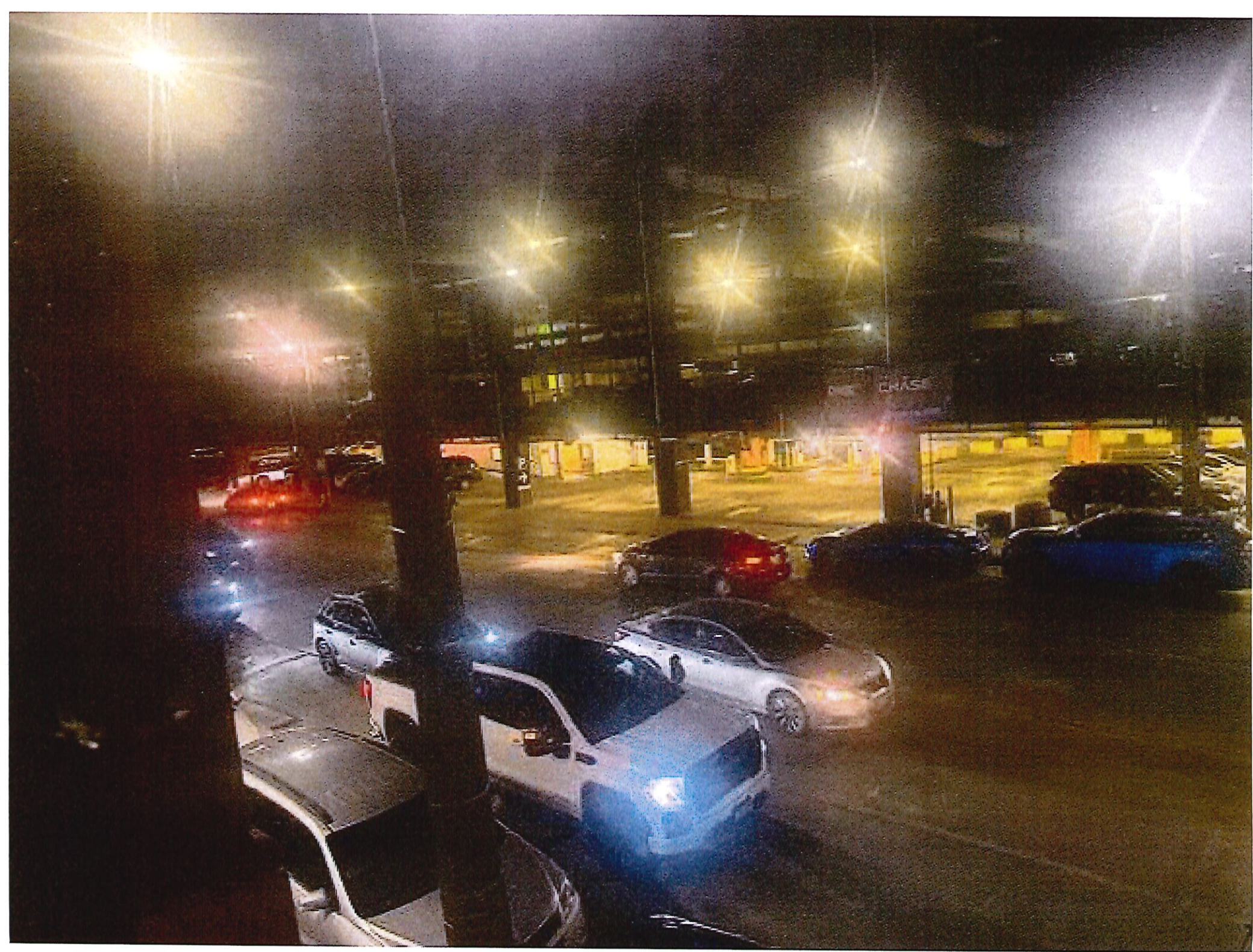
I don't know the mayor, but he is doing a great job from all the cranes downtown and in the third ward, and almost no homes for sale on my 3400 block of Hackett...he needs to listen carefully: Do not let Bob Bauman create your narrative. If you don't make Water Street in the Downtown and Third Ward areas safe, you will never have a shot at the governorship or state/national leadership. They will put all of this mess on your leadership.

By the way, on Journeyman Hotel. Great place. And, for 4 days in Milwaukee. We spent about \$1500 alone at St. Paul Fish in the Public Market - I even spoke to the owner and said "we have a great thing here...great food; great city; great people; will you open a location in Scottsdale and Delray Beach?" She chuckled. I love their fried oysters. In the back of my mind though, I was like: Will Bob make the right decision for all of us who love Downtown MKE and the Third Ward?

Thank you for your time.

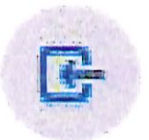
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Mon, Jan 19 at 8:43 PM

4 Photos



At 8:30 pm the police car was gone. (I left a voicemail regarding the above photos)

Times to check on January 10th:

7:32 Yelling began

8:37 Men screaming,

9:04 More screaming:







# MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT LICENSING

## CRIMINAL RECORD/ORDINANCE VIOLATION/INCIDENTS SYNOPSIS

DATE: 04/08/26

LICENSE TYPE: Class B Tavern

NEW:

RENEWAL:

No. 392076

Application Date:

License Location: 530 North Water Street

Business Name: Kipper

Licensee/Applicant: Grogan, Timothy M.  
(Last Name, First Name, MI)

Date of Birth: 10/04/1968

Home Address: 522 N. Water Street #208C

City: Milwaukee

State: WI Zip Code: 53202

Home Phone: (414) 313-1553

This report is written by Police Officer Felix, assigned to the License Investigation Unit, Days.

The Milwaukee Police Department's investigation regarding this application revealed the following:

1. On 04/10/2006 the Wisconsin Department of Transportation revoked the applicant's driver's license for 6 months for Operating While Intoxicated.

2. The applicant owes the city of Milwaukee \$300.00 for unpaid parking citations under case number 14023302 which was due 07/28/2014.

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3. The applicant owes the city of Milwaukee \$474.00 for unpaid parking citations under case number 15033509 which was due 09/21/2015.

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4. The applicant owes the city of Milwaukee \$231.00 for unpaid parking citations under case number 15033509 which was due 10/24/2016.

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5. On 08/08/2017 the applicant was cited for Operating While Intoxicated. He was convicted on 10/18/2017 and his license was revoked for 7 months.

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6. On 06/11/2020 officers conducted a license premise check at FORE, 530 N. Water St. The officers observed no violations.

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7. On 02/15/26, at 9:39 p.m., officers were dispatched to a Subject with Weapon complaint. A suspect who was a patron became upset when informed by a security guard that the business was closing and they had to leave. As a security guard escorted the suspect out of the business, they retrieved a handgun from their waistband and made threats to cause harm. The suspect left prior to officers' arrival.

8. On 03/19/26, at 9:05 p.m., and 11:38 p.m., Officers were dispatched to a Noise Nuisance complaint. Upon arrival officers advised the agent of the complaint. The noise complaint could not be substantiated. No violations observed.

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**Items 7 and 8 added**

**Previous Premise**



Tuesday, May 05, 2026



# Notice of Public Hearing

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SMITH, Corey L, Agent  
City Social Bar and Grill and The LYNQ at 530 N WATER St  
Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer Licenses Renewal Application

**Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 11:00 AM**

To whom it may concern:

The above application has been made by the above named applicant(s). This requires approval from the Licenses Committee and the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee. The hearing before the Licenses Committee will take place on 5/19/2026 at 11:00 AM in Room 301-B, Third Floor, City Hall. This is a public hearing. Those wishing to view the proceeding are able to do so via the City Channel – Channel 25 on Spectrum Cable – or on the Internet at <http://city.milwaukee.gov/citychannel>. Those wishing to provide oral testimony via internet are asked to contact the staff assistant, Yadira Melendez at (414) 286-2775 or [stasst5@milwaukee.gov](mailto:stasst5@milwaukee.gov) for necessary information. Please make such requests no later than one business day prior to the start of the meeting. You are not required to attend the hearing, but please see the information below if you would like to provide testimony. Once the Licenses Committee makes its recommendation, this recommendation is forwarded to the full Common Council for approval at its next regularly scheduled hearing.

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## Important details for those wishing to provide information for the Licenses Committee to consider when making its recommendation:

1. The license application is scheduled to be heard at the above time. Due to other hearings running longer than scheduled, you may have to wait some time to provide your testimony.
2. You must appear in person and testify as to matters that you have personally experienced or seen. (You cannot provide testimony for your neighbor, parent or anyone else; this is considered hearsay and cannot be considered by the committee.)
3. No letters or petitions can be accepted by the committee (unless the person who wrote the letter or the persons who signed the petition are present at the committee hearing and willing to testify).
4. Persons opposed to the license application are given the opportunity to testify first; supporters may testify after the opponents have finished.
5. When you are called to testify, you will be sworn in and asked to give your name, and address. (If your first and/or last names are uncommon please spell them.)
6. You may then provide testimony.
  - a. Include only information relating to the above license application.
  - b. Include only information you have personally witnessed or seen.
  - c. Provide concise and relevant information detailing how this business has affected or may affect the peaceful enjoyment of your neighborhood.
  - d. If by the time you have the opportunity to testify, the information you wish to share has already been provided to the committee, you may state that you agree with the previous testimony. Redundant or repetitive testimony will not assist the committee in making its recommendation.
7. After giving your testimony, the members of the Licenses Committee and the licensee may ask questions regarding the testimony you have given or other factors relating to the license application.
8. Business Competition is not a valid basis for denial or non-renewal of a license.  
**Please Note: If you have submitted an objection to the above application your objection cannot be considered by the committee unless you personally testify at the hearing.**

OCCUPANT	MAIL ADDRESS	CITY STATE ZIP
CURRENT OCCUPANT	225 E MICHIGAN ST# 401	MILWAUKEE, WI 53202-4912
CURRENT OCCUPANT	225 E MICHIGAN ST# 402	MILWAUKEE, WI 53202-4912
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CURRENT OCCUPANT	522 N WATER ST# 301	MILWAUKEE, WI 53202-5500
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Total Records: 42

Radius 250 feet and Center of the Circle: 530 N Water St

**2025-2026 Plan of Operation for 530 N WATER ST**

**1. Litter & Security Plans**

How are the grounds kept clean?  Sweep  Pressure Wash  Pick Up Litter  Other: Staff to clean daily

How often will grounds be cleaned?  Daily  Weekly  Other:

Who cleans the grounds?  Licensee  Building Owner  Employees  Hired Maintenance  Other:

How are noise issues prevented and/or addressed?  Security  Manager approaches customer(s)  Call Police  Signs Posted  Other:

Are there designated outdoor smoking areas?  No  Yes If Yes, Describe:

Number of garbage cans: Inside 13 Locations: Bathrooms, behind the bars, basement, seating areas  
 Outside 1 Locations: Behind the building - dumpster

Is a crowd control barrier used?  No  Yes If Yes, Describe:

Number of restrooms: 4 Name of solid waste contractor: Waste Management

Are there parking spaces on the premises?  No  Yes If Yes, list number of spaces: \_\_\_\_\_ and describe security plans:

Are there designated loading areas?  No  Yes If Yes, describe security plans:

Do you have licensed security personnel on the premise?  No  Yes If Yes, how many? 2  
 AND What are their responsibilities? ID Checks at entrance, pat downs at entrance, crowd control and cleaning up premises daily  
 What security equipment do they use? ID scanner and security wand  
 List their licenses number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Are there security cameras?  No  Yes If Yes, list all locations: 16 cameras on 2nd floor, 17 cameras on 1st floor, 5 cameras outside

Are searches and/or identification checks conducted upon entry?  No  Yes If Yes, describe: ID checks and pat downs

**2. Percentage of Sales (must total 100%)**

Alcohol 45 % Food Sales 50 % Entertainment \_\_\_\_\_ % Other 5 %

**3. Businesses On The Premises (choose all that apply):**

Restaurant  Cafe/Coffee Shop  Cocktail Lounge  Convenience Store  Night Club  Liquor Store  Tavern  Sports Facility  
 Hotel  Banquet Hall  Supermarket  Private/Fraternal/Veterans' Club  Other:

**4. Hours of Operation and Age Restriction**

Are there any changes to the current hours of operation or age restriction?  No  Yes If Yes, Describe:

Please Note: If you will be open earlier or later than the hours listed on your current license for even one event or holiday (for example, St. Patrick's Day, Brewers Opening Day, etc.) during the license period, this must be reported and printed on your license.  
 Your hours of operation and age restriction are listed on your current license.

**5. Floor Plan and Capacity**

Are you requesting any changes to your capacity or floor plan\*?  No  Yes If yes, describe: \_\_\_\_\_ and submit a new floor plan with this renewal application. A sample plan can be found online at [www.milwaukee.gov/licenses](http://www.milwaukee.gov/licenses) under License Forms and Related Information.

Alcohol/Food Establishments: A "Permanent Extension of Premises Application" is required if you are adding any square footage to the licensed premises.

**6. Sidewalk Dining: Fee:**

Are there any changes to the sidewalk dining site plan?  No  Yes If Yes, submit an updated site plan with this application.

**7. Food License: FREST 22619 Fee: \$1,440.00**

Your current food license includes the following food operations:  
 DHS - MODERATE, Sales \$200,001 - \$2,000,000, Tavern Restaurant.  
 Are there any changes to your food operations as listed above?  No  Yes, if Yes, explain  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**8. Weights and Measures: Fee:**

Number/Type of Devices:  
 Are there any changes to the number or types of devices?  No  Yes  
 If yes, contact our office for further instructions.

**1. CURRENT APPROVED ENTERTAINMENT for City Social Bar and Grill and The LYNQ 530 N WATER ST**

The following types of entertainment have been approved for your current Public Entertainment Premises license:

Comedy Acts, Disc Jockey, Bands

**2. ADDING ENTERTAINMENT**

If applicable, check any entertainment you wish to add: **ONLY CHECK ENTERTAINMENT TYPE(S) YOU ARE ADDING. YOUR CURRENT APPROVED ENTERTAINMENT IS LISTED ABOVE. ALSO SUBMIT AN UPDATED FLOOR PLAN AND PLAN OF OPERATION OR CONFIRMATION STATEMENT IF THE NEW ENTERTAINMENT DOES NOT CHANGE THE CURRENT PLAN OF OPERATION.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Instrumental Musicians   | <input type="checkbox"/> Bands                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Battle of the Bands                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Comedy Acts  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disc Jockey  | <input type="checkbox"/> Magic Shows                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Poetry Readings                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Dancing by Performers                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jukebox  | <input type="checkbox"/> Wrestling                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron Contests                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Patrons Dancing                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Entertainment/<br>Strippers/Erotic Dance                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Karaoke                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Bowling Alley<br>How many? _____      | <input type="checkbox"/> Pool Tables<br>How many? _____                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motion Pictures (movies by admission)<br>How many screens? _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Amusement Machines<br>How many? _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Concerts<br>Approx. # per year? _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Theatrical Performances<br>Approx. # per year? _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hookah Service  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                          |  |   |

No entertainment changes can take place until approved by Common Council and a new license has been issued and posted on the premises.

**3. REMOVING ENTERTAINMENT**

If applicable, list any entertainment you wish to remove:

**4. PROMOTERS/SOUND AMPLIFICATION**

Will promoters ever be used for any of the entertainment?  No  Yes If Yes, Describe:

At any time will sound amplification be used?  No  Yes If Yes, Describe:

**5. SIGNATURE**

I understand that after the license has been issued, a change to the plan of operation will require a written request to change and approval from the Common Council.

I agree to inform the City Clerk within 10 days of any substantial changes in the information supplied in this application.

I understand that I shall not willfully refuse to provide the services offered under this license, or add charges or require deposits not required of the general public because of race, color, sex, religion, national origin or ancestry, age, handicap, lawful source of income, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, familial status or the fact that a person is now or has been a member of the military service, whether dressed in uniform or not; and shall not seek such information as a condition of employment, or penalize any employee or discriminate in the selection of personnel for training or promotion on the basis of such information.

I have knowledge of the City Ordinances currently regulating public entertainment, and understand that the license may be subject to suspension, non-renewal or revocation, if I violate any rule, law or regulation of the city of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin.

*Kyala Washington*

Signature of Sole Proprietor, a Partner, or if a Corporation or LLC, the Agent must sign