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Sent: Sunday, September 25, 2022 11:45 PM
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Subject: Objection: Kelly, Tanisha Penthouse Lounge at 3621 N. Teutonia Avenue Class B Tavern

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To The License Committee

On behalf of the North Teutonia Avenue businesses and neighbors, the following objection shall be entered with regard to the renewal of the license for the Penthouse Lounge at 3621 N. Teutonia Ave. One or several members of the ad hoc association of businesses and neighbors in the North Teutonia Ave area would like to provide testimony by phone or internet at the hearing scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2022 at 1:45 pm.

The basis for the objection to the renewal of the license is grounded in two main concerns: 1) Penthouse's failure to comply with the limitations imposed on its license; and, 2) A stream of complaints/concerns from the neighborhood residents.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE LICENSE COMMITTEE'S LIMITATIONS

The license issued to the Tanisha Kelly of the Penthouse Lounge excludes the following activities:

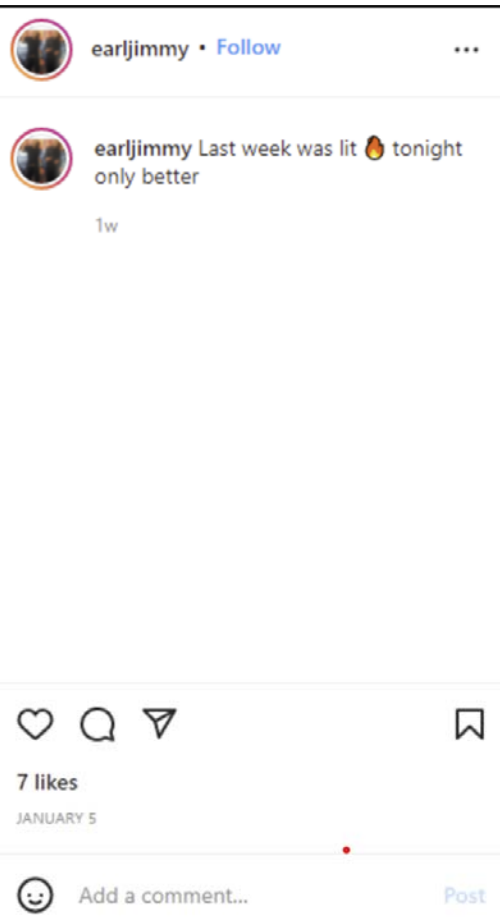
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- karaoke, and
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- 2 amusement machines.
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Also, the license does not approve adult entertainment, exotic dancers, or gambling.

All of the above limitations were issued by the Licensing Committee on November 2, 2021. However, Penthouse Lounge does not seem to be adhering to the limitations issued by the Licensing Committee as evidenced in the advertisements of the Penthouse Lounge:

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CONCERNS OF THE RESIDENTS:

Since November 2021, the following incidents have been logged by the ad hoc association with regard to this property:

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- Fight/Battery (approx. 5 instances) - including a fight where a 6'3" 280 Lb man
- was beating up a woman while a crowd formed on the sidewalk; and, another fight between two women that ended in gunfire.
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- Reckless driving/use of vehicle
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- Traffic hazard (2 instances)
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- Shootings/Gun fire (11 instances)
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- Property damage
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- Armed Robbery
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In addition, observations by local residents of activity at 3621 N. Teutonia Ave include:

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- Accumulated trash around the property at 3621 N. Teutonia Ave.
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- Daytime drug dealing
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- Parking on neighbor lots and in neighbor driveways.
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- Broken beer bottles and other glass in the middle of the street and on the sidewalks.
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- Pool parties in the backyard area.
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- [HERE!](#)
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- After hours gambling.
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- Deployment of fireworks -
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- Drag racing
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- Furniture dumping in the alley behind 3621 N. Teutonia venue - to the south of
- the property there is a collection of furniture, construction debris, and other items.

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Ultimately, the 3621 N Teutonia Ave property has negatively impacted the North Teutonia Avenue area. The property owner has not mitigated the problems at the property.

INCREASE IN LITTER SINCE NOVEMBER 3RD

The litter has substantially increased in the area as a result of Penthouse Lounge

LATE NIGHT PATRON TRAFFIC

Please note that the Penthouse Lounge has a highly active late-night patronage, Monday through Sunday. Based on the reports from the neighborhood, the activity ramps up *after 3 or 4 am*. Also, many local residents have complained about an increase in the late-night loitering , loud arguments, and regular fights among the Penthouse Lounge patrons. The activity is frequent, but too transient for an effective police report. Nonetheless, neighbors have expressed that they often feel "unsafe" when working (commercial business owners) and/or returning home (local residents) later in the evenings as a result of the unpredictable behavior of the Penthouse patrons. There are several "women owned" businesses located on North Teutonia Ave. and safety is a primary concern.

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

The Nehr building is located to the immediate north of the Penthouse property; and has been subject to shootings, loiterers and other supplemental late night activity as a result of the Penthouse patrons.

COMPLAINTS RECEIVED: November 2021 through Present

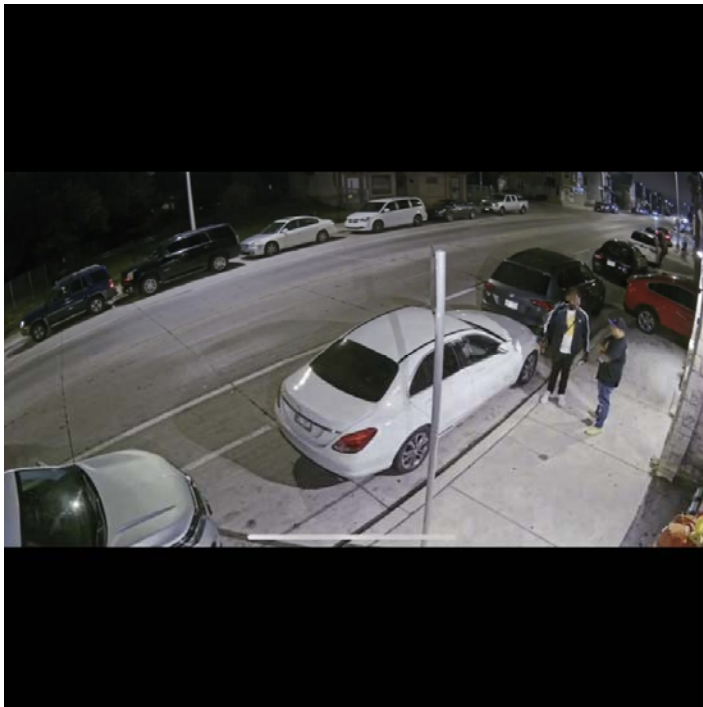
Date	Contact\Complaint	Resolved (Y/N)
11/3/21	Five shots were fired into a neighbor’s building at approximately 3 am. Police were called and bullet casings were recovered. This matter was reported to Ald. Coggs.	Unresolved.
12/17/21	A red/burgundy SUV was parked on a neighbor’s lot and caused approximately \$2500 in damage to property. The vehicle was associated with the Penthouse Lounge. Ms. Kelly was informed and a police report was created.	Reimbursement was promised by Penthouse Lounge but never paid.
12/18/21	Daily problems with patrons/owners of the Penthouse Lounge parking in the loading zones. These areas are marked with signs but disregarded.	Unresolved.
2/16/22	An inspection by the CPU unit finding that the Penthouse Lounge was operating outside of the parameters of their license. Two citations were issued to the owner. DNS was scheduled to conduct zoning inspections.	Resolved.
2/24/22	Report received about bullets being fired into a neighboring building of the Penthouse Lounge. A report was made to the police.	Resolved.

3/4/22	An inspection of the Penthouse Lounge resulted in another citation from MPD and multiple violations from the DNS.	Resolved.
3/17/22	Complaints made by neighbors about the increased trash left in the area around Penthouse lounge. Businesses in the area were forced into doing "morning clean ups" in order to keep the neighborhood free of debris caused by the patrons of Penthouse Lounge.	Unresolved.
4/3/22	Additional neighbor complaints about the safety in the neighborhood as a result of the numerous fights of the patrons of the Penthouse Lounge. On several occasions gunfire resulted along with broken glass in the middle of the street. Also, complaints that the owners of Penthouse encourage their patrons to park on the lots of the church and an open field across from the bar.	Unresolved.
6/14/22	Additional complaints from neighbors about daytime pool parties at the Penthouse Lounge. Women arrive in scantily clad bathing suits and provocative clothing. After hours fights and shootings are becoming common in the evening hours.	Unresolved.
7/4/22	Complaint about fireworks being deployed at the Penthouse Lounge location. Click Here and Here!	Unresolved.
7/6/22	Penthouse Lounge advertises its pool party. See Appendix, Item III.	Unresolved.
8/10/22	Penthouse Lounge tells customers to park on the lot across the street from the venue. This was never approved by the owner of the lot. See Appendix, Item II.	Partially resolved. In later August 2022 the owner of the lot put up an iron-rod fence to keep cars off of the lot.
8/16/22	Adult entertainment at the Penthouse location. Click HERE!	Unresolved.
8/30/22	Adult entertainment at the Penthouse Location. Click HERE!	Unresolved.
9/10/22	Penthouse Lounge tells patrons to park in the church parking lot. This was never approved by the owner of the church. See Appendix, Item I.	Unresolved.

APPENDIX

- I.
- II.

III. Penthouse tells its customers to park in the church parking lot:
9/10/22



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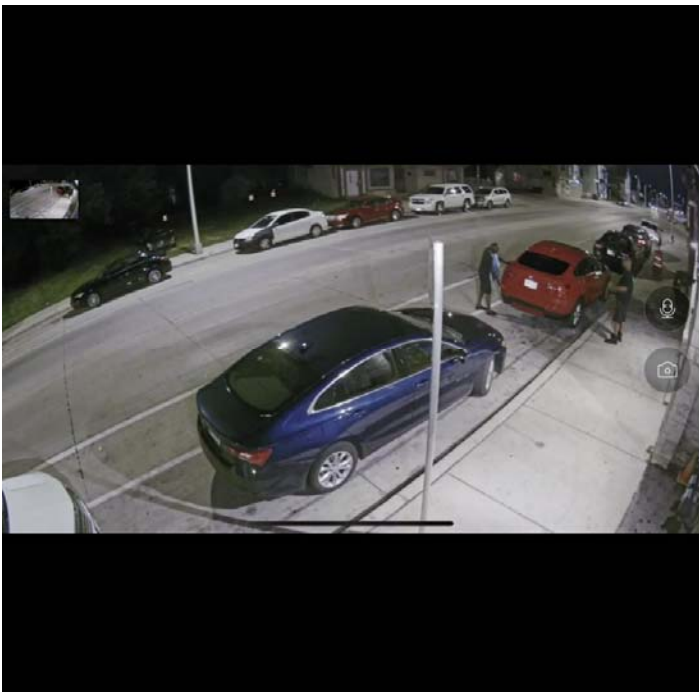
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9 likes
SEPTEMBER 10

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IV. Penthouse Lounge tells patrons to park in the lot across the street in an Instagram
V. post: 8/10/22
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earljimmy No street park across the street in the field good I'm
buying that too 🍷
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45 likes
AUGUST 10

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- III.
- IV.
- V. Penthouse Lounge hosts pool parties at the 3621 N Teutonia Ave location: 7/6/22
- VI.



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Sincerely,
The North Teutonia Avenue Business and Neighbor Association (an ad hoc association)