



JAMES N. WITKOWIAK
ALDERMAN, 12TH DISTRICT

April 28, 2005

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Dear Members:

Re: Common Council File 041686

Attached are written objections to the Recommendation of nonrenewal based on nonappearance for the 24 Hour Establishment application of Gregory Pingry, Agent for "Heartland Food Corporation", with change of officer and plan of operation for "Burger King #6091" at 1841 S. 14th St. in the 12th Aldermanic District.

This matter will be heard by the full Council at its May 3, 2005 meeting. Pursuant to City Ordinances, a roll call vote will be taken to confirm that all members have read the attached objections.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JAMES N. WITKOWIAK". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a large, hand-drawn circle.

James N. Witkowiak, Chair
Utilities and Licenses Committee

cc: All Council Members
City Attorney's Office
Common Council/City Clerk – License Division
CCF 041686

HEARTLAND FOOD CORP.

April 27, 2005

Linda,

I have attached a copy of the e-mail I sent to Alderman Witkowiak regarding the 24 license application for Burger King at 1841 S. 14th St.

As we spoke about on Monday, there was no willful disregard of the committee hearing on the 19th. I had spoken to Adam on the 11th, and assumed that the matter would go through the committee with out a problem.

If possible, I would like the matter referred back to committee. At this point in time, I do plan on attending the Common Council meeting on May 3, unless my issue is taken off of the agenda.

If you do hear of anything regarding the Common Council meeting on the 3rd, I can be contacted at 414-467-7975. Thank you for your help the other day. I've never been involved in this process before, and your help was much appreciated.

Thank you again,



Greg Pingry

Greg Pingry

To: jwitko@milwaukee.gov
Subject: 24 Hour License for Burger King 1841 S. 14th St.

Alderman Witkowiak,

My name is Greg Pingry, a District Manager for Heartland Food Corp, which operates the Burger King located at 1841 S. 14th St. I am also the designated agent for the business by the City of Milwaukee.

I would like to apologize for not attending the committee hearing on the 19th. I was out of town on vacation with my family. With that in mind, I had contacted your aide, Adam, on April 11th to find out the circumstances of the objections and what could be done address them. He told me that there should be "no problem" with the application and it would go smoothly through the committee hearing. He said there was concern with the litter issue in the area and that you and people in the area were looking for the business owners to take a larger role in cleaning up the surrounding area. I told him that I had no objection to being a part of that, whether the other businesses went along or not. Based upon that conversation, I thought that my not attending the hearing would not be a problem.

If possible, I would like the opportunity to meet with you personally to discuss this issue. We have a thriving business at this location, and look upon the opportunity to expand our hours as a way to continue to grow the business. It will also allow us to remain competitive with our neighboring businesses. We will be able to hire additional employees, and give additional hours to existing employees. We currently employ approximately 35 crew members, all at a wage rate at or above the minimum wage rate passed by the city to take effect in October.

I do plan on attending the full Common Council hearing on May 3. As stated before, I would like to talk to you prior to that date. I do have to be out of town Wednesday and Thursday for meetings, but am available anytime Friday, Saturday, or Monday. I can be reached at 414-467-7975. I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,
Greg Pingry