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September 15, 2025

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Honorable Members:

Common Council File Number 250737 contains the following recommendations:

Approval with a 10 (ten) day suspension of the Food Dealer license for Abdel Jawad HAMED, based upon the preponderance of the evidence on the police report, aldermanic and applicant testimony that demonstrates the operation results in a threat to health, safety or welfare of the public, for the premises located at 3249 N 3RD St. ("THIRD STREET QUICK MART") in the 6th aldermanic district.

Nonrenewal of the Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer licenses for Marvin S BAILEY, based upon the preponderance of the evidence on the police report, and aldermanic, applicant and neighborhood testimony that demonstrates the operation results in a threat to health, safety or welfare of the public for the failure to comply with the approved plan of operations, disturbance of the peace and excessive littering; for the premises located at 2230 N MARTIN L KING JR DR. ("FLAME 13 RESTAURANT AND BAR") in the 6th aldermanic district.

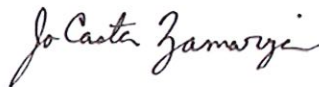
Approval with a 10 (ten) day suspension of the Extended Hours Establishments, Filling Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures licenses for Younas I MOHAMMAD, based upon the preponderance of the evidence on the police report, applicant and neighborhood testimony that demonstrates the operation results in a threat to health, safety or welfare of the public; for the premises located at 2707 W BURLEIGH St. ("GAS DEPOT") in the 7th aldermanic district.

Common Council File Number 250709 recommends a 90 (ninety) day suspension of the Class B Tavern license for Lourdes JERONIMO, based upon the preponderance of the evidence on the police report, resident, police and aldermanic testimony that demonstrates the operation results in a threat to health, safety or welfare of the public for failure to comply with the approved plan of operations and disturbance of the peace; for the premises located at 1663 S 11TH St. ("CLUB 69") in the 12th aldermanic district.



Common Council File Number 250776 recommends the revocation of the Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises licenses for Francisco GOMEZ-ORTIZ, based upon the preponderance of the evidence on the police report and MPD testimony that demonstrates the operation results in threat to health, safety or welfare of the public for failure to comply with the approved plan of operations, the illegal drug activity, the criminal complaint and exhibits; for the premises located at 1566-1570 S MUSKEGO Av. ("PASSION NIGHTCLUB") in the 12th aldermanic district.

Sincerely,



JoCasta Zamarripa
Chairperson, Licenses Committee

cc: All Council Members
File 250737, 250709, 250776





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Date: September 12, 2025

To: All Members of the Milwaukee Common Council

From: Licenses Committee

Re: Report of the Renewal Application of the Food Dealer License, for Abdel Jawad Hamed, Agent for the premises located at 3249 North 3rd Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Third Street Quick Mart").

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Abdel Jawad Hamed (hereinafter "the Licensee") is the holder of a Food Dealer License, for the premises located at 3249 North 3rd Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Third Street Quick Mart"). Said license expired at midnight on August 7, 2025.
2. An application to renew said licenses was filed with the Office of the City Clerk on June 24, 2025.
3. Pursuant to Chapters 68 and 85, of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, the matter was referred to the Milwaukee Police Department for investigation.
4. On August 21, 2025, the City Clerk's Office provided timely notice to the Licensee pursuant to Chapters 68 and 85 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances of the police report. The matter was scheduled for a hearing on the police report and neighborhood objections on September 9, 2025, commencing at approximately 9:40 a.m. in Room 301-B of the third floor of City Hall. At said date, time and place, the Licensee appeared at the hearing, and admitted receipt of the notice of hearing.
5. Based upon the sworn testimony heard and the evidence received at the hearing, the Committee finds the following:
 - A. On April 24, 2025 at 4:09 p.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Robbery at 3249 North 3rd Street. Investigation revealed the suspect requested a pack of cigarettes, while the employee was turned, the suspect grabbed the employee's firearm from the counter and fled. The employee was cooperative and allowed officers to view video surveillance of the incident.
 - B. The Licensee was present and declined to make comments regarding the police report.



Individuals also present:

- C. Alderman Burgelis asked how many guns the employees carry.
- D. The Licensee said that when the incident from the police report happened there was one, but when he arrived at the business after the incident, he left two other guns at the store. He added that he does not have a CCW and that he transported the guns to the store in the trunk. He also said that he reviewed the video and called the police but could not wait for them. He also said that he told the employees to cooperate and give everything what MPD ask for.
- E. Akuwa Dantzler (LAS for Alderwoman Coggs) asked how the incident happened and if the firearm was visible to the public.
- F. The Licensee said that they have bullet proof glass with an adjustable window; the clerk was cleaning behind the counter and the person took the opportunity to take the gun. He said that it was the employee's fault for leaving the gun too close to the window.
- G. Alderman Brower asked the Licensee if he can see the kind of environment that he is creating with a firearm sitting on the counter and the message that his business is sending to the community and that it can actually work against the safety that he is trying to create.
- H. The Licensee agreed and said that it is now policy to keep the gun under the counter and that they are friendly with the community and that the committee can see that he has had only one incident.
- I. Alderman Brower asked the Licensee to talk to his employees about why they feel it is necessary to have a gun there.
- J. Alderwoman Zamarripa asked if the stolen gun was recovered.
- K. The Licensee answered "no".
- L. Alderwoman Zamarripa said that the police report says that there were 2 other firearms found.
- M. The Licensee said that he does not have those at the store, that they belong to him and that he brought them over right after the incident.

Neighbors in objection:

- N. Christal West – AMANI United - said that she agrees with Alderman Brower's point of view regarding guns and that it appears he is ready for war carrying an AK47 in his vehicle and the guns at the store. She added that the Licensee is responsible for another gun on the street and that she is concerned for the kids going there.



- O. Ms. Dantzler said that it is a very serious matter what it has been discussed and recommended approval with a warning letter.
- P. Alderman Burgelis said that he finds the guns problematic and that he is not satisfied with the Licensee's answers.
- Q. Alderwoman Zamarripa asked the Licensee if the store is closed due to the expired license.
- R. The Licensee said that it has been closed for a couple of days.
- S. Alderwoman Coggs arrived and was sworn in.
- T. Alderwoman Coggs said that she heard a portion of the testimony and that gun ownership brings a great responsibility and the owner is lacking. She recommended renewal with a 10-day suspension. She added that she supports LIU checking that the store is closed during the suspension period because she shares the committee's concern as well.
- U. Alderman Burgelis moved approval with a 10-day suspension based upon the preponderance of the evidence in the police report, aldermanic, and applicant testimony that demonstrates the operation results in a threat to the health, safety or welfare of the public. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Committee has jurisdiction to hold hearings and provide Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and a Recommendation to the full Common Council pursuant to Chapters 68 and 85 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances.
2. Based upon the above facts found, the Committee concludes that the Licensee, Abdel Jawad Hamed who holds a Food Dealer License for the premise located at 3249 North 3rd Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Third Street Quick Mart") has not met the criteria of Chapters 68 and 85 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances for the renewal of the Food Dealer License without undergoing a ten (10) day suspension. The Committee finds the police report and aldermanic objections as stated above to be true.
3. In order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Milwaukee, it is the recommendation of the Licenses Committee that the full Common Council of the City of Milwaukee should exercise its judgment for non-renewal of Food Dealer License for the premises located at 3249 North 3rd Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Third Street Quick Mart") without undergoing a ten (10) day suspension. The Committee based its recommendation upon the preponderance of the evidence in the police report, aldermanic, and applicant testimony that demonstrates the operation results in a threat to the health, safety or welfare of the public.



RECOMMENDATION

Based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated above, the Committee, by a vote of **five (5) ayes and zero (0)**, recommends that the Food Dealer License of Abdel Jawad Hamed for the premises located at 3249 North 3rd Street ("Third Street Quick Mart") in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin not be renewed without undergoing a ten (10) day suspension.

The suspension is in effect between 12:01 a.m. on September 23, 2025 until 11:59 p.m. on October 2, 2025.

Dated and signed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 12 day of September, 2025.



JOCASTA ZAMARRIPA
Chairperson, Licenses Committee





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Date: September 12, 2025

To: All Members of the Milwaukee Common Council

From: Licenses Committee

Re: Report of the Renewal Application of the Class "B" Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises (PEP) and Food Dealer Licenses, for Marvin S. Bailey, Agent for Money clip Enterprises LLC for the premises located at 2230 North Martin L King Jr., Drive in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("FLAME 13").

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Marvin S. Bailey (hereinafter "the Licensee") is the holder of Class "B" Tavern, PEP and Food Dealer Licenses, for the premises located at 2230 North Martin L King Jr., Drive in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("FLAME 13"). Said licenses expired at midnight on July 31, 2025.
2. An application to renew said licenses was filed with the Office of the City Clerk on May 14, 2025.
3. Pursuant to Chapters 85, 90 and 108 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances and Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the matter was referred to the Milwaukee Police Department for investigation. On August 13, 2025, the Milwaukee Police Department responded with a report that could form the basis for nonrenewal of said licenses.
4. On August 21, 2025, the City Clerk's Office provided timely notice to the Licensee pursuant to Chapters 85, 90, and 108 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances and Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes of the police report. The matter was scheduled for a hearing on the police report and neighborhood objections on September 9, 2025, commencing at approximately 9:55 a.m. in Room 301-B of the third floor of City Hall. At said date, time and place, the Licensee appeared at the hearing, and admitted receipt of the notice of hearing.
5. Based upon the sworn testimony heard and the evidence received at the hearing, the Committee finds the following:
 - A. On March 29, 2025 at 12:35 a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Battery at 2230 North Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. Officers interviewed an employee who stated no one was fighting and they get this type of call every weekend.



- B. On May 23, 2025 at 10:41 p.m., Milwaukee Police conducted a License Premise Check. No violations were found and the owner was on scene and cooperative.
- C. On June 6, 2025 at 9:47 p.m., Milwaukee Police conducted a License Premise Check. The owner was on scene, cooperative, and stated they check ID's for everyone that enters the establishment.
- D. On July 21, 2025 at 7:56 p.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Battery. On arrival officers observed approximately 500 people on the sidewalk and in the street. Overall it took 12 squads with a total of 22 officers, 3 Supervisor and multiple fire and ambulance over 2 hours to disburse the crowd and assist with medical attention. The Owner stated they had an influencer performing for youth that evening and they were at capacity, when he was told a fight broke out up the street and someone drove by, throwing a firecracker, causing everyone to believe shots were fired and run out of the building. The officers did not find any evidence of any shots fired, and upon viewing video surveillance could not ascertain who was fighting or utilizing pepper spray. The Owner was forthcoming with the security operation as well as willingly showed officers video surveillance.
- E. The Licensee was present and said that the video included in the notice did not work but acknowledged the receipt of the notice.
- F. Mr. Cooney said that the video was checked before it was mailed out. He asked the Licensee and others in the future to reach out to the License Division in case of technical difficulties.
- G. Alderwoman Coggs asked Attorney Gresham if what the Licensee said in regards to the video raises concerns.
- H. Attorney Gresham said that the committee could take a recess for the purposes of showing the Licensee the video so there can be admission of it or get a waiver from the Licensee.
- I. Alderman Chambers said that he is going to make the assumption that the video shows what happened in the summer, that the matter will be discussed as an item on the police report and that he would like to give the Licensee the opportunity to see it.
- J. The Licensee waived notice as to his viewing of the video.
- K. The committee chair accepted.
- L. The police report was read.
- M. The Licensee read his notes in regards to the first ticketed event, hosted in August of 2024 when they first opened. It was attended by parents and youth with a great success due the presentation of the influencer. He continued saying that the influencer reached out to him to host a free presentation/performance in the summer of 2025 for healing purposes around the community's violence. He added that they were expecting 200



people at most. He said that the event started great with families in attendance, the influencer was taking photos and signing autographs, sang and that the ambiance was positive and electric. He continued saying that once capacity was reached, he did not let anybody else in, but more people arrived and the line stretched out around the block. He explained that some people outside were upset, exchanged words and a fight occurred outside. He also said that at the same time, some patrons rushed to the window to see what was going on outside, that someone got pushed and another fight broke inside which was broken up immediately and finished the concert to keep everyone safe. He said that in the aftermath, someone dispensed pepper spray and a young lady suffered a panic attack as people were exiting; all received medical assistance. He added that the police responded quickly and did a great job controlling the crowd. He said that it was not a reckless event but turned into one because they were not expecting that size crowd. He also said that he is truly sorry for the problems that he caused to the businesses and neighbors around and for the amount of city resources that were used and that he would take full responsibility.

Individuals also present:

- N. Alderwoman Pratt asked how many kids he had inside.
- O. The Licensee said there was 275 people inside.
- P. Alderwoman Pratt asked how often he hosts underage (21) events.
- Q. The Licensee said that it is a restaurant during the day where they host family events, and it is a nightclub at night. He added that they have nights for 18 and older and concerts after 10pm where they give wristbands to 21 and older for drinks. He mentioned that this practice is referenced in the police report.
- R. The Licensee said that they do not have anybody younger than 18 years old after 10pm.
- S. Alderwoman Pratt asked if someone under 18 years old can have a private party there.
- T. The Licensee said they do not unless it is a parent that (did not finished his sentence).
- U. Alderwoman Pratt said that she is going to speak to her personal experience and that she has an 18 year old who knows a girl who was going to throw a party at this establishment that did not happen because it was brought to Alderwoman Cogg's desk. She added that she knows someone who had a party there on prom weekend with Rufus King students and some were under 18 and that is why she is asking him how often he allows underage parties.
- V. The Licensee said that the only request he had was from Madison High School and he said no to that request. He is not aware of any other party with Rufus King students.
- W. Alderman Burgelis said that the Licensee stated earlier that 18 years old and up were wrist banded after 10pm and later he said he does not have 18 years old after 10pm at all.



- X. The Licensee stated that he said that he does not have anybody under 18 years old after 10pm.
- Y. Alderman Burgelis asked what time the kitchen closes.
- Z. The Licensee said it closes at 1am.
- AA. Alderman Burgelis asked if those 18 and up are allowed there because the kitchen is open.
- BB. The Licensee said that they are allowed when there is a concert and that he is happy to go 21 and up after 10pm and that he is willing to amend his application in response to Alderman Burgelis' question.
- CC. Alderwoman Pratt asked the Licensee if he informs MPD when hosting underage parties because there is protocol in place for that.
- DD. The Licensee said that he has not done that and that it is an oversight on his part. He would like to change to 21 and up because he thinks it is the best course.
- EE. Alderman Chambers asked who handles the promotion and bookings.
- FF. The Licensee said that his business partner does.
- GG. Alderman Chambers asked the Licensee what is his role in the business.
- HH. The Licensee said that he oversees operations (behind the scenes, making sure that they are in compliance, most of the paperwork).
- II. Alderman Chambers asked the business partner to come to the table.
- JJ. Alderwoman Zamarripa asked the name of his business partner.
- KK. The Licensee said James Perry.
- LL. Alderwoman Zamarripa mentioned that there are screen shots from James Perry's Facebook page in the file.
- MM. James Perry Jr. (business partner) was sworn in.
- NN. Alderman Chambers asked Mr. Perry if he is familiar with the questions that Alderwoman Pratt asked earlier.
- OO. Mr. Perry answered "yes".
- PP. Alderman Chambers asked Mr. Perry if he agreed to have an underage party.



- QQ. Mr. Perry said that there are no underage parties and what they are referring to was a family event. There are no underage parties there.
- RR. Alderwoman Zamarripa said that there are a number of screenshots in the file from Mr. Perry's Facebook page and asked if he booked the MF Fest on August 30, 2025 with a twerk contest.
- SS. Mr. Perry said that it was a performer's event.
- TT. Alderwoman Zamarripa asked if this the kind of event where 18 years old can be with a wristband.
- UU. Mr. Perry said that this was a 21+ event and that the 18 year olds are allowed only for certain events.
- VV. Alderwoman Zamarripa said that some artists are mentioned in the same flyer.
- WW. Mr. Perry said that it was a birthday party.
- XX. Alderwoman Zamarripa asked about the post of having a strip club and that he is tired of being censored.
- YY. Mr. Perry said that it was a different venture and that Flame 13 does not have a strip club license.
- ZZ. Alderwoman Pratt asked why they have a dance pole at Flame 13.
- AAA. Mr. Perry said that it is a table that has a pole on it.
- BBB. The Licensee said that it is a strip pole that they had removed and that believe or not, patrons ask for it and it has become a novelty where people take pictures on it.
- CCC. Alderwoman Zamarripa asked what kind of food he serves.
- DDD. The Licensee said that they had high end food in the beginning with great reviews but people stopped coming because it was expensive and people wanted something cheaper like hamburgers, wings, mashed potatoes, etc.
- EEE. Alderman Chambers thanked Mr. Bailey for his honesty explaining details like the stripper pole that his partner was lying about.
- FFF. Alderwoman Coggs asked how many followers the influencer has.
- GGG. The Licensee said that over one million.
- HHH. Alderwoman Coggs asked if it is reasonable to assume that the influencer would have more followers after one year of the successful ticketed event.



- III. The Licensee said that it is reasonable but that he is not that smart. He added that he has admitted that they heavily dropped the ball on it, that it got out of their hands and that he has apologized for that.
- JJJ. Alderwoman Coggs said that the Licensee said that it was a disruption and asked him if saw the amount of calls for service that emanated from that event.
- KKK. He said he did and apologized again.
- LLL. Alderwoman Coggs said that the Licensee mentioned that it was not a reckless event but the entire police report talks about closing off the street, the large response including 18 different police squads, ambulances, and fights for blocks around his location. She also made a reference to a comment made by an employee on item 1 from the police report.
- MMM. The Licensee said that he does not know who the employee was.
- NNN. Sgt. Velasquez said that it was Mr. Perry.
- OOO. Mr. Perry admitted that he was the employee referenced and refuted the context of the comment.

Individuals in opposition:

- PPP. Rachel Marken – President of Historic Brewer’s Hill Association - 233 E Garfield Av – said that her interaction with the business owners started on July 30th, 2024 when she was walked through business plan but suddenly they stopped responding to requests from the neighborhood and the plan presented never materialized. She added that because of this, in addition to the police report, she requests that the license be denied.
- QQQ. Ray Hill – Historic King Dr BID - 1726 N MLK Jr. DR – said that businesses had to close during the July 202 incident and that they were under the impression that it was going to be a restaurant but it is constantly closed during lunch hours with no hours posted. She also asked for denial of this license.
- RRR. Alderwoman Pratt asked if the Licensee has reached out to the BID for anything.
- SSS. Ms. Hill said that she is not aware of any outreach from them.

Individuals in support.

- TTT. Marni Bailey – 3894 N 6th St - said that she loves the food, they have poetry readings on Mondays, she doubts any underage kids are in there, and that parents should know where their kids are.
- UUU. Donnell Taylor – 5212 N 50th St – said that he is a part employee of the business; the community needs to come together and allow Mr. Bailey to do it the right way.



VVV. Alderwoman Coggs said that the business is nothing like what was presented at the neighborhood meeting and at the committee meeting before the license was initially granted. She added that changes have been made to the plan of operations and that the Licensee has not filed an amendment. Alderwoman Coggs asked if the business name has changed as is referenced on Mr. Perry's posts.

WWW. Mr. Perry said that the name has not changed.

XXX. Alderwoman Coggs said that since May of this year, she began to get screen shots of social media posts as well as neighbor complaints. She added that she reached out to Mr. Bailey and asked him about the changes reflected on social media and that he explained that it was for monetary challenges and asked him to reach out to MPD ahead if he was doing something big. She also said that it seemed that he understood but then continued getting Facebook posts from neighbors.

YYY. Alderwoman Coggs said that after the July 2025 incident, the Licensee left a voice message saying that they had an issue with a person having a seizure but that is not what she saw in videos. She also mentioned the District Captain was not aware of the event.

She continued saying that the red flags are here with incidences like these and being described as disturbances. She stated that she has no confidence that this establishment is well managed and that it is a threat to the health, safety and welfare of the customers and residents.

ZZZ. Alderwoman Coggs requested nonrenewal due to all of the things she just mentioned and asked the committee to watch the video if they have any doubts. She also said that they all have witnessed the inability to move forward in any direction with the testimonies from both partners.

AAAA. The Licensee said that he has done good things like financial literacy, helping youth to navigate through life's challenges and that he has admitted he made a mistake with that event and hopes to get the opportunity to correct it. He also said that he apologizes for the waste of resources due his mistake and that he is embarrassed. He added that he would like to go 21 and up to alleviate the problem with underage people.

BBBB. Alderman Burgelis moved nonrenewal based upon the preponderance of the evidence in the police report, and aldermanic, Licensee, and neighborhood testimony that demonstrates the operation results in a threat to the health, safety or welfare of the public for the failure to comply with the approved plan of operations, disturbance of the peace, and excessive littering. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)



CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

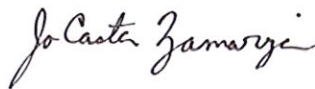
1. The Committee has jurisdiction to hold hearings and provide Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and a Recommendation to the full Common Council pursuant to Chapters 85, 90, and 108 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances and Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
2. Based upon the above facts found, the Committee concludes that the Licensee, Marvin S. Bailey who holds Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premise (PEP) and Food Dealer licenses for the premise located at 2230 North Martin L King Jr., Drive in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("FLAME 13") has not met the criteria of Chapters 85, 90, and 108 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances and Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes for the renewal of his Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer licenses. The Committee finds the police report and aldermanic objections as stated above to be true.
3. In order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Milwaukee, it is the recommendation of the Licenses Committee that the full Common Council of the City of Milwaukee should exercise its judgment not to renew the Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premise (PEP) and Food Dealer licenses for the premises located at 2230 North Martin L King Jr., Drive in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("FLAME 13"). The Committee based its recommendation upon the preponderance of the evidence in the police report, and aldermanic, Licensee and neighborhood testimony that demonstrates the operation results in a threat to health, safety or welfare of the public for the failure to comply with the approved plan of operations, disturbance of the peace and excessive littering.

RECOMMENDATION

Based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated above, the Committee, by a vote of **five (5) ayes and zero (0) abstain**, recommends that the Class "B" Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises (PEP) and Food Dealer Licenses of Marvin S. Bailey for the premises located at 2230 North Martin L King Jr., Drive ("FLAME 13") in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin not be renewed.

Said nonrenewal is effective on September 23, 2025.

Dated and signed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 12 day of September, 2025.



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Chairperson, Licenses Committee





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Date: September 12, 2025

To: All Members of the Milwaukee Common Council

From: The Licenses Committee

Re: Report on the Renewal Application of Younas I. Mohammad, Agent for A & I Petroleum, LLC, for Extended Hours Establishments, Filling Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures licenses for the premises located at 2707 West Burleigh Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("GAS DEPOT").

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Younas I. Mohammad (hereinafter the "Licensee") is the holder of Extended Hours Establishments, Filling Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures licenses for the premises located at 2707 West Burleigh Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Gas Depot"). Said licenses expired at midnight, July 30, 2025.
2. An application to renew said licenses was filed with the Office of the City Clerk on May 21, 2025.
3. Pursuant to Chapters 68, 84, and 85 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, the matter was referred to the Milwaukee Police Department for investigation. On August 21, 2025, the Milwaukee Police Department responded with a report that could form the basis for nonrenewal of said licenses.
4. On August 21, 2025, the City Clerk's Office provided notice to the Licensee pursuant to Chapters 68, 84, and 85 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances of the police report and included a copy of the police report. The matter was scheduled for a hearing on the police report on September 9, 2025 at 10:35 a.m. in Room 301B of the third floor of City Hall. At said date, time and place, the applicant appeared in person with Attorney Maistelman, and Ramon Philon (employee), and admitted receipt of the notice of hearing, together with a copy of the Milwaukee Police report.
5. Based upon the sworn testimony heard and the evidence received at the hearing, the Committee finds the following:



- A. On January 16, 2025 at 7:57 p.m., Officers were dispatched to Threat complaint. The incident was not related to the business. The victim only went there to call for police service.
- B. On January 17, 2025 at 5:15 a.m., an officer was dispatched to Call for Police. No one in need of police service was located in the area.
- C. On January 26, 2025 at 11:24 p.m., officers conducted a License Premise check. Cameras were in working condition. All of the licenses were up to date and posted behind the counter. An armed security guard was on scene and stated their hours are 9:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. An officer found expired food items on display for sale. The employee and security guard were cooperative during the inspection.
- D. On March 23, 2025 at 11:00 p.m., officers were dispatched to a Subject with Weapon complaint. Security called to have a male removed that was in the business harassing other customers for money. No business violations observed.
- E. On April 11, 2025 at 8:16 a.m., officers were dispatched to a Trouble with Subject complaint. A subject was at the property with a dog refusing to leave. Upon arrival, police service was no longer needed.
- F. On May 8, 2025 at 10:04 a.m., officers were dispatched to a Theft complaint. The caller was found to be intoxicated and theft complaint baseless.
- G. On May 21, 2025, at 10:39 p.m., officers were on patrol and observed a possible stolen vehicle in the business parking lot. As officers were attempting to make contact with the occupants of the vehicle, several subjects exited and fled on foot. Officers were able to review security camera footage from the business. No business violations observed.
- H. On May 29, 2025 at 3:33 p.m., Officers were dispatched for a Welfare Check. Upon officers' arrival, the subject was no longer on scene.
- I. On June 30, 2025 at 8:51 p.m., officers were dispatched to a Trouble with Subject complaint. A person known to deal drugs was at the location and the owner did not want them there. Upon officers' arrival, an employee and security guard stated they did not call and the subject was gone.
- J. On July 7, 2025 at 10:34 a.m., Officers were dispatched to a Robbery complaint. A subject entered the business and stole items. The call was downgraded to a Theft.
- K. On July 17, 2025 at 1:57 p.m., community officers met with the alderman, local community leaders, and the business agent regarding community concerns and complaints. Items discussed were lighting, uniformed security guards, updating security cameras, cleaning, and additional meetings to discuss improvements.
- L. On July 22, 2025 at 10:48 p.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Shooting. Investigation revealed the suspect and victim were involved in a verbal altercation outside, when the victim begins to run away, the suspect fired shots at the victim



striking them in the leg. The business was cooperative and allowed officers to view video surveillance.

- M. On August 17, 2025 at 1:34 p.m., officers were dispatched to a Subject with Weapon complaint. A subject was upset because he paid for gas but forgot to pump the fuel into his vehicle, and someone else took the gas. The subject took merchandise from the store, and as he was placing items into his car, he displayed a handgun concealed in his waistband.
- N. On August 21, 2025 at 12:36 a.m., officers were dispatched to a Subject with Weapon complaint. The on-scene security guard did not see anyone with a weapon. A Check of the business revealed the city licenses were not posted.
- O. Attorney Maistelman said that there are 15 items on the police report and that the last two are the reason why the application was returned to committee. He added that the rest of the items showed were shown to be not credible and that his client is in compliance and always cooperative with police. He added that for the shooting on October 24, 2024, his client provided the video footage and that the employed security guard was not working that night. He explained that for the July 22, 2025 item, his client allowed MPD to review the videos as well. The remedies they have taken after this incident include firing the previous security guard company, as the police reports says; sometimes they did not even show up. He added that they have hired a new licensed and bonded security guard company full time. Attorney Maistelman said that they did not call the police because the clerk thought it was the security's guard responsibility and the security guard did not call the police either. He mentioned that they have asked all employees to call the police no matter what. In addition, he said that on July 17, 2025, they met with MPD, community leaders and the alderman's office to discuss lighting, cleaning, and security guards and scheduled additional meetings to discuss improvements and that they agreed to give MPD access to the surveillance system and put up new lighting.
- P. Alderman Jackson said that this application was returned to committee because right after the first license hearing, there was a shooting where no one called the police, which completely disregarded what was talked about during the first hearing.
- Q. The Licensee said that he found out that his employees did not call the police when he interviewed them and that he let that employee go because there was no excuse not to call.

Individuals in objection:

- R. Officer Romo from District 5 - said that she would testify from the day of the shooting until now and on her personal experience. She added that MPD has made quite a few improvement of the area and that Mr. Mohammad was unaware that his employees did not make the call. She explained that he was also recommended to install LED lights on the exterior, to connect the cameras to MPD after he had updated his system to one compatible with MPD's program, and she also asked him to be part of the block watch meeting and that he has not done any of these things yet. She also said that Mr. Mohammad was invited to participate at the crime and



safety meetings from June and July and that he did not go and that the contact ended after her vacation time, which was in mid-August. She added that she is aware that the Licensee just attended the last Amani meeting. Officer Romo stated that she would like to see the Licensee follow the recommendations and reduce the hours of operation, which will be helpful for the long run with traffic and business improvement.

- S. Alderman Burgelis noted that only item from the police report happened during the extended hours.
- T. Alderman Chambers said that his only issue at the previous hearing was with the expired food but it seems no other action has been taken and that he wants to know what has been done after July 22, 2025.
- U. Attorney Maistelman asked Officer Romo what is the logic behind the request to reduce the hours when only one item from the police report happened during the extended hours.
- V. Officer Romo said that it would help the area in general because when they are patrolling at night, they find people parked and congregating and the police are not called to move the traffic around.
- W. Alderman Chambers said that historically this station is known for having issues after hours and that he knows that Attorney Maistelman is defending his client, but that he wants him to be mindful of everything on the police report.
- X. Alderwoman Pratt asked the Licensee why he has not reached out to the neighborhood organizations or met with them.
- Y. The Licensee said he missed one meeting and that the flier given to him had no date on it.
- Z. Alderwoman Pratt said that three meetings were mentioned that he did not go to.

Individuals in neighborhood:

- AA. Carol Polk – 3060 N 28th St - said that she and the Licensee were at a District 5 meeting where only two people were allowed in, so he has tried to attend and that she talks with the Licensee every week since she runs the neighborhood association.
- BB. Ambrose Rhodes - 2916 N 27th St – said that he likes the gas station, loves the restaurant's food and that he and the Licensee discuss many of the issues at the gas station because he cares and knows everybody in the neighborhood. He also said that more police presence would be nice there to maintain what they have and that there are no big stores around.
- CC. Christal West (Amani Place) – said that the Licensee attended one meeting and that she already gave him the dates for the 14 next meetings. She said that the gas station held a book drive in conjunction with Amani, but she would like to see them do more. She added that residents go to the store and keep an eye on what the owner is



doing. She also said that she does not support the Extended Hours because she is aware that most of the criminality happens after 10pm.

- DD. Jarvis – Moody Park Economic and Development - 2444 N 21st St – said he sees the effort but that the Licensee could have more security.
- EE. Brother Rice – was present virtually but his testimony could not be heard due to technical difficulties.
- FF. Alderman Jackson said that it is unacceptable that they did not call the police right after their first license hearing where they had been renewed with a warning letter. He added that he recommends a 10-day suspension.
- GG. Alderman Chambers moved approval with a 10-day suspension based upon the preponderance of the evidence in the police report, Licensee and neighborhood testimony that demonstrates the operation results in a threat to the health, safety or welfare of the public. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Committee has jurisdiction to hold hearings and provide Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and a Recommendation to the full Common Council pursuant to Chapters 68, 84, and 85 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances.
2. Based upon the above facts found, the Committee concludes that the Licensee, Younas I. Mohammad who holds Extended Hours Establishments, Filling Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures licenses for the premise located at 2707 West Burleigh Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Gas Depot") has not met the criteria of Chapters 68, 82, 84, and 85, of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances to renew the Extended Hours Establishments, Filling Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures licenses without undergoing a ten (10) day suspension. The Committee finds the police report and aldermanic objections as stated above to be true.
3. In order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Milwaukee, it is the recommendation of the Licenses Committee that the full Common Council of the City of Milwaukee should exercise its judgment not to renew the Extended Hours, Filling Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures licenses for the premises located at 2707 West Burleigh Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Gas Depot") without undergoing a ten (10) day suspension. The Committee based its recommendation upon the preponderance of the evidence on the police report, applicant and neighborhood testimony that demonstrates the operation results in a threat to the health, safety or welfare of the public.



RECOMMENDATION

Based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated above, the Committee, by a vote of **five (5) ayes, zero (0) noes** recommends that the Extended Hours, Filling Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures licenses of Younas I. Mohammad for the premises located 2707 West Burleigh Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Gas Depot") not be renewed, without undergoing a ten (10) day suspension based its recommendation upon the preponderance of the evidence on the police report, applicant and neighborhood testimony that demonstrates the operation results in a threat to the health, safety or welfare of the public.

The suspension is in effect between 12:01 a.m. on September 23, 2025 until 11:59 p.m. on October 2, 2025.

Dated and signed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 12 day of September, 2025



JOCASTA ZAMARRIPA
Chairperson, Licenses Committee.





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ALDERWOMAN, 8TH DISTRICT

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Date: September 11, 2025

To: All Members of the Milwaukee Common Council

From: The Licenses Committee

Re: Report of the Revocation of Lourdes Jeronimo Agent for ESCVZQ CLUB 69 LLC, Class B Tavern license for the premises located at 1663 South 11th Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Club 69").

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Lourdes Jeronimo (hereinafter the "Licensee") is the holder of a Class B Tavern license for the premises located at 1663 South 11th Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Club 69"). **Said license expires at midnight, March 6, 2026.**
2. Pursuant to Chapter 85 and 90 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, Felina Sykes-Pettigrew, Gerald Heard, Haydee Lopez, Ann Baez, and Christy McGee filed a revocation complaint, attached and incorporated by reference, against the Licensee on August 8, 2025.
3. On August 26, 2025, the City Clerk's Office provided notice to the Licensee pursuant to Chapters 85 and 90 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances of the police report and included a copy of the police report. The matter was scheduled for a hearing on the police report on September 9, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 301B of the third floor of City Hall. At said date, time and place, the applicant appeared in person with Attorney Maistelman, and Rafael Arce (interpreter), and admitted receipt of the notice of hearing, together with a copy of the Milwaukee Police report.
4. Based upon the sworn testimony heard and the evidence received at the hearing, the Committee finds the following:
 - A. On June 23, 2025 at 9:00 a.m., Milwaukee Police conducted follow up in regards to a Reckless Endangering Safety call that occurred at 1:20 a.m. A witness advised officers they were awakened by 30+ automatic/rapid gunshots, followed by additional shots. The witness stated they observed subjects exit the business, appearing to pick up casings; one was armed with a firearm with a drum style magazine. A second witness approached and stated there has been a lot of trouble at the business, suspected drug trafficking and patrons harassing tenants. The witness further noted a homicide that occurred on June 4, 2025 to the north of the bar. The Investigating officers recovered 30+ assorted casings.



No one from the business called the police regarding the incident and the bartender told the officers the cameras did not work.

- B. On June 23, 2025 at 7:50 p.m., Milwaukee Police conducted follow up regarding Incident 2. An employee who refused to provide their title, pointed out video surveillance cameras to officers and stated one in the windowsill pointed to the exterior, however, there were no exterior cameras. The employee stated the exterior pointing camera was inoperable due to it not having an SD card. Officers observed three Hookah Pipes; Tobacco Products; disco/laser lights and multiple gaming/gambling machines. A check of the business application showed the boxes were not checked to allow for entertainment machines/equipment and specifically stated there were no designated smoking areas.
- C. On June 24, 2025 at 9:00 a.m., Milwaukee Police conducted follow up regarding Item #2. A citizen witness provided video of subjects exiting the business and presumably checking for casing. One of the subjects was seen tucking an object into their shorts and doing "security checks", a behavior consistent with concealing a firearm. The video was uploaded to Evidence.com.
- D. On July 16, 2025 at 9:34 p.m., Milwaukee Police conducted a License Premise Check. Assisting in this assignment was an Agent from Wisconsin Department of Revenue Alcohol and Tobacco. On arrival, officers observed the front door open, with lights and music and Hookah and tobacco products. It was determined that no employees on scene, including the manager did not have a bartender license or a manager license. The Agent arrived on scene and stated they were not aware they had to be at the location in order to operate and was unable to provide any invoices for liquor purchases, but stated they buy beer and liquor from local liquor stores. The business does not have a Tobacco license; therefore, tobacco product was confiscated as well as liquor. The Agent was issued the following citations:

Charge: Reasonable Person on Premise/Class B Responsibility/Tobacco License Req'd
Finding:
Sentence: Arraignment 09/15/25 8:30 a.m.
Date:
Case: 25021096/25021097/25021098

- E. On July 23, 2025 at 9:49 p.m., Milwaukee Police conducted a License Premise Check. The Agent was on scene as well as a security guard wandering patrons as they entered. No violations were found.
- F. Attorney Gresham recommended that the revocation party be sworn in too so they can also speak on the police report.
- G. Revocation party was sworn in:

-Gerald Heard - 1670 S 11th St



-Haydee Lopez - 1670 S 11th St
-Christy McGee – 1670 S 11th St
-Gregory Watts – 1670 S 11th St

AJ Casper – 1579 S 38th St was also sworn in but was not a revoking party

- H. The licensee said that she translated the materials received with the notice.
- I. Attorney Maistelman said that Mr. Casper is not a sworn complainer.
- J. Mr. Casper agreed.
- K. Heidi Lopez said that she would take the lead to present the complaint. She expressed that back in May of this year, the manager of the bar shot in the air four times.
- L. Alderwoman Zamarripa asked if they are talking about the apartment building across the street (Schuster Building).
- M. Ms. Lopez said that it is. Another shooting incident happened in June that ended in the windows of their apartment building being shot out. She said it is a miracle that no one died because people were in the apartments at the time of the shooting. She added that something was going on in the bar and it ended up coming outside where people were shooting and then taking off. She also explained that they live in fear and walk outside in groups for safety.
- N. Gerald Heard said that he has observed gunshots being fired and that a murder happened at the bar. He added that shots were fired at a third floor window and he feels it is intentional, that they all fear for their safety now and that this bar should be shut down. He added that he has seen hand-to hand drug transactions.
- O. Sgt. Velasquez said that she does not have the extended report for the shots fired on June 23, 2025 and the homicide mentioned by Mr. Heard was not related to the tavern.
- P. Alderman Perez asked Ms. Lopez what she saw first-hand when the person fired the shots.
- Q. Ms. Lopez said that there was a lot going on with loud music that the bar management shot up in the air to make people leave. She asked what kind of management does that to get the patrons' attention to have them leave. She added that they have gotten to point where their children do not visit them because of the disturbances.
- R. Alderman Perez asked Ms. Lopez if what she saw was somebody from the bar firing shots into the air to clear the bar.
- S. Ms. Lopez agreed.



- T. Alderman Perez asked how she knows that the person was from the bar.
- U. Ms. Lopez said because it happened in front of the bar.
- V. Alderman Perez said that it is stated on the June 23, 2025 item was a follow up from a call on the 20th and asked why the business did not call the police and why there is a consistent pattern of cameras not working.
- W. Attorney Gresham said that he just wants to make sure that the revocation party have presented their complaint before answering the previous question.
- X. Alderwoman Zamarripa asked Ms. Lopez if they have finished presenting the complaint.
- Y. Ms. Lopez said that she believes so and that she will pass the microphone for testimonies now.
- Z. Attorney Gresham said that we could address the questions on the police report.
- AA. Attorney Maistelman asked Sgt. Velasquez where in the police report it talks about people firing shots in the air.
- BB. Sgt. Velasquez said that is not on the police report.
- CC. Attorney Maistelman asked where the windows intentionally being shot at is in the police report.
- DD. Sgt. Velasquez said it is not on the police report and not on the synopsis.
- EE. Attorney Maistelman if there is a record of whom these witnesses are and if they called the police.
- FF. Sgt. Velasquez said that she does not know and that District 2 is here to answer questions that are more specific.
- GG. Alderman Perez said that he wants an answer on why the cameras were not working.
- HH. The Licensee said that the cameras were working and she gave the police a chip with the footage.
- II. Alderman Perez read what the police report says about the employee stating that the exterior pointing camera was not operable because it did not have a SD card.
- JJ. The Licensee said at that moment not all the cameras were working but they do now.
- KK. Sgt. Velasquez said that the SD card was taken by MPD detectives in relation to the homicide that had occurred nearby and not returned to them yet.



- LL. Alderman Perez said that is not an excuse and it is the licensee's responsibility to put another card in the camera.
- MM. Alderwoman Zamarripa asked how often the licensee is at the business.
- NN. The licensee said that she is there for 3-4 hours almost every day.
- OO. Alderman Perez asked the licensee if she is aware of her license responsibilities because she got a ticket for not producing the proper receipts for purchasing alcohol and not having a license for tobacco products, for amusement machines and none of the bartenders were licensed. He added that when the licensee was out for maternity leave, she had to lock the doors because the person she put in charge was doing a lot of things that he was not supposed to do.
- PP. The Licensee said that her bartenders and manager are licensed now, and she made a mistake with the amusement machines, that they are no longer there and that everything is in order now.
- QQ. Alderman Perez said that he has not heard the reason why she was doing things that way because he wants to make sure that she understands the rules.
- RR. Attorney Maistelman said that these are allegations that have not been proven in a court of law and that the next hearing is on September 15th.
- SS. Alderwoman Zamarripa said that the Licensee just admitted that everything is in order now.
- TT. Attorney Maistelman said he just wanted to point out that the Licensee has not been found guilty yet.
- UU. Attorney Gresham said that the complainants and the committee could ask questions to the Licensee now.
- VV. Attorney Maistelman said that this is not his client's case and that the complainants need to make their case.
- WW. Ms. Lopez asked why the Licensee has not fulfilled what she committed to back in February.
- XX. Attorney Maistelman objected to Ms. Lopez' question because they are not presenting their case.
- YY. Alderwoman Zamarripa asked the revocation party to get their questions together and have Ms. Lopez to do it.
- ZZ. Ms. Lopez asked why the Licensee did not adhere to the promises that were made during their license renewal hearing.



- AAA. The Licensee said that she is in compliance and that she made the mistake to leave someone in charge while she was giving birth.
- BBB. Alderman Perez said that the Licensee is not doing things right since her renewal hearing in February because the items on the police report happened after.
- CCC. Attorney Gresham said that MPD District 2 is here to testify if needed and to resolve each stage before moving to the next.
- DDD. Ms. Lopez said that they have no more questions.
- EEE. Gregory Watts – said that the place is open every day and every night and patrons are inconsiderate to neighbors because they are loud and disrespectful. He added that he has seen it first-hand.
- FFF. Attorney Maistelman asked if he calls the police for gunshots, drug dealers, etc.
- GGG. Mr. Watts said that he does not call the police because he comes home tired from work.
- HHH. Gerald Heard – said that he has witnessed hand-to-hand transactions, gunfire, fights, and that it is dangerous there and he fears for his safety. He added that he has cleaned up the glass, debris, beer bottles and garbage from the patrons.
- III. Attorney Maistelman asked how often these situations happen.
- JJJ. Mr. Heard said it occurs many times, between three to six times/week.
- KKK. Attorney Maistelman asked if he tries to contact the police every time that he observes these situations.
- LLL. Mr. Heard said that he does not because they never show up.
- MMM. Christy Mc Gee – said that she came home one night and that when she pulled in the parking lot, another car from the bar pulled into the lot behind her and she was scared. She also said the food truck was there until 3 or 4 in the morning and that it happened a week ago.
- NNN. AJ Casper – said that he works with the management company for the apartment building and that he has called the police and the alderman for vehicles parked on the sidewalk and for hand-to-hand drug deals. He added that there is a food truck operating past bar hours.
- OOO. Officer Diener from District 2 – said that he completed the follow up regarding the shooting in June, that he did the license report and inventoried the video provided by A J Casper (property management). He also collected casings from the incident. He added that he saw the video, that he did not witness the event in person but did see the shattered windows in person and interviewed 4-5 neighbors about the incident.



- PPP. Alderman Perez said that he supported the renewal of this license back in February, that he spoke to the Licensee and building owner and that he does not know how this license has become so problematic. He added that with the Licensee's own admission, she admitted she was not following the rules but said that she is doing the right things now and he believes what the neighbors said and what Officer Diener saw in the video. He added that he could not support this license any more.
- QQQ. Attorney Maistelman said that a mitigation plan has been included in the file and he read it for the record as the measures that his client would do from now on. He added that this committee uses progressive discipline and requested that the license not be revoked.
- RRR. Ms. Lopez said that they have presented their complaints.
- SSS. Mr. Cooney said that the license was granted in 2023 and issued in February 2024, that there was a lapse of 8 days as they renewed late in February this year and that the committee could suspend the license as well.
- TTT. Alderman Chambers said that it is difficult to have neighbors making a case for the neighborhood that they love in a quasi-judicial setting and that also the licensee is fighting for their property rights.
- UUU. Alderman Chambers moved for a 90 day suspension based upon the preponderance of the evidence in the police report, resident, police, and aldermanic testimony that the demonstrates the operation results in a threat to the health, safety, or welfare of the public for failure to comply with the approved plan of operations and disturbance of the peace. There were no objections. (Prevailed 4-0)
- VVV. Alderman Burgelis said that he agrees with the motion and that the lack of management is evident and that they have some time to work on that and prove they are worthy of a renewal next year.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Committee has jurisdiction to hold hearings and provided Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and a Recommendation to the full Common Council pursuant to Chapter 85 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances.
2. Based upon the above facts found and the findings in the revocation complaint, the Committee concludes that the Licensee, Lourdes Jeronimo who holds a Class B Tavern license for the premises located at 1663 South 11th Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Club 69") has not met the criteria of Chapter 85 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances to continue to hold the above-described Class B Tavern license, without undergoing a Ninety (90) day suspension. The Committee finds the allegations in the revocation complaint to be true. The Committee based its recommendation on the facts in the sworn complaint, neighborhood testimony, and aldermanic testimony.



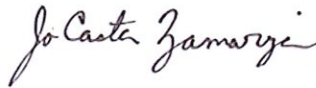
3. In order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Milwaukee, it is the recommendation of the Licenses Committee that the full Common Council of the City of Milwaukee should exercise its judgment to suspend the Class B Tavern license for the premises located at 1663 South 11th Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Club 69") for Ninety (90) days. The Committee based its recommendation on the facts found in the sworn complaint, neighborhood testimony, and aldermanic testimony.

RECOMMENDATION

Based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated above, the Committee, by a vote of **five (5) ayes, and zero (0) noes**, recommends that the Class B Tavern license held by Lourdes Jeronimo for the premises located at 1663 South 11th Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Club 69") be suspended for Ninety (90) days.

The suspension is in effect between 12:01 a.m. on September 23, 2025 until 11:59 p.m. on December 21, 2025.

Dated and signed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 12 day of September, 2025.



JOCASTA ZAMARRIPA
Chairperson, Licenses Committee





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ALDERWOMAN, 8TH DISTRICT

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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• Steering and Rules Committee

• Zoning, Neighborhoods, and Development Committee

Date: September 12, 2025

To: All Members of the Milwaukee Common Council

From: The Licenses Committee

Re: Report of the Revocation of Francisco Gomez-Ortiz, Agent for Cantaritos Bar, LLC, Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises licenses for the premises located at 1566-1570 South Muskego Avenue in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Passion Nightclub").

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Francisco Gomez-Ortiz (hereinafter the "Licensee") is the holder of Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises licenses for the premises located at 1566-1570 South Muskego Avenue in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Passion Nightclub"). Said license expire at midnight, January 20, 2026.
2. Pursuant to Chapter 85 and 90 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, Chief of Police Jeffrey Norman filed a revocation complaint, attached and incorporated by reference, against the Licensee on August 22, 2025.
4. On August 26, 2025, the City Clerk's Office provided notice to the Licensee pursuant to Chapters 85 and 90 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances of the police report and included a copy of the police report. The matter was scheduled for a hearing on the police report on September 9, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 301B of the third floor of City Hall. At said date, time and place, the applicant appeared in person with Attorney Geoffrey Misfeldt, and Marina Mahler (interpreter), and admitted receipt of the notice of hearing, together with a copy of the Milwaukee Police report.
5. Based upon the sworn testimony heard and the evidence received at the hearing, the Committee finds the following:
 - A. On May 17, 2025 at 8:30 a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Battery at 1566 South Muskego. The victim stated they were assisting bar security escort two subjects out of the premise and got sucker punched, while attempting to assist. Video surveillance was available, which depicts the victim approach the subjects and throw a punch, which started the



altercation. The subject denied medical treatment. The business was cooperative.

- B. On June 8, 2025 at 2:10 p.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Fight at 1566 South Muskego. Investigation revealed a highly intoxicated subject was physically fighting with patrons and security. The business did not want to prosecute and were cooperative allowing officers to view video surveillance.
- C. On July 31, 2025 at 3:00 p.m., Milwaukee Police executed a Search Warrant at 1566 South Muskego. Upon execution of the search warrant, it was determined an apartment had been constructed on the first floor with access points to the bar. A second search warrant was executed to include the apartment in which Body Armor, firearms, 60.54 Grams of Cocaine, 15.2 Grams of Marijuana, ledger with drug transactions and a large sum of US Currency was seized. It was determined one of the firearms was used in a ShotSpotter incident in which 5 rounds were fired. The Agent was taken into custody for Maintain Drug Trafficking Place and Possession of Cocaine with Intent to Deliver (Felony) 2 reports:

Charge1: Possess w/Intent Cocaine-PTAC-Use of A Dangerous Weapon
2: Maintain Drug Trafficking Place-PTAC-use of A Dangerous Weapon
Finding:
Sentence: Scheduling Conference 10/06/25 1:30 p.m.
Date:
Case: 25CF003610

- D. Attorney Adamson appeared on behalf of MPD who is present in person by Officer Vodicka.
- E. The Licensee, Ms. Mahler and Officer Vodicka were sworn in.
- F. Attorney Misfeldt acknowledged the receipt of the revocation notice.
- G. Attorney Adamson said that the police report can be accepted as evidence, and he submitted Exhibit A which is an authenticated copy of the criminal complaint, information and court record of the events associated with criminal charges from the items listed on the premises license report and that Officer Vodicka will testify in order to provide more context.
- H. The police report was read.
- I. Attorney Adamson requested that Exhibit A be moved into evidence.
- J. Attorney Gresham said that it is acceptable.
- K. Officer Vodicka was called to testify.



- L. Attorney Misfeldt made a standing objection to Officer Vodicka as to hearsay testimony.
- M. Attorney Adamson said that there is an exception for hearsay under Chapter 908 which this committee should take into consideration as part of the determination.
- N. As for the standing objection, Attorney Adamson said that Officer Vodicka was the one who wrote the licensed premises report regarding the warrant that was executed.
- O. Officer Vodicka – District 2 – explained that the premises falls within the district and that he was not present but that he wrote the license report. Answering Attorney Adamson's questions, Officer Vodicka described that in the building there are 5 apartments upstairs and the ground floor is primarily the bar and a single apartment, and the basement area as well. He said that you would not even know that the apartment is there and that it is towards the rear of the location. He said that is an exterior entrance off the side street and there is a hallway with an unknown stairwell that goes up from the storage area in the basement. He added that, from the pictures, it seems that underneath the utility room, another stairwell leads to the apartment as well. He explained that at this apartment, personal identifiers were recovered like a passport, medication, mail and utility bills that belong to the Licensee. He explained that the majority of the cocaine was recovered from the utility room which is connected to both the apartment and the bar. He added that there was cocaine, two fire arms, marijuana and a large amount of US currency recovered from the apartment. He also said that the agent was on scene at the time and the Licensee is also the owner of the property; the Licensee indicated that he was the boss for the last 15 years.
- P. Officer Vodicka said that to his recollection, there were 107 doses/packages of cocaine totaling 60 grams and that from his personal training and experience, 107 doses are not for personal use but for distribution/sale.
- Q. Attorney Misfeldt asked if the cocaine was concealed in the stove hood.
- R. Officer Vodicka answered "yes".
- S. Attorney Misfeldt said that the cocaine doses were not obviously noticed by anyone walking in/around this apartment.
- T. Officer Vodicka said that it is correct.
- U. Attorney Misfeldt asked if the stairwell from the basement was in a separate basement bar storage area.
- V. Officer Vodicka said that the photos are not clear but that it seems to lead to what looks like a closet in the apartment area.



- W. Attorney Misfeldt asked what would prevent anyone, including customers and employees, to access this storage area/apartment.
- X. Officer Vodicka answered "nothing".
- Y. Attorney Misfeldt asked if the purchase of controlled drugs is from the bar employees and not Mr. Gomez Ortiz.
- Z. Officer Vodicka said that is correct.
- AA. Alderman Burgelis asked if the investigation revealed who occupied the apartment.
- BB. Officer Vodicka said it is the licensee based on the personal identifiers like the passport, mail, utility bills and medication recovered.
- CC. Alderman Burgelis asked if there is direct access from the apartment to the bar.
- DD. Officer Vodicka said that he believes there is another door based on what he read on the report; it was previously unknown to the officer when they conducted the search warrant.
- EE. Attorney Adamson said that he has presented his evidence and that he will reserve any remaining time for arguments.
- FF. The committee had no further questions about the complaint.
- GG. The local alderman had no further questions about the complaint.
- HH. The Licensee had no further questions about the complaint.
- II. Attorney Misfeldt said that his client is facing very serious federal charges and that he cannot answer questions about the pending criminal matter and asked if the committee has questions in regards to the business operation and safety measures.
- JJ. There were no neighbors present to testify.
- KK. Alderman Chambers asked the Licensee if he had services in place for intoxicated people like the ones from the fights on May 17th and June 8th to ensure that they are removed safely.
- LL. The Licensee said that his experience tells him when to stop serving patrons but that this particular patron was not happy because they did not serve him more and he started to bother other patrons.
- MM. Alderman Chambers asked the Licensee how often he is at the bar.



- NN. The Licensee explained said that he is not there every day due to other businesses he operates.
- OO. Alderman Perez said that he has very simple rules for all the licensed businesses in his district (no problems with law, no problems with neighbors) and that this bar has had problems along the years and that he agrees with the revocation because it has met the benchmark.
- PP. Attorney Adamson said that the criminal case ongoing has no bearing with this committee and whether or not the cocaine was sold by him or his employees, the apartment has been allowed to store cocaine, firearms and cash and that this is not an isolated case.
- QQ. Attorney Misfeldt said that he disagrees because if you know that your employees are selling cocaine, it does not make any sense that the Licensee calls the police and cooperates with MPD as the police report says (cooperation with law enforcement, dealing with misbehaviors and checking ids).
- RR. Attorney Misfeldt said that the Licensee has been in Milwaukee for 25 years, has raised 6 kids, pays taxes, that he is a successful business owner, a responsible property owner and that he understands that he is responsible for the items found and that anyone in the bar has access to it. He added that the bar has been closed since the search warrant, no one from the community is here to complain that the bar is a nuisance, and he thinks that 90 days suspension is sufficient for his client to figure things out.
- SS. Mr. Cooney confirmed that the Licensee has been the agent since 2011.
- TT. Alderwoman Zamarripa wanted to point out that there are items on the police report that are not necessarily cooperative.
- UU. Mr. Cooney said that the licenses have been granted with a warning letter in 2022, 2019, 2017, 2014 and 2013 and with 10 (ten) day suspensions in 2016 and 2015.
- VV. Alderman Burgelis said that the Licensee is not disputing the charges and moved for revocation of the Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises licenses based upon the preponderance of the evidence in the police report and MPD testimony that demonstrates the operation results in threat to the health, safety or welfare of the public for failure to comply with the approved plan of operations, the illegal drug activity, the criminal complaint, and evidences. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)



CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

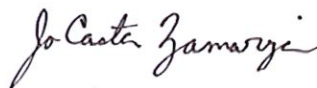
1. The Committee has jurisdiction to hold hearings and provided Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and a Recommendation to the full Common Council pursuant to Chapter 85 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances.
2. Based upon the above facts found and the findings in the revocation complaint, the Committee concludes that the Licensee, Francisco Gomez-Ortiz who holds Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises licenses for the premise located at 1566-1570 South Muskego Avenue in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Passion Nightclub") has not met the criteria of 85 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances to continue to hold the above-described Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises licenses. The Committee finds the allegations in the revocation complaint to be true. The Committee based its recommendation on the facts in the sworn complaint, and aldermanic testimony.
3. In order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Milwaukee, it is the recommendation of the Licenses Committee that the full Common Council of the City of Milwaukee should exercise its judgment to revoke the Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises licenses for the premises located at 1566-1570 South Muskego Avenue in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Passion Nightclub"). The Committee based its recommendation upon the preponderance of the evidence in the police report and MPD testimony that demonstrates the operation results in threat to the health, safety or welfare of the public for failure to comply with the approved plan of operations, the illegal drug activity, the criminal complaint, and evidences.

RECOMMENDATION

Based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated above, the Committee, by a vote of **five (5) ayes, zero (0) noes**, recommends that the Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises licenses held by Francisco Gomez-Ortiz for the premises located at 1566-1570 South Muskego Avenue in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Passion Nightclub") be revoked.

Said revocation is effective on September 23, 2025.

Dated and signed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 12 day of September, 2025.



JOCASTA ZAMARRIPA
Chairperson, Licenses Committee

