

In re the Class "B" Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises licenses of:

Ivette Sanitation LLC  
Maritza Ivette Pica Fuentes, Agent  
as the Licensee for the licensed premises  
known as Punta Cana  
2000 S. 13<sup>th</sup> St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204

SWORN CHARGES BY CHIEF OF POLICE FOR REVOCATION OF LICENSES

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes § 125.12 and Milwaukee Code of Ordinances ("MCO"), §§ 85-4, 85-27, 90-12 and 108-11, Chief of Police Jeffrey Norman, a City of Milwaukee resident and interested party, by Captain Erin Mejia of Police District 2, and interested party, being first duly sworn and upon oath, respectfully charges the following based upon review of official Milwaukee Police Department ("MPD") reports drafted in the ordinary course of business, review of documents received by MPD District 2 and communication with other law enforcement, municipal officials and individuals with information.

REVOCATION STANDARDS

MCO § 85-4-1.5 requires all issued licenses to be heard for revocation at the same time. MCO § 85-27 grants the discretion to revoke any MCO ch. 85 license for any improper conduct of the licensed person. MCO § 85-4-4 provides grounds for revocation and these include the following:

- Failing to meet municipal qualifications.
- Pending charges or convictions of any level and type of offense which substantially relate to the circumstances of the particular licensed or permitted activity.
- Whether the licensed premises facilitates a public or private nuisance.
- Whether the premises facilitates congregations of people that have resulted in failing to

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comply with the approved plan of operation or has otherwise demonstrated any factor which reasonably relates to the public health, safety and welfare.

Revocation of public entertainment premises follows the same MCO § 85-4-4 factors pursuant to MCO § 108-11-3.

MCO ch. 90 contains many similar factors, but also additional and different grounds for revocation. MCO § 90-2 adopts Wis. ch. 125. MCO § 90-12-3 also adopts state law revocation provisions. Grounds for revoking an alcohol license include:

- Making of any material false statement in any application for a license.
- The licensee has violated any state law or city ordinance prohibiting the sale of intoxicants to intoxicated people.
- The licensee has violated any state law or city ordinance prohibiting the sale of intoxicants people bordering on the state of intoxication.
- The licensee corporation does not have a natural person as an agent who meets the professional character requirements of MCO § 90-6-1-a.
- A responsible person is not on premises pursuant to MCO § 90-8.
- A person allows another to use their license to sell alcohol beverages.
- The licensed premises has been expanded without prior approval.
- The hours of operation have not been followed.
- Licenses have not been properly displayed or sanitary requirements are not followed.
- The presence of underage persons in places of sale or the actual sale to underage persons.
- Gambling, gaming for money/valuable, drunkenness or disorderly conduct on the premises.
- The licensed premises is operated in a such a manner that it constitutes a public or private nuisance.
- The licensed premises is operated in such a manner that it has a substantial adverse effect upon the health, safety or convenience and prosperity of the immediate neighborhood.
- Failure of the licensee to operate the premise in accordance with the plan of operation.

- Any other reasonable cause which shall be in the best interests and good order of the city.

MCO § 90-12-1.

### **LOCATION AND HISTORY**

1. Punta Cana has been the business name for the licensed premises at 2000 S. 13<sup>th</sup> St. dating back to 2023. The licensed LLC is Ivette Sanitation LLC and the licensed agent is Maritza Ivette Pica Fuentes.

2. Punta Cana has had previous violations related to the business operation as previously summarized in police reports provided to the Licenses Committee as outlined as below:

- a) February 10, 2024, MPD were dispatched to the location for 15-20 bullets that impacted the exterior of the building. Security stated they did not have any issues that night, did not have to escort anyone out and did not know who would have fired shots at the building. The video surveillance system was not working at the time even though a security camera in front of the building was part of their approved plan of operations at the time.
- b) June 20, 2024, MPD conducted a check and observed dirt bikes driving recklessly on the sidewalk with multiple people outside drinking alcohol with people entering and existing the business with drinks. The agent stated they did not know a permit was required for food and alcohol sales outside of the establishment.
- c) June 27, 2024, MPD conducted a check and observed dirt bikes parked on the side walk with people outside drinking out of the same plastic cups the establishment was using to serve alcoholic beverages. The business agent was

also issued citations for disorderly premises and allow patrons after hours. Those resulted in guilty determinations.

d) July 10, 2024, a Department of Revenue check of the location led to the agent confiscating two liquor bottles that were refilled as well as a "pony keg" purchased from a non-licensed wholesale.

3. Punta Cana currently holds licenses for a Class B Tavern and a Public Entertainment Premises that were issued on December 17, 2025.

4. The Class B Tavern license for Punta Cana was issued with a warning letter based upon testimony and a police report from a December 2, 2025 hearing. The warning letter advised Maritza Ivette pica Fuentes that the "warning is being given with the expectation that [they] will take appropriate action to ensure that incidents of this nature do not reoccur."

5. The following items were included in the 2025 police report forming a basis for the warning letter:

- a) February 23, 2025, a ShotSpotter activation in the area led MPD to observe approximately twenty individuals physically fighting at this location.
- b) March 23, 2025, a shots fired caller stated that multiple people were fighting outside of the bar and shots being fired. Unarmed security at the location said there was a fight outside and video surveillance did depict a fight outside with security attempting to intervene.
- c) August 4, 2025, the Intelligence Fusion Center located posts regarding a music video being filed at the location that referenced underage subjects.

6. The Wisconsin Department of Revenue filed a tax warrant against Ivette Sanitation LLC in Milwaukee County Circuit Court case 24TW6105 for a delinquent amount of

\$4,249.33 that eventually obtained full satisfaction on August 28, 2025.

**CONDUCT ASSOCIATED WITH PUNTA CANA THIS LICENSING PERIOD**

7. The Wisconsin Department of Revenue filed a tax warrant against Ivette Sanitation LLC in Milwaukee County Circuit Court case 26TW193 for a delinquent amount of \$6,783.05. That tax warrant was filed on January 14, 2026, and satisfaction has not been achieved as of today's date.

8. The currently approved plan of operations, signed June 17, 2025, attested that there would be security cameras outside the front of the establishment.

9. The same plan attested that there would be an ID reader as shown below:

Do you have security personnel on the premise?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	If Yes, how many? <u>2</u>
AND	What are their responsibilities?	<u>Check for ID, make sure no one has a fire arm, do the search, keep</u>
	What security equipment do they use?	<u>check ID reader, search purses, by hand, bag search shoe everything under</u>
	List their license number(s):	<u>and scanners. Cabana!</u>

10. On October 30, 2025, the Wisconsin Department of Revenue conducted a check at this location. The two individuals behind the bar at the location were not licensed bartenders or Class B managers and they claimed to be cleaning. While waiting for the licensed agent to arrive, hookah smoking devices and numerous nicotine products for the hookah were found even though the premises does not hold a tobacco license. The licensed agent arrived and was unable to provide any proof of purchase for the liquor in the establishment. Department of Revenue Agent Holly McManus found six contaminated liquor bottles.

11. On March 15, 2026, MPD was dispatched to the location at approximately 2:01 a.m. to a ShotSpotter near Punta Cana. The licensed agent stated that as the bar was closing and the customers were leaving, she heard a series of gun shots outside. The agent said she called 911 after hearing the gunshot and that she did not observe anyone. No victims or evidence found. The agent and a coworker stated that the security cameras that should have captured the incident

were not working. Six casings were ultimately recovered outside 1980 S. 13<sup>th</sup> St. on March 20, 20216, and this was likely due to the snow melting. A resident in the area stated they believed the incident was related to Punta Cana, because there are always issues going on there, but nothing was observed the night of the shooting.

12. On March 28, 2026, MPD was dispatched to Punta Cana regarding a battery complaint. A caller stated there was a physical fight in the middle of the street. A caller reported that a girl was in the middle of the street and flagging down cars to call an ambulance. The caller reported that a male was fighting the female. A caller reported that the woman said she had been maced by a bouncer. MPD officers went to Punta Cana and made contact with the bouncer who stated there had been an altercation outside of the bar by some heavily intoxicated females, but he did not mace anyone and the altercation did not happen in the premises.

13. On April 16, 2026, MPD conducted a check at the location to see if the camera system was functioning correctly. Half the cameras were working at the time and the storage system was not storing the footage properly. The licensed agent stated that there would be a new camera system that would be installed on Sunday.

14. On April 20, 2026, MPD was dispatched to Punta Cana for a shooting incident. Shot Spotter reported six rounds at 1:43 a.m. and, on arrival, officers observed people in distress and running from Punta Cana. A man was pronounced deceased on scene and he was found in between a vehicle and the sidewalk curb. Six spent cartridges and a projectile fragment were located on the sidewalk near the address of 2000 S. 13<sup>th</sup> St. The suspected shooter has been charged in Milwaukee County Circuit Court case number 26CF1880.

15. The defendant reported being in a bar fight and needed six stitches for a laceration to his nose. A witness reported that the defendant possessed a small black gun inside the bar and

was unsure how the firearm entered the bar because there was security. This witness later confirmed that her husband, the victim, was also armed inside Punta Cana. The same witness reported an altercation inside Punta Cana and that the bouncer intervened. The situation was reported as resolved and the parties remained in Punta Cana. Later in the evening, the witness fought another individual outside Punta Cana and the shooting occurred around that time. The defendant and the victim were associates of the individuals fighting outside of the bar.

16. A review of surveillance video showed two females abruptly come out of the front entrance of the bar and immediately engage in a physical fight with two males following right behind them. Additional onlookers began to exit the bar and they proceeded to stand just outside of the entrance. The victim and the defendant circle the two females as they fought on the ground. The victim pushed the defendant away from the females and the defendant is observed holding a handgun in his right hand. The two eventually begin to pull at each other and they briefly engage until the defendant fires on the victim at close range.

17. A security guard, J.J.P-G., was interviewed by Officer Victor Torres. He stated he was working the front door during the time of the incident. He recalled the defendant, the victim, and their partners verbally arguing inside of Punta Cana. He asked them to leave the establishment. Once outside, there was a more aggressive argument. J.J.P-G. stated that the defendant walked away and returned with a handgun. J.J.P-G. stated that the victim also possessed a handgun.

18. J.J.P-G. was also interviewed by Detective Daniel O'Connell. He stated he does have a pat-down procedure for entry into the bar, but he does not do so for women when he is by himself. Sometimes there will be a woman assisting him, but there was not on the night of the homicide. He stated that the bar does not have an ID scanner.

19. J.J.P-G. stated the defendant and victim were involved in an argument earlier, but it resolved. J.J.P-G. said he normally would escort one of them out of the bar or potentially both but he would let them be for the time being and if anything, else happened they would be kicked out. J.J.P-G. said the victim and his wife were regulars.

20. J.J.P-G. stated that the door to the bar was locked at approximately 1:35 a.m. and a short time later, the women associated with the victim and defendant went outside and started fighting. J.J.P-G. thought that the suspect went north to a car to get a gun because of the pat down procedure, but he didn't see him exactly go there. He stated that he observed both the victim and the defendant armed with firearms during the fight.

21. J.J.P-G. provided law enforcement access to the surveillance system. Detective O'Connell attempted to download video clips, but the extracted files were not actual video files and were unreadable. A crime scene investigator had to record the screen from the camera system to obtain footage of the incident. In the video, it showed bar security exiting Punta Cana and monitoring the fight that was continuing off camera. Bar security then moved south away from the gunshots.

22. MPD designated the premises an MCO § 80-10 nuisance on April 21, 2026, based on the incidents occurring on March 15, 2026; March 28, 2026; and April 19, 2026. No abatement plan was submitted by the property owner and a billing letter went out on May 6, 2026.

### **RELIEF REQUESTED**

WHEREFORE, a license may be revoked for failing to comply with the approved plan of operation and any factor reasonably related to the public health, safety and welfare. MCO § 85-27 also states that any "license issued under this code may be also revoked by the common

council in its discretion for any improper conduct of the licensed person”.

BASED UPON all the allegations alleged above including the failure to follow Wisconsin state statutes, the negligent operation of the business related to approved plans of operation and the impact on the health, safety and welfare of the community, the licenses granted at this location must be revoked.

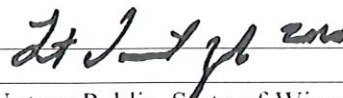
THE CHIEF OF POLICE, by his designee, respectfully requests the immediate revocation of all licenses relative to the above-referenced licensee and licensed premises.

Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 27 day of May, 2026.

CHIEF OF POLICE JEFFREY NORMAN BY:

  
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Captain Erin Mejia

The foregoing complaint was subscribed and sworn to and before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.

  
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Notary Public, State of Wisconsin  
My commission expires on 2-17-2026



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