



**JAMES A. BOHL JR.**  
Alderman, 5<sup>th</sup> District

July 8, 2003

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Dear Members:

Re: Common Council File 021404

Attached are written objections to the denial based upon non-appearance of the Class "D" bartender's license for Carla J. Gawrisch.

This matter will be heard by the full Council at its July 15, 2003 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 A. Bohl Jr." in a cursive style.

James A. Bohl, Chair  
Utilities and Licenses Committee

cc: All Council Members  
City Attorney's Office  
Common Council/City Clerk – License Division  
Milwaukee Police Department – License Investigation  
CCF 021404

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The Honorable Common Council  
of the City of Milwaukee  
Room 205, City Hall  
200 E. Wells Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Re: Renewal of Bartender License  
Applicant: Carla J. Gawrisch

Honorable Members of the Common Council:

Please be advised that this office represents the above-referenced bartender license renewal applicant. This communication is submitted as the applicant's written objections to the July 3, 2003 report of the Utilities & Licenses Committee (hereinafter "Committee"), recommending that applicant's bartender license not be renewed. The applicant requests that these written objections be considered at the Common Council meeting of Tuesday, July 15, 2003, at which time the Committee's recommendations regarding the license renewal will be considered. The recommendations of the Committee were based upon the applicant's failure to appear before the Committee on July 1, 2003, on her renewal application.

The reason for this "objection" is a practical one. It provides your Honorable Body an opportunity to renew Ms. Gawrisch's bartender license expeditiously, upon the same presentation which would be advanced briefly before the Committee if the license application were returned to Committee or a new application was submitted.

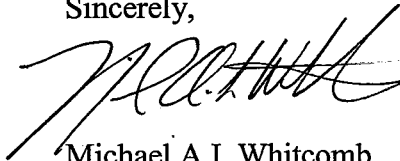
Mr. Gawrisch is forty-one years old, has been a licensed bartender for most of her adult life, and is presently employed full-time as a bartender at a well-respected and established downtown tavern and eatery. She assumed, quite incorrectly, that the letter from the License Division providing notice for the Committee meeting of July 1, 2003, was her actual renewed license. Ms. Gawrisch did not open the letter until after July 1, 2003.

Ms. Gawrisch did not fail to appear before the Committee out of disregard for her personal responsibilities, or because she no longer desires that her license be renewed. Mr. Gawrisch failed to appear before the Committee because she was unaware of her need to do so.

The renewal of her license was scheduled for hearing before the Committee because she received an OWI citation over two years ago. Not as an excuse for, but as an explanation of the OWI conviction, it was an aberration. The incident in 2001 was a futile attempt to medicate the pain occasioned by the passing of a very dear friend of Ms. Gawrisch. Since that time and for over a year, Ms. Gawrisch, with the help of friends and counselors, maintained absolute sobriety and completed the grieving process. Now, Ms. Gawrisch only has an occasional glass of wine, perhaps once or twice a month.

Ms. Gawrisch has been a professional and responsible bartender since the 1991 incident, and is a treasured employee at her present place of work. She deeply regrets the inconvenience she has caused the City in the renewal process of her bartender license. To avoid further inconvenience, it is requested respectfully that this full Common Council consider her renewal application in light of her 2001 OWI incident, and approve the renewal of her bartender license notwithstanding the recommendation of the Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael A.I. Whitcomb", written in a cursive style.

Michael A.I. Whitcomb

c: Ms. Carla Gawrisch