



JOCASTA ZAMARRIPA
ALDERWOMAN, 8TH DISTRICT

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October 30, 2025

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Honorable Members:

Re: Common Council File Number 251041 and 250913

Attached are written objections to file number 251041 of the Licenses Committee relative to licenses:

Approval with a 32 (thirty-two) day suspension held in abeyance of the Food Dealer license for Rose-Marie Walker, based upon the preponderance of the evidence in the aldermanic testimony that demonstrates the operation results in excessive littering, for the premises located at 9230 W CAPITOL DR. ("LITTLE CAESARS #314") in the 5th aldermanic district.

Approval with a 10 (ten) day suspension of the Food Dealer and Food Peddler licenses for Ignacio G Madrigal Villagomez, based upon the preponderance of the evidence in the police report that demonstrates the operation results in a threat to health, safety or welfare of the public for the purchase of stolen goods, for the premises located at 1207 W LINCOLN Av. ("YA LLEGARAS FOOD") in the 12th aldermanic district.

Attached are written objections to file number 250913 of the Licenses Committee relative to licenses:

Revocation of the Class B tavern, Public Entertainment Premises, Food Dealer and Sidewalk Dining licenses based upon the preponderance of the of evidence in the police report, aldermanic testimony, licensee and staff testimony and other evidence presented at the hearing and what was included in the notice that demonstrates the operation results in a threat to health, safety and welfare of the public for the loitering and disturbance of the peace; for the premises located at 618 N WATER St. ("ELMNT LOUNGE") in the 4th aldermanic district.

This matter will be heard by the full Council at its Tuesday, November 4, 2025 meeting. Pursuant to City Ordinances, a roll call vote will be taken to confirm that all members have read the attached statement and materials.

Sincerely,

JoCasta Zamarripa
Chairperson Licenses Committee

cc: All Council Members
City Attorney's Office
Common Council/City Clerk – License Division
CCF 251041 and 250913



October 29, 2025

Richard W. Donner
Direct Dial: 414-298-8169
rdonner@reinhartlaw.com

SENT BY E-MAIL

Mr. James R. Owczarski, City Clerk
City of Milwaukee
jowcza@milwaukee.gov

Dear Mr. Owczarski:

Re: Response to Licenses Committee Report
Little Caesars at 9230 W. Capitol Drive

This firm represents Little Caesars Enterprises, Inc. ("LCE") in its Food Dealer License Renewal Application for its restaurant (Store #314) located at 9230 West Capitol Drive, between North 92nd Street and North 93rd Street, in the 5th Aldermanic District. Little Caesars has proudly operated at this location and served this neighborhood for more than 30 years.

Store #314 employs 25 people and is one of 5 stores that LCE operates throughout the City of Milwaukee. Many, like the subject property, that have been operating in the City for decades. LCE has deep roots in this community and a long track record of working cooperatively with local stakeholders to promptly address issues at its locations when they do arise.

In response to the License Committee Report to the Milwaukee Common Council (the "Report"), we make the following additions and clarifications to the Findings of Fact in the Report:

1. **Expired Food Dealer License.** The most recent Food Dealer License for Store #314 was issued without a hearing before the Licensing Committee on July 12, 2024 and expired on July 11, 2025. Unfortunately, in April 2025, the employee who had long overseen license renewals for LCE left the company, and as a result, the renewal for Store #314 was inadvertently delayed.

Once the issue was brought to LCE's attention by the Milwaukee Health Department on September 16, 2025, LCE acted promptly and filed its renewal application within two days, on September 18, 2025. The internal process issue that caused the delay has since been fully corrected. LCE takes its regulatory obligations seriously and this was an isolated administrative oversight. LCE's four other City locations have all renewed their Food Dealer Licenses through 2026 without incident.

On October 1, 2025, Ald. Westmoreland notified the License Division that he was objecting to LCE's renewal application and requesting a hearing. LCE was not contacted by Ald. Westmoreland prior to this objection.

On October 2, 2025, the Milwaukee Health Department closed Store #314 for failure to timely renew its Food Dealer License and instructed LCE to apply for a provisional license. The following day,

October 3, 2025, LCE applied for a provisional license to allow the store to reopen pending the outcome of the Licensing Committee hearing. Ald. Westmoreland subsequently objected to the issuance of the provisional license. LCE was not contacted by Ald. Westmoreland prior to this objection.

On October 21, 2025 a hearing was held before the License Committee, which granted the renewal of the Food Deal License subject to the conditions specified in the Report.

On October 22, 2025, Ald. Westmoreland removed his objection and the provisional license was issued. Store #314 re-opened on October 23, 2025. 25 employees were out of work from October 2, 2025 to October 23, 2025.

2. **Police Report.** There are 2 incidents listed on the police report during the last license period:
 - (a) 12-8-2024 – Customer became belligerent requesting more pepperoni on his pizza. Customer left and Crew Leader came into the lobby to lock the front door to prevent the customer from coming back inside. Customer pushed door open and assaulted Crew Leader. Several employees came from behind the front counter to break up the fight, during which customer punched an employee in the face. Police issued a citation to customer. LCE terminated seven employees, including the Crew Leader, for leaving the front counter during the incident in violation of company policy.
 - (b) 2-21-2025 – Police called for a fight between customers. Parties gone prior to police arrival. Police report states “*Incident had nothing to do with Little Caesars.*”
3. **DNS Citation for Cracked Wall Sign and Defective Retaining Wall.** On November 20, 2024, DNS issued a citation to LCE for a cracked wall sign and loose bricks in the retaining wall. Site inspection and citation is issued 1 day after LCE’s last communication with Ald. Westmoreland during the license period on November 19, 2024 (further described below). Due to holiday schedules and periods of severe winter weather, there was some delay in completing the necessary repairs. The issues have since been fully addressed, as shown in the attached photographs.
 - The cracked wall sign was repaired on **January 24, 2025** (invoice attached).
 - The retaining wall was repaired on **February 6, 2025** (invoice attached).
 - In response to DNS re-inspection, additional work was completed on **March 28, 2025**, including replacement of mulch in the landscape beds with pea gravel (at the direction of DNS Inspector Rusnak) and installation of protective bollards at each end of the retaining wall to prevent vehicles from driving over or into it (invoice attached).

These actions demonstrate LCE’s thorough cooperation with DNS as well as its commitment to maintaining the property in a safe and attractive condition for customers and the surrounding community.
4. **Litter.** In July 2023, in response to Ald. Westmoreland’s concerns regarding litter in the area, LCE agreed to conduct cleanup of the property three times per day and has consistently fulfilled that commitment. Included in this file are photographs showing the current condition of the property.

In an email to LCE dated August 13, 2024 (attached), Ald. Westmoreland commended the store for its cleanup efforts, noting that “*the upkeep and the pickup of litter has been much improved.*” He acknowledged that while trash can accumulate overnight, “*it is picked up every morning.*”

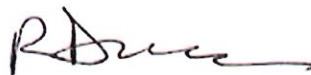
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October 29, 2025
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In an effort to prevent trash from accumulating overnight, Ald. Westmoreland has requested that LCE conduct a final litter pickup at the close of business (10 p.m.). While LCE fully supports maintaining a clean and welcoming environment, its company-wide safety policy—designed to protect employees—prohibits staff from going outside the store after dark. Attached is an excerpt from LCE's employee handbook outlining these safety requirements. LCE takes pride in being a responsible and engaged member of the neighborhood. The company respectfully submits that the presence of trash overnight (during hours when the store is closed) reflects a broader community challenge rather than a store-specific issue. As a long-standing local partner, LCE is eager to work collaboratively with Ald. Westmoreland and other community stakeholders to develop a practical, sustainable solution that ensures both cleanliness and safety for all.

Additionally, Ald. Westmoreland requested that LCE place trash bins in the parking lot to help reduce litter. In an email to LCE dated November 19, 2024, Ald. Westmoreland expressed frustration with the time required to implement this request. Because exterior trash bins are not standard at LCE locations, fulfilling this request required additional time. LCE needed to identify a vendor that could provide an outdoor bin of appropriate size and weight—one that could not be easily moved after hours and that would also be aesthetically consistent with the property's appearance. LCE also considered whether adding such bins might inadvertently encourage loitering in the parking lot.

We note that the November 19, 2024 email (sent more than 11 months ago) was the last correspondence received by LCE from Ald. Westmoreland or his office regarding litter or the property's condition. At Store #314, as well as at its four other locations within the City, LCE has a long-standing record of collaborating with local stakeholders to promptly and effectively address community concerns. Continued communication between the parties is essential to that partnership and LCE looks forward to renewed engagement with Ald. Westmoreland's office as they work together toward shared goals for the neighborhood.

Yours very truly,



Richard W. Donner

Encl.

cc: stasst5@milwaukee.gov

SECURITY GUIDELINES

The security of our colleagues, customers, and restaurants is as important to us as it is to you. The following guidelines will help us to maintain this security. Managers have a responsibility to ensure all colleagues are trained on the following guidelines:

- Keep the restaurant's back door closed and secured at all times, except during trash removal or receipt of deliveries. Do not let unauthorized personnel in the back door of the restaurant. Do not open the back door after dark or before banking is completed.
- The following opening procedures will be followed by all colleagues when arriving at the restaurant to open:
 - Two or more colleagues arrive at the store to conduct opening procedures.
 - Prior to the manager approaching the store, the parking lot and vicinity of the store should be thoroughly checked for any suspicious persons/vehicles. Be aware of your surroundings. If there is anyone suspicious sitting in their car or loitering around the store or parking lot, leave the area immediately and call the police.
 - If there are no suspicious threats, the manager approaches the store alone while the secondary colleague waits in their vehicle, or at a safe distance, within viewing distance of the store's front door.
 - The manager enters the facility, locks the front door and gives the "all clear" sign for the secondary colleague to enter the premises.
 - In the event that the manager is forced into the store, the secondary colleague will immediately call 911.
 - These procedures should be completed regardless if the store has armored car service. Should you have any further questions or concerns, contact your Loss Prevention manager.
- After close, the front door should remain closed and secured until all closing colleagues are ready to exit the store. No colleagues should exit the store to smoke after the store closes.
- No colleagues other than Loss Prevention personnel are permitted to touch, disturb, unplug or tamper with cameras and/or surveillance equipment.
- Never open/unlock the doors while banking is in progress.
- Never take trash out after dark.
- The pass-thru door is to be locked at all times. No Little Caesars official, repairman, governmental official, vendor, etc., may enter a restaurant without proper identification and purpose. This includes a business card and picture identification. If someone makes a complaint, have them contact the area supervisor or regional office.
- At no time will there be anyone other than scheduled colleagues behind the front counter or in the back working area; no customers, friends, relatives, or off-duty colleagues.
- Keep windows clear to maximize visibility. Call police if you see anyone or anything suspicious. Always count money away from public view.
- If someone refuses to leave the restaurant, immediately call the police and await their help. Do not physically

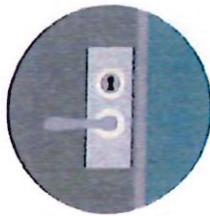
CLOSE

- At close, ensure that **ALL** trash is in a trash can with a lid and all waste is in a bin with a lid. There should be no food trash/waste exposed.

Note

Do not take trash out after dark.

SECURITY GUIDELINES



Back Door Locked



Never take trash
out after dark



No one behind counter
(including off-duty colleagues)

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ROBBERY RESPONSE

- Your safety is our biggest concern
- Remain calm, cooperate & do not argue with suspect
- Observe robber's appearance: height, weight, clothing
- Once safe, call for help

INVOICE 00202783

Feb 27, 2025

Bill To
LITTLE CAESARS
 2211 Woodward Ave
 Detroit, MI 48201, US
 Dino Talangelo

Location
00314 Little Caesars
 9230 W CAPITAL DR
 Milwaukee, WI 53222, US

From
DOYLE SIGNS, INC

232 W. Interstate Rd
 Addison, IL 60101, US

630-543-9490
 630-543-9493 FAX
 Sharon Sloat
 sharon@doylesigns.com

Remit To
 DOYLE SIGNS, INC, 232 W. Interstate Rd
 Addison, IL 60101, US

Tracking 298029862

Work Order 298029862

Purchase Order 298029862

NTE 1500.00

Completed Jan 24, 2025

Posted Feb 27, 2025

Vendor ID DOYLE SIGNS, INC.11275

Approval Code 7701015

REPAIR / Standard 24 Hours (No OT)

SIGNAGE

The city gave us a citation for the sign being cracked. I believe you will need to reface or replace the Plexi since the can is in good shape.

site is complete new face was installed

Check-In

Work Date	Check-In	Check-Out	# of Techs	Hours
Jan 24, 2025	Jan 24, 2025 11:30	Jan 24, 2025 12:15	1	0.76
Total IVR / Check-In Hrs				0.76

Labor	# of Techs	Time Type	Hourly Rate	Hours	Amount
Technician	1	Regular	130.00	7.5	975.00
Labor Total				7.50	975.00
Material	Part #	Units	Unit Price	Qty	Amount
NEW LITTLE FACE		Each	400.00	1	400.00
Material Total					400.00
Sub Total					1375.00
Tax					Amount
Total Tax					75.63
Total (USD)					1450.63

Called On	Called by
Dec 9, 2024	Tracy
Approved On	Approved by
Mar 3, 2025	Name: Tracy Jacobs -facilities UserID: Tracy.Jacobs@LCEcorp.com

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INVOICE 171453

Feb 6, 2025

Bill To
LITTLE CAESARS
 2211 Woodward Ave
 Detroit, MI 48201, US
 Dino Totangelo
 Location
00314 Little Caesars
 9230 W CAPITAL DR
 Milwaukee, WI 53222, US

From
IMAGEONE INDUSTRIES
 677 Dunksferry Rd
 Bensalem, PA 19020, US
 2158260880
 2158260514 FAX
 Service Dept
 service@i1ind.com
 Remit To
 IMAGEONE INDUSTRIES, 677 D
 UNKS FERRY ROAD
 BENSALEM, PA 19020, US

Tracking 297965609
 Work Order 297965609
 Purchase Order 297965609
 Proposal prp12925173653840
 Proposal Amount 395.63
 NTE 395.63
 Completed Feb 6, 2025
 Posted Feb 19, 2025
 Vendor ID imageone industries15521
 Approval Code 7702008

MAINTENANCE / Standard 24 Hours (No OT)**LAWN SERVICE**

Please fix the retaining wall. Someone knocked a few bricks out on one side. Just remove the ones on the driveway side closest to the corner. I am going to put in bollards.

remove loose block from both ends of retaining wall

Labor	# of Techs	Time Type	Hourly Rate	Hours	Amount
Technician	2	Regular	137.50	1	275.00
Labor Total				2.00	275.00
Material	Part #	Units	Unit Price	Qty	Amount
Dump fee		Each	100.00	1	100.00
Material Total					100.00
Sub Total					375.00
Tax (5.5000%)					Amount
Total Tax					20.63
Total (USD)					395.63

Called On	Called by
Dec 8, 2024	Tracy
Paid On	Paid by
Feb 26, 2025	Name: InvoiceProcessing

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Little Caesars

Proposal

DATE: Mar 28, 2025

PROPOSAL NUMBER: prp32825194131227

RFP NUMBER:

LOCATION: Little Caesars

LOCATION NUMBER: 00314

VENDOR NAME: IMAGEONE INDUSTRIES

TRACKING NUMBER: 309326111

REQUESTED BY:

PROJECT NAME & DESCRIPTION*: Wall repair, Bollard install and mulch replacement.
Repair the damaged ends of the wall.
Install protective bollards at each end of wall by each entrance.
Backfill as needed and install weed barrier and tan pea gravel.
Remove dead and dying plants in 3 front beds and fill beds with pea gravel
General clean up

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with pea gravel General clean up

CURRENCY*: USD

COSTS INCURRED TO DATE TOTAL 0.00
SUBTOTAL 0.00

MATERIALS

DESCRIPTION	QTY		UNIT		PRICE		TOTAL
52" Bollard	2.00	x	each	x	295.00	=	590.00
pea gravel	15.00	x	each	x	74.00	=	1,110.00
weed barrier and chem herbicide	1.00	x	each	x	275.00	=	275.00
wall stone	1.00	x	each	x	500.00	=	500.00
MATERIALS TOTAL							2,475.00
SUBTOTAL							2,475.00

Are these materials new to the store or are they replacing previously existing materials?

EXISTING

INSTALLATION LABOR

DESCRIPTION	TECH		HRS		RATE		TOTAL
Regular Hours	6.00	x	7.00	x	90.00	=	3,780.00
INSTALLATION LABOR TOTAL							3,780.00
SUBTOTAL							6,255.00

NON-INSTALLATION EXPENSES

DESCRIPTION	# OF TRIPS		CHARGE		TOTAL
disposal fee					500.00
NON-INSTALLATION EXPENSES TOTAL					500.00
SUBTOTAL					6,755.00

FREIGHT TOTAL 0.00

SUBTOTAL 6,755.00

TAX

DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
Material Sales Tax	136.13
Installation Labor Sales Tax	207.90
Non-Installation Expenses Sales Tax	27.50
TAX TOTAL	371.53
SUBTOTAL	7,126.53

ATTACHMENTS

[314 MILWAUKEE BOLLARDS 2.PNG](#)

[314 MILWAUKEE BOLLARDS.PDF](#)

SPEND BY CATEGORY

		SUBTOTAL
Costs Incurred to date	0.00	0.00
Materials	2,475.00	2,475.00
Installation Labor	3,780.00	6,255.00
Non-Installation Expenses	500.00	6,755.00
Freight	0.00	6,755.00
Tax	371.53	7,126.53

TOTAL PROJECT COST 7,126.53

CURRENCY

USD

Little Caesars – 9230 West Capitol Drive

East from North 93rd Street



North along North 93rd Street



South on North 93rd Street



Southeast toward Capitol Drive



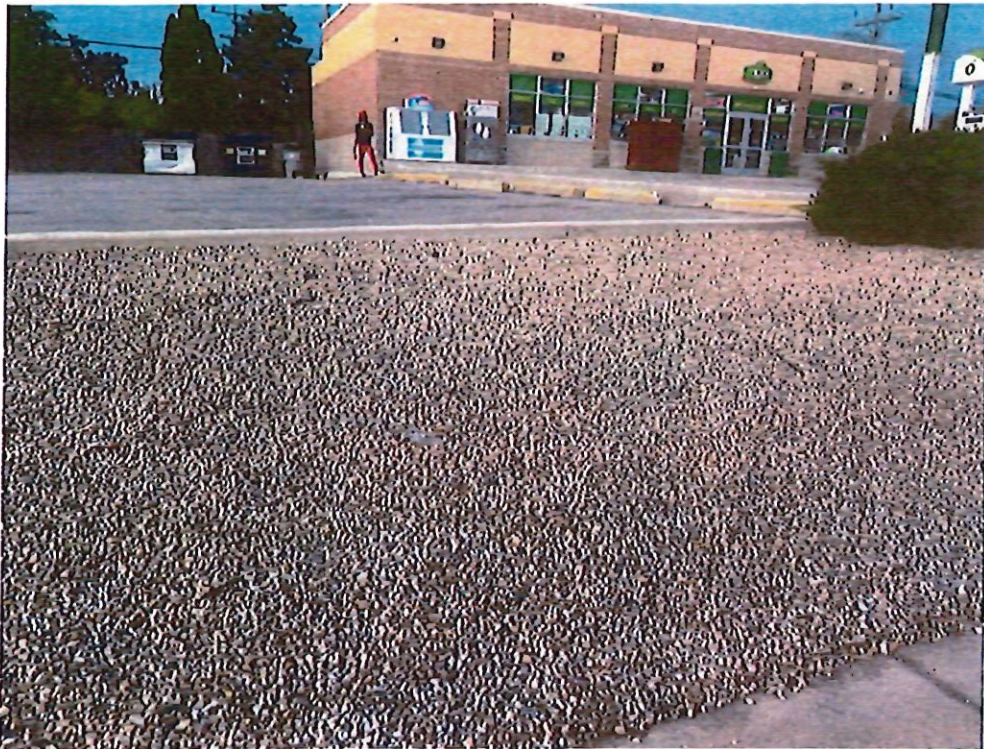
East along West Capitol Drive



East along West Capitol Drive (parking lot)



Northeast from West Capitol Drive



West facing North 93rd Street



East towards North 92nd Street



North on North 93rd Street



Wall Signage



Richard W. Donner

From: rdonner@reinhardtllaw.com
Subject: RE: 9230 W. Capitol Dr

From: Westmoreland, Lamont <Lamont.Westmoreland@milwaukee.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 11:39 AM
To: Tracy Jacobs <Tracy.Jacobs@LCEcorp.com>
Cc: Peterson, Todd <Todd.Peterson@milwaukee.gov>
Subject: 9230 W. Capitol Dr

*** This email originated from an EXTERNAL source ***
Hi Tracy,

I hope all is well. Can you have a few garbage bins placed at this location? A couple in the lot and one at the door.

There was a brand new BP gas station built next door and the owner has complained about litter from Little Caesars blowing on to his property.

I'll say that the upkeep and the pickup of litter has been much improved, which is why I approved the license renewal this year without needing a discussion at License Committee. The mornings look awful with litter scattered over the entire premises, however it is picked up every morning.

I do think the garbage bins at the door and in the lot will help litter management and reduce what we've been seeing before opening. Hoping this can happen sooner rather than later. Lastly, do you have any thoughts or ideas on ways to further reduce (aside from the bins) the litter that accumulates from the last PM premises pick up to the first in the AM?

Thanks

Lamont Westmoreland
Alderman, District 5
Milwaukee Common Council
200 East Wells Street, Room 205
Milwaukee, WI 53202
Office: 414-286-3870
Email: Lamont.Westmoreland@milwaukee.gov

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Ignacio Madrigal

El Ya Llegarás LLC

Milwaukee, WI

octubre 22 /2025

A la atención de:

Autoridades de la Ciudad de Milwaukee

Departamento de Licencias Comerciales

Milwaukee, WI

Estimados miembros de la Honorable Junta y Autoridades de la Ciudad de Milwaukee:

Me dirijo a ustedes con el mayor respeto y humildad para expresar mis más sinceras disculpas por los inconvenientes que pudieron haberse ocasionado en relación con la operación de mi restaurante, El Ya Llegarás LLC. Reconozco la gran responsabilidad que implica dirigir un negocio en esta ciudad y valoro profundamente la labor que realizan para proteger y mantener el orden y bienestar de nuestra comunidad.

Este restaurante no es únicamente un establecimiento comercial. Es el fruto de muchos años de trabajo, sacrificio y sueños familiares, y representa la fuente de sustento no solo para mi familia, sino también para quince familias más que dependen directamente de este empleo para sostener sus hogares y sacar adelante a sus hijos.

Con absoluta honestidad y compromiso, quiero manifestar mi total disposición para corregir, mejorar y cumplir con todos los lineamientos que las autoridades consideren necesarios. Mi prioridad es colaborar de manera transparente y responsable, demostrando que somos un negocio que respeta las normas y que desea aportar de manera positiva a la ciudad de Milwaukee, que ha sido nuestro hogar y el lugar donde hemos construido nuestro sueño.

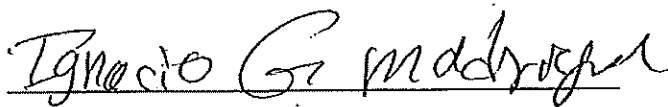
Por esta razón, con profundo respeto, les solicito que consideren otorgarnos la licencia y así mismo sea evitada la suspensión de 10 días del restaurante ya que si eso pasara mis empleados se verían profundamente afectados .

Esta oportunidad que ustedes nos pudiesen dar no solo permitiría mantener en pie un negocio, sino también proteger la estabilidad económica y emocional de todas las familias que dependen de él.

Agradezco de corazón su tiempo, su comprensión y la labor que realizan al servicio de esta ciudad. Espero que puedan ver en mí, y en mi equipo a personas trabajadoras, comprometidas y con la firme intención de hacer las cosas bien.

Esperando su pronta respuesta

Con gratitud y respeto,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ignacio G. Madrigal". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Ignacio Madrigal

Propietario — El Ya Llegarás LLC

Melendez, Yadira

From: Murillo, Maribel
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 3:49 PM
To: Cooney, Jim; Williamson2, Latasha; License
Cc: Milano, Marissa; Perez, Jose; Melendez, Yadira; Owczarski, Jim; Gresham, Travis
Subject: RE: Message from "RNP583879BE35B7"
Attachments: 20251022124732118.pdf

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This letter was translated by Elisa Hernández

To
The attention of:
Milwaukee City Authorities
Department of Business Licensing
Milwaukee, WI

Dear members of the Honorable Board and Milwaukee City Authorities:

I address you with the utmost respect and humility to express my sincere apologies for any inconvenience that may have been caused in regard to the operation of my restaurant, El Ya Llegarás LLC. I recognize the great responsibility involved in running a business in this city and deeply appreciate the work you do to protect and maintain the order and well-being of our community.

This restaurant is not just a commercial establishment. It is the fruit of many years of work, sacrifice, and family dreams, and it represents the source of livelihood not only for my family, but also for fifteen other families who depend directly on this job to support their homes and raise their children.

With absolute honesty and commitment, I want to express my total willingness to correct, improve, and comply with all the guidelines that the authorities deem necessary. My priority is to collaborate in a transparent and responsible manner, demonstrating that we are a business that respects the rules and wants to contribute positively to the city of Milwaukee, which has been our home and the place where we have built our dream.

For this reason, with deep respect, I ask you to consider granting us the license

and
thus avoiding the 10-day suspension of the restaurant, since if
that were to happen,
my employees would be deeply affected.

This opportunity that you could give us would not only allow us to keep a
business afloat, but also protect the economic and emotional stability of all the
families that depend on it.

I sincerely appreciate your time, your understanding, and
the
work you do in service to
this city. I hope you can see in me and my team hard-working people who are
committed and
have the
firm intention of doing things right.

I look forward to your prompt response.

With gratitude and respect,

From: Cooney, Jim <Jim.Cooney@milwaukee.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 3:08 PM
To: Williamson2, Latasha <Latasha.Williamson2@milwaukee.gov>; License <LICENSE@milwaukee.gov>
Cc: Milano, Marissa <ldcoord@milwaukee.gov>; Murillo, Maribel <Maribel.Murillo@milwaukee.gov>; Perez, Jose
<JoseG.Perez@milwaukee.gov>; Melendez, Yadira <Yadira.Melendez@milwaukee.gov>; Owczarski, Jim
<jowcza@milwaukee.gov>; Gresham, Travis <tgresh@milwaukee.gov>
Subject: Re: Message from "RNP583879BE35B7"

This is an objection to the findings of the committee. While it predates the written findings of fact it is sufficient
to trigger an appeal before the Common Council.

Jim O., could it be translated and added to the file? Yadira, when you send the findings could you add a
sentence to the cover letter acknowledging receipt and informing the applicant and his attorney that they can
supplement their objection by the deadline?

Thanks

Get Outlook for iOS

From: Williamson2, Latasha <Latasha.Williamson2@milwaukee.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 1:07:52 PM
To: License <LICENSE@milwaukee.gov>
Cc: Cooney, Jim <Jim.Cooney@milwaukee.gov>; Milano, Marissa <ldcoord@milwaukee.gov>; Murillo, Maribel
<Maribel.Murillo@milwaukee.gov>; Perez, Jose <JoseG.Perez@milwaukee.gov>
Subject: FW: Message from "RNP583879BE35B7"

Good afternoon,

Our office received the letter attached. Could you please add to their file.



BOBOT LAW OFFICE LLC

VINCENT J BOBOT

October 27, 2025

Milwaukee Common Council
200 E. Wells Street
Milwaukee WI 53202

Jim Owczarski – City Clerk
City of Milwaukee
200 E. Wells Street
Milwaukee WI 53202

RE: In RE the Class “B” Tavern and Tobacco, Food Dealer -
Restaurant, Sidewalk Dining Facility and Public
Entertainment Premises licenses of:

A1 Waterstreet LLC
Rajvir S. Bains, Agent as the Licensee for the
license premises known as ELMNT Lounge,
618 N. Water Street, Milwaukee, WI 53202

Subject: Written Objections to the Findings of Fact and
Conclusions of Law

Dear City Clerk Owczarski,

1. The complaint against A1 Waterstreet LLC d/b/a ELMNT Lounge was signed by Captain Robert Thiel of the Milwaukee Police Department. The complaint was signed on September 12, 2025. Captain Thiel signed the complaint for Chief of Police Jeffrey Norman. Police Chief Norman did not sign or swear to the complaint. Pursuant to 90-12-4, Milwaukee City Ordinance, the Police Chief must be the one who signs the complaint. There is no language in the aforementioned City of Milwaukee ordinance that allows the Chief of Police to authorize someone other than himself, to swear to and then sign this type of complaint against a licensed premises in the City of Milwaukee. Therefore, Captain Thiel could not swear to or sign the complaint against ELMNT Lounge.



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2. Captain Thiel did not swear to the written complaint against A1 Waterstreet LLC, d/b/a ELMNT. When asked under cross examination how he swore to the complaint, Captain Thiel testified he could not remember.

In the Notary Handbook from the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions, guidance is given on page 15, namely, "Notarizing a statement to, or taken under oath or affirmation."

"When a notary takes a sworn statement, or a statement made under oath or affirmation, it will be assumed that the notary has done all the following:

"5. Required the party to specifically confirm that they swear, or affirm under penalty of perjury, that the statements in the document to be notarized are true."

The Licenses Committee assumed that the Notary and Captain Thiel did what was required of them. However, Captain Thiel testified that he could not remember taking an oath prior to signing the complaint. Additionally, the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law does not mention or address the fact that Captain Thiel could not remember if he took an oath before signing the complaint. Therefore, the Licenses Committee did not have jurisdiction to conduct a hearing into the suspension or revocation of A1 Waterstreet LLC d/b/a ELMNT Lounge. Furthermore, the hearing and any action or recommendation concerning ELMNT's licenses to the full Board of the Milwaukee Common Council is null and void.

3. Captain Thiel could not sign or swear to the written complaint against A1 Waterstreet LLC d/b/a ELMNT Lounge because he is not a resident of the City of Milwaukee. Chapter 125(2)(ag) Wis. Stats. states that "Any resident of a municipality issuing license under this chapter may file a sworn written complaint with the clerk of the



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municipality alleging one or more of the following about a person holding a license issued under this chapter by the municipality.”

Captain Thiel is not a resident of the City of Milwaukee. The procedure for revocation of licenses by a resident of the municipality is clear. You shall be a resident of Milwaukee. Therefore, the Licenses Committee lacked jurisdiction to conduct a hearing into the suspension or revocation of A1 Waterstreet LLC’s licenses.

4. The shooting on June 15, 2025 at 3:55am occurred on the first level of the parking structure at 525 N. Water Street. ELMNT Lounge was closed long before the shooting. The parking lot is not owned or operated by A1 Waterstreet LLC d/b/a ELMNT Lounge. In fact, culpability for the shooting, if any, should be attributed to the owner of the parking lot.
5. The shooting on July 11 - 12 occurred near the ELMNT Lounge at approximately 12:03am. A group of individuals, including an artist, walked up to ELMNT Lounge. “A.D.H.”, an employee, began placing wristbands on the individuals to enter ELMNT Lounge. One of the homicide victims, namely, Mr. Hogans and a “DJ Dwan” were hosting an event at ELMNT. They were waiting outside of the lounge for the artists, namely, Steve DA Stoner and Manny Fresh, to arrive.

A video confirmed that a crowd was standing outside ELMNT Lounge when two vehicles drove up and someone yelled, “You thought I wouldn’t find ya’ll.” Shots were then fired from the vehicles at which time five people were struck by the gunfire resulting in two deaths.



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6. Prior to the shooting, the Agent/Licensee Rajvir Bains met with the Milwaukee Police Department. Mr. Bains agreed to notify the police of any special events taking place at ELMNT Lounge. However, Nicholas Murado, Director of Operations at ELMNT Lounge, testified that the event on July 11-12 was not a special event. In fact, there were only 20 patrons inside ELMNT Lounge at the time of the shooting.
7. ELMNT Lounge is in a geographic area designated as Code Red. That area has increased police presence due to the amount of disruptive behavior occurring there. There was no Code Red presence on July 11-12 due to a manpower shortage in the Milwaukee Police Department. Other major events in the City of Milwaukee necessitated an increased police presence, thus negating additional police presence at ELMNT Lounge.
8. The shooting at ELMNT Lounge on July 11-12 is not the fault of A1 Waterstreet LLC. Fault lies with the perpetrators of the crimes. The incident can be described as a "drive by" shooting. It is also apparent that the perpetrators of the criminal acts targeted one of the victims. It is wrong for the City of Milwaukee to revoke the licenses of ELMNT Lounge for an event that is beyond their control.
9. There was testimony given to the Licenses Committee that was general in nature and dated. Such evidence was extremely prejudicial toward A1 Waterstreet LLC. The new owners received a unanimous recommendation for approval of their licenses from the Committee. Also, there were no sanctions taken against the previous licensee or A1 Waterstreet LLC from 2022 to 2025 by the City of Milwaukee.



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10. There was testimony from several organizations that appeared to treat A1 Waterstreet LLC differently than other businesses in the area.
11. The Committee failed to follow its customary and required principles of progressive discipline when considering imposing sanctions, such that it should have recommended a lesser penalty. (Wisconsin courts have noted that such principles are appropriate in order to satisfy equal protection requirements of the U.S. Constitution, 14th Amendment. See *Village of Menomonee Falls v Michelson*, 104 Wis 2d 137, 145-146, 311 N.W. 2d 658 (Ct. App. 1981).
12. The Committee recommendation of revocation of the licenses constitutes an unreasonable action and a violation of the vested rights of due process possessed by the licensee in its licenses.
13. Finally, the Licenses Committee did not consider "Procedures. A1 Waterstreet LLC" Exhibit #1, "EMNT Lounge Security Policies are Procedures," Exhibit #2, "Door Host Training Manual, and Welcome to A1 Waterstreet LLC" Exhibit #3, when voting to revoke their licenses.

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