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SUMMONS

The Licenses Committee of the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee

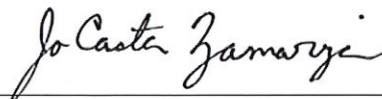
TO: Rajvir Bains
1165 Club Circle #203W
Brookfield, WI 53005

Pursuant to sections 90-12, 85-3 to 85-5, 68-21.13, and 108-11 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milwaukee and section 125.12 Wis. Stats., you are hereby commanded to appear before the Licenses Committee of the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee at its meeting in Room 301-B, City Hall, 200 East Wells Street, in the City and County of Milwaukee, State of Wisconsin at 11:15 AM on Tuesday, October 21, 2025 or virtually at <https://meet.goto.com/479852445>. The hearing is being initiated because of the City of Milwaukee's receipt of signed and sworn complaint filed by the Chief of Police seeking revocation of the Class B Tavern, Food Dealer, and Public Entertainment Premises Licenses for A1 Waterstreet LLC DBA ELMNT Lounge at 618 N Water St, Milwaukee. A copy of the above-referenced complaint are attached hereto as well as a Milwaukee Police Department report and copies of sections 90-12, 85-3 to 85-5, 68-21.13, and 108-11 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milwaukee and section 125.12 Wis. Stats.

On October 21, 2025 at 11:15 AM you will be given an opportunity to speak on your own behalf, and to respond to and challenge any charges or reasons given by witnesses at the aforementioned hearing in support of a revocation or suspension of your license. You may present your own supporting witnesses, under oath, at this hearing, and you may also confront and cross-examine opposing witnesses. If you wish to do so, and at your own expense, you may be accompanied by an attorney or interpreter of your own choosing to represent you at this hearing.

If you, Rajvir Bains, fail to appear in person or virtually before the Committee as required by the summons, the Committee will proceed to consider the allegations of the complaint which shall be taken as true. If the Committee determines that the allegations are sufficient and the circumstances warrant, the law permits your license be revoked or suspended.

Dated as of the 10th day of October 2025



ALDERPERSON JOCASTA ZAMARRIPA
CHAIR, LICENSES COMMITTEE


JIM OWCZARSKI
CITY CLERK



BOBOT LAW OFFICE LLC

VINCENT J BOBOT

September 19, 2025

City of Milwaukee – License Division
200 E. Wells Street – Room 105
Milwaukee, WI 53202

RE: ELMNT Lounge
618 N. Water Street

Dear License Division Manager Cooney,

I have been retained by ELMNT Lounge to represent them regarding the hearing to determine the possible suspension or revocation of their licenses. This hearing is scheduled for September 25th, 2025 at 11:00am.

I respectfully request an adjournment due to a lack of time to meet with my client regarding this matter, as well as a lack of time to prepare for the upcoming hearing.

Additionally, I have a jury trial in Milwaukee County Circuit Court that is scheduled to commence on Wednesday, September 24th at 8:30am. There is a strong likelihood this case will go forward. As a result, it may not be possible for me to attend the licensing hearing because I will be attending the trial in Milwaukee County Circuit Court.

I appreciate your time and consideration to this adjournment request.

Respectfully submitted by,

Vincent J. Bobot - Attorney at Law
State Bar No. 1020732

CC: Alderwoman JoCasta Zamarripa
City Clerk Jim Owczarski

JIM OWCZARSKI
CITY CLERK

In re the Class "B" Tavern, Cigarette 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 licensed premises
known as Elmnt Lounge, located at
618 N. Water St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

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 Robert Thiel of Police District 1, an interested party, being first duly sworn and upon his 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 1 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 including:

- 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 comply with the approved plan of operation or has otherwise demonstrated any factor

which reasonably relates to the public health, safety and welfare.

A public entertainment premises follows the same MCO § 85-4-4 factors. 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 may include:

- 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.
- 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 APPLICATION HISTORY

1. Elmnt Lounge has been the business name for the licensed premises at this location dating back to 2018 when the building was renovated. (Exhibit A).

2. Department of Neighborhood Services capacity for the business is 480 people.

3. Elmnt Lounge originally obtained licenses through MKE Water Street LLC. MKE Water Street LLC maintained documents with the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions that identified Habib Manjee as the organizer, sole member and registered agent of this LLC.

4. A1 Waterstreet LLC applied for licenses for this location and business. They were granted licenses on May 29, 2025. This LLC maintained documents with the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions that identified Rajvir Bains as the owner and registered agent as of December 2, 2024.

5. Nicholas Murado has been identified as the director of operations, manager and/or licensed agent for Elmnt Lounge dating back to 2018. Mr. Murado is currently identified as the manager of Elmnt Lounge.

6. The current plan of operations for Elmnt Lounge under A1 Waterstreet LLC mirrored the former plan of operations for Elmnt under MKE Water Street LLC, (selections from the 2021 application are attached as Exhibit B and selections from the current application are attached as Exhibit C).

7. Elmnt Lounge, under MKE Water Street LLC, received a 60-day suspension in 2021 after events that included a fatal shooting associated with the licensed premises the morning of July 17, 2021. (Exhibit D).

CONDUCT ASSOCIATED WITH ELMNT LOUNGE THIS LICENSING PERIOD

8. The above-recited paragraphs and exhibits are realleged in this section and are incorporated by reference.

June 15, 2025 Shooting

9. Police responded to the first level of the parking structure at 525 N. Water St. on

10. Detective William del Moral spoke with J.X.G. regarding this incident and they stated that they were at Elmnt Lounge until closing time. After the club closed, numerous unidentified individuals gathered at the entry/exit level of the parking structure at 525 N. Water St.

12. Detective Janay Patterson spoke with D.M.M. who stated that they were intoxicated and could not recall all the details. D.M.M. arrived at Elmnt Lounge around 10:40 p.m. for a “freaknik” event. A copy of that promotion is below:



13. D.M.M. stated that after the club let out, D.M.M. and other attendees gathered in the parking structure to hang out. D.M.M. used the term "parking lot pimpin" to describe the gathering. D.M.M. stated that multiple people were still partying and not ready to go home.

14. Detective Janay Patterson interviewed D.S.M. regarding the shooting. D.S.M. is an off-duty police officer from Illinois that was only in the City to attend the party at Elmnt Lounge. D.S.M. left when Elmnt Lounge closed and she left with her friend and her friend's cousin.

15. D.S.M. arrived at the parking structure and recalled that a boy named Trey had a blanket that belonged to her. D.S.M. was standing in her car's sunroof conversing with several people including her cousin about this blanket.

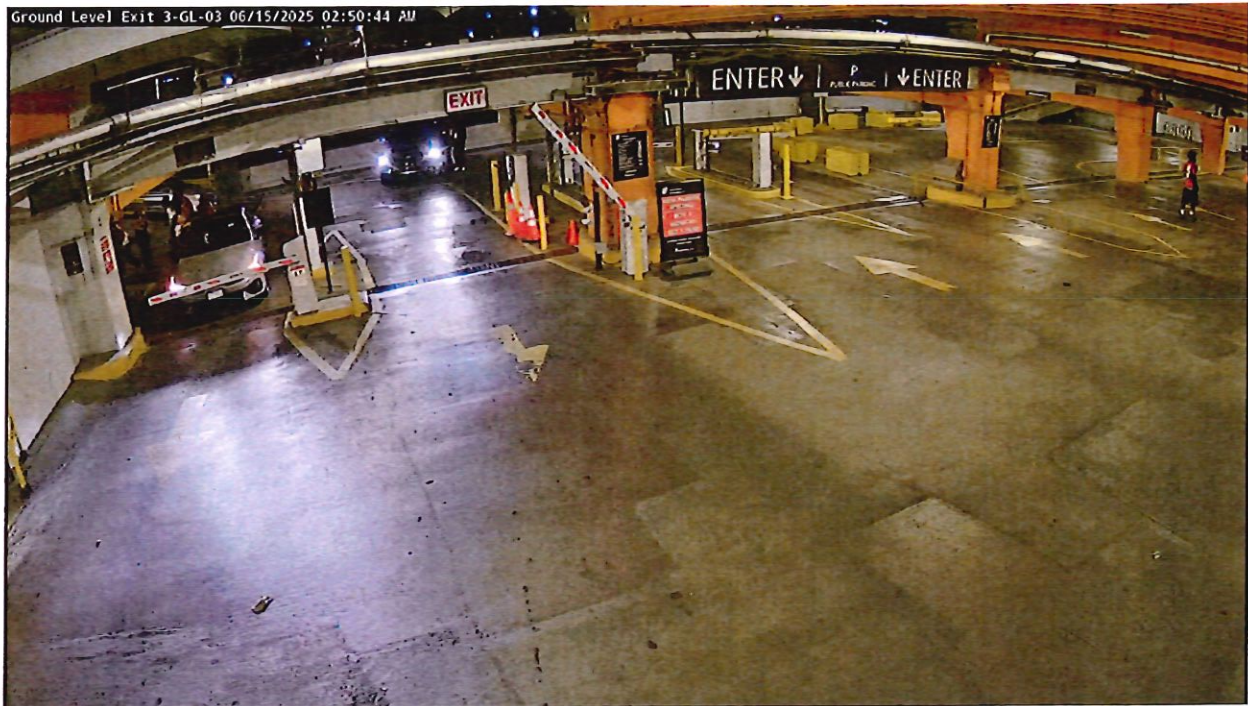
16. D.S.M. stated that a girl suddenly began hitting her with an unknown object. D.S.M. fought back. She felt her hair being pulled. D.S.M. realized her keys had been taken from her car. She reached through the driver's side window, unlocked the door and grabbed her firearm. She believed it would get the girl to return her keys.

17. D.S.M. pointed the gun at the girl she was fighting and demanded her keys back. While pointing the firearm, the firearm "went off". D.S.M. threw the gun back into her car and found the victim on the ground. D.S.M. called the police to report the incident and called her supervisor in accordance with her department's policy.

18. D.S.M. stated that she felt overwhelmed during the incident and stated that it was not just one girl attacking her, but about ten females which motivated her to retrieve her firearm after breaking free from the fight.

19. Below is an image taken from parking lot surveillance video which demonstrates a portion of the visible congregation of individuals from Elmnt Lounge at the parking lot

approximately twenty minutes prior to the shooting occurring in this area.



Elmnt Lounge Meeting

20. On June 23, 2025, a meeting occurred with Rajvir Bains and the Milwaukee Police Department.

21. Bains stated that he took over on June 1, 2025, and that the bar manager, “Nick”, has been managing and booking parties for the past twenty-two years.

22. Bains stated that at 1:50 a.m., they start to close down the bar. They make a wall of security and file guests out of the door and down to the intersection.

23. Rajvir Bains informed the department that the business would email a list of events that were to be hosted by Elmnt Lounge.

24. Bains did not inform the department of a July 11, 2025, promotion which involved two artists live in concert, a DJ and ladies free until midnight. The promotion is below:



July 11-12, 2025 Shooting

25. Six individuals were shot in front of Elmnt Lounge and two individuals, including A.D.H., died as a result of their injuries. Calls for service regarding the shooting began at 12:03 a.m. on July 12, 2025.

26. Rajvir Bains stated A.D.H. was having a party at the club with an artist scheduled to play. Bains stated that A.D.H. was promoting the party on social media and the club only made money off of the alcohol sales and there was nothing paid by A.D.H.

27. An Elmnt Lounge security guard named D.T.D. stated that A.D.H. arrived at the club around 11:10 p.m. and that A.D.H. went outside to wait for one of the performers.

28. An Elmnt Lounge front door security guard named T.D.J. stated they were with

A.D.H. who was waiting for one of the performers to show up that A.D.H. was promoting.

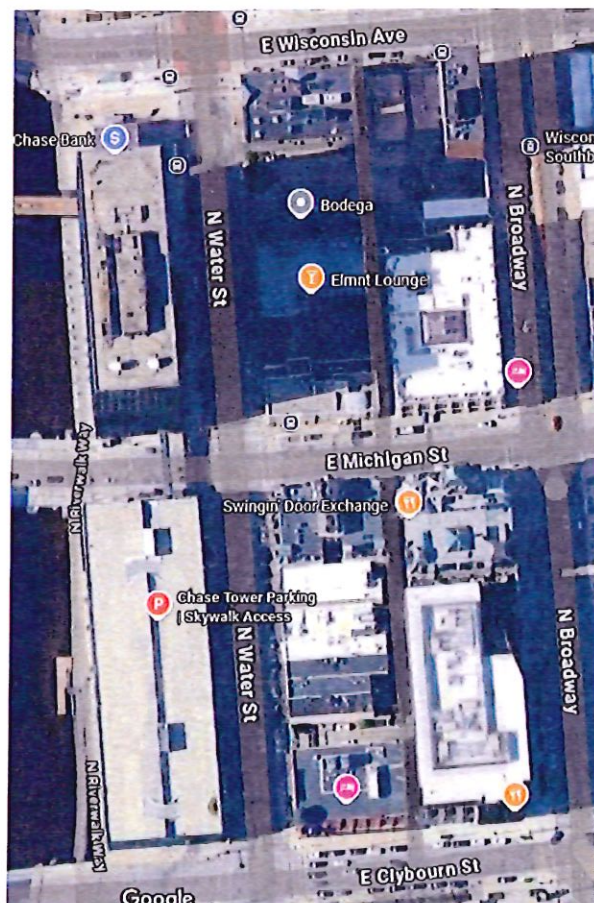
29. A group of individuals including an artist walked up to Elmnt Lounge and A.D.H. was in the process of giving them wristbands to get into the club and for the VIP section.

30. Two vehicles pulled up and stated “you thought I wouldn’t find ya’ll” and the gunfire began. T.D.J. took cover in Elmnt Lounge and, when T.D.J. came back out, A.D.H. was on the ground shot.

IMPACT ON NEIGHBORHOOD

31. Every City of Milwaukee resident knows how repeated gun violence in a location has an undeniable and profound impact on the surrounding community.

32. Repeated gun violence in Milwaukee’s downtown area is particularly unique and this fact must be considered by the Committee relative to this revocation.

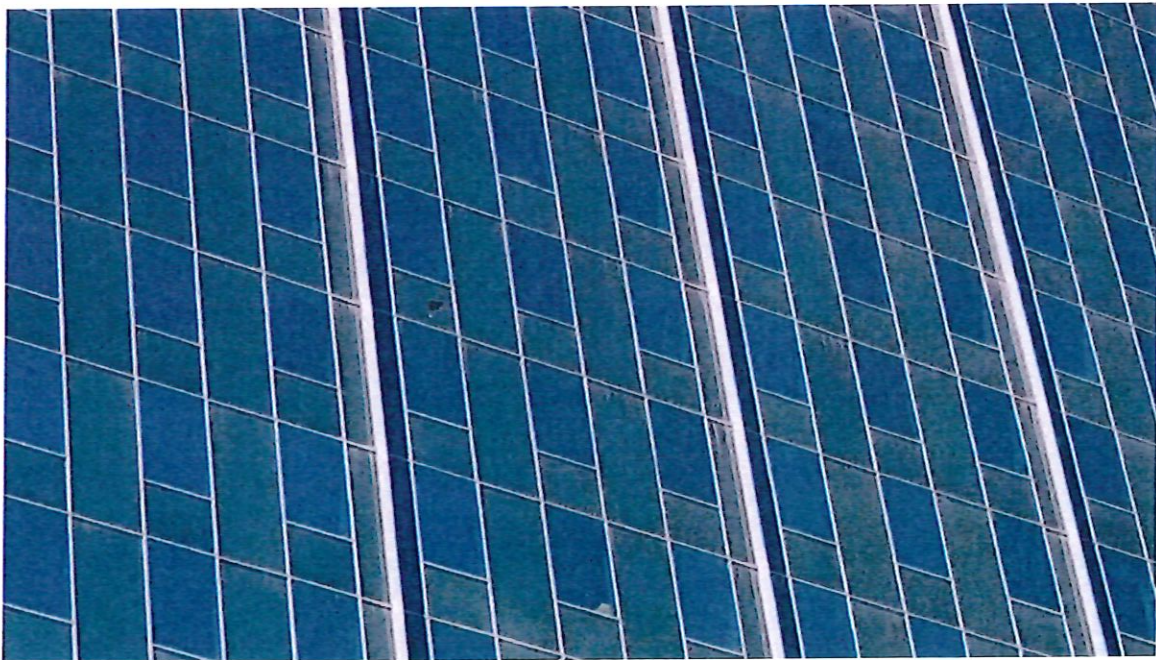


33. To begin, the very nature of the downtown area causes more people to be exposed to gun violence given the concentration of hotels, restaurants, entertainment and events in the general area with interstate access.

34. Even the very nature and structure of the downtown buildings, coupled with the reckless use of firearms in this location, leave the potential for the creation of unique future harm. By way of example, consider the following:

- a) On July 19, 2021, Chase Bank security called police and informed them of a bullet hole in a window of their building that was discovered after the fatal shooting referred to in ¶ 7.
- b) In April 2022, and as reported in several news outlets at the time, a portion of Water St. was shut down due to reports of falling glass.
- c) The below image is from Fox6 Milwaukee.

(<https://www.fox6now.com/news/glass-falls-from-chase-tower-in-milwaukee>)



d) The below image is from the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

[\(https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/2022/04/14/winds-damage-window-chase-tower-milwaukee-sidewalks-closed-glass-falls/7322094001/\)](https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/2022/04/14/winds-damage-window-chase-tower-milwaukee-sidewalks-closed-glass-falls/7322094001/)



A broken window can be seen in one of the upper windows of the Chase Tower at 111 E. Wisconsin Ave in downtown Milwaukee on Thursday, April 14, 2022. Glass reportedly fell from the 22-story building to the pavement below, prompting police to close sidewalks. *Angela Peterson/Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

- e) This glass could not be replaced until the high wind subsided.
- f) This spandrel glass was replaced and the work crew found a bullet in the process. The cost for glass replacement and equipment rental was \$7,897.50.
- g) To be clear, this was the same glass that was reported as damaged after the fatal shooting referred to in ¶ 7.

35. In the process of what has been described above at the parking structure, parking mechanisms can be damaged. As shown in ¶ 19, the parking lot mechanism was damaged on June 15, 2025, and the other lane was blocked by the congregation. Numerous vehicles passed

through the broken parking mechanism without paying fare.

36. Other monthly parkers have expressed concern and have threatened to leave. To that end, Elmnt Lounge voluntarily closed for two weeks after the events described in ¶¶ 25-30. The parking structure indicated that there was a reduction in broken glass and debris during the timeframe that Elmnt Lounge was closed.

37. Finally, the Committee must also consider how the repeated gun violence associated with Elmnt Lounge impacts the prosperity of the neighborhood. The following summaries of attached community impact statements, which are incorporated by reference, demonstrate how Elmnt Lounge's violence reverberates throughout this area.

- a) Business Improvement District No. 21 ("BID 21") has found that even the perception of danger devastates positive economic activity. (Exhibit E).
- b) Property owners at 532 and 534 N. Water St. have reported financial losses in excess of \$100,000 over the past year from tenants breaking leases due to safety concerns, late-night noise and waste accumulation. The same owners reinforce the negative perception of violence driving customers, residents and businesses away. (See Exhibit F).
- c) Rachel Greer is a business owner in the area and a longtime friend of A.D.H. Ms. Greer's statement not only provides the gravity of the moment, but Ms. Greer succinctly describes the enduring impact of loss in an area such as this. (Exhibit G).
- d) Finally, Visit Milwaukee has demonstrated that the recent violence impacts not only tourism, but the economic activity generated through convention business held in the City. (Exhibit H).

RELIEF REQUESTED

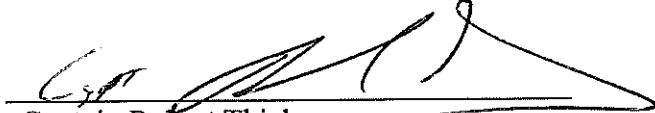
WHEREFORE, a license may be revoked for the enumerated reasons recited above. These grounds include any factor reasonably related to the public health, safety and welfare or any reasonable cause which shall be in the best interests and good order of the city.

BASED UPON all the allegations alleged above, the licenses granted at this location must be revoked.

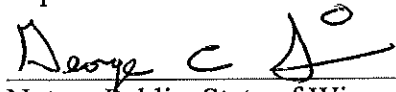
THE CHIEF OF POLICE, by his designee, respectfully requests the revocation of all licenses relative to the above-referenced licensee and licensed premises.

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

CHIEF OF POLICE JEFFREY NORMAN BY:

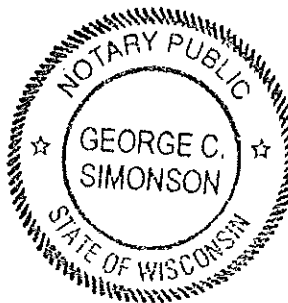

Captain Robert Thiel

The foregoing complaint was subscribed and sworn to and before me this 12th day of September 2025.



Notary Public, State of Wisconsin
My commission expires March 13, 2027.

Drafted by:
NATHANIEL E. ADAMSON
Assistant City Attorney
SBN: 1088858



Industries

Elmnt Lounge opens tonight on Water Street



By **Maredithe Meyer**
Dec 27, 2018 12:00 am



The Ladybug Club is located in the Milwaukee Building at 622 N. Water St. in downtown Milwaukee.

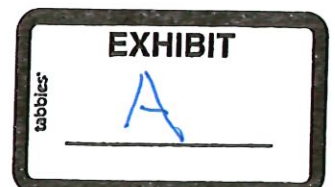
The former Ladybug Club in downtown Milwaukee is heading in a **different direction** with a fresh look and new branding.

After a \$500,000 renovation project, the bar, located at 618 N. Water St., will reopen to the public on Dec. 27 as **Elmnt Lounge**.

The establishment differs from the previous nightclub concept, known as 618 Live on Water, with new lounge-style seating, HDTVs and a selection of bar bites,



An interior look at Elmnt Lounge in downtown Milwaukee



which will be available when the kitchen opens within the next few days, said Nick Murado, Elmnt's director of operations.



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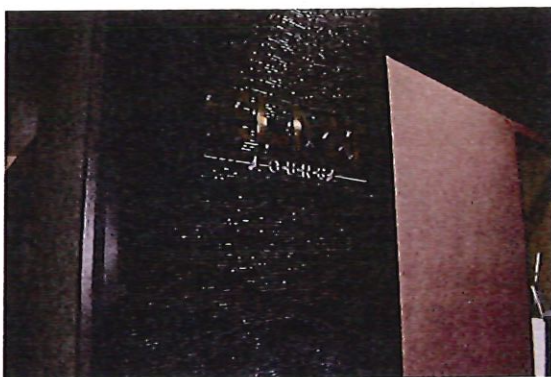


Food service will allow the lounge to serve happy hour, late night bites and lunch, and to function as a venue for corporate events, he said.

Elmnt will serve “elevated small plates” such as wings, pizza and sliders, and its full bar will offer specialty cocktails and wine.

The changes come as Milwaukee’s downtown area evolves, Murado said.

“We built this for the growth of the neighborhood, with new hotels, condominiums, and more millennials and young professionals,” he said. “We think we can serve this greater community as a lounge rather than a nightclub.”



Signage is fastened to a waterfall wall fixture.

The name “Elmnt” was selected intentionally, Murado said. The new decor throughout the space echoes the elements of nature with a waterfall wall, a fireplace, a hookah lounge and “earthy tones” in the upper level. He said the concept will also offer various elements of entertainment— TVs for sporting events, a DJ booth for music, and food and beverage offerings.

Elmnt will be open to the public Thursday through Saturday nights from 9 p.m. to close, and it will launch its Friday and Saturday happy hour service, starting at 4 p.m., on Jan. 17. On Jan. 20, Elmnt will roll out the first of its “Sunday funday” events. It will also host a New Year’s Eve celebration on Dec. 31.

- Advertisement -



During summer months, Murado said, the lounge will offer patio seating and will likely operate daily.

The venue, which has long been owned and managed by Habib Manjee, once was a source of problems for the city. Its **license was suspended in 2013** because of violent incidents there.

In 2017, Manjee applied for a **license to add adult entertainment** to the venue, for the purpose of hosting entertainment for bachelor and bachelorette parties, according to a spokesperson for Elmnt.

The club currently holds a public entertainment premises license for DJs, live musicians, bands, karaoke, dancing, comedy acts and amusement machines, among other types, but not for adult entertainment, according to a license application filed with the city.

RENEWAL ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE APPLICATION

Submit to municipal clerk. Read instructions on reverse side. BTAVN 207789
For the license period beginning 12/19/2020; ending 12/18/2021

TO THE GOVERNING BODY of the CITY OF MILWAUKEE, MILWAUKEE COUNTY

Aldermanic District No. 4 MANJEE, Habib, Agent

Type of Legal Entity: Limited Liability Company Class 2

Complete A or B. All must complete C.

A: Individual or Partnership:

B: Full name of Corporation/Nonprofit Organization/Limited Liability Company: MKE Water Street LLC

Applicant's Wisconsin Seller's Permit Number: 456-1030078055-02	
Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN):	
LICENSE REQUESTED	
TYPE	FEE
☐ Class A Beer	\$
☐ Class B Beer	\$
☐ Class C Wine	\$
☐ Class A Liquor	\$
☐ Class A Liquor (cider only)	N/A
☐ Class B Liquor	\$
☐ Reserve Class B Liquor	\$
☐ Class B (wine only) winery	\$
Publication fee	\$
TOTAL FEE	\$

C. 1. Trade Name ▶ ELMNT Lounge Business Phone Number (414) 763-8045

2. Address of Premises ▶ 618 N WATER ST Post Office & Zip Code ▶ Milwaukee WI 53202

3. Does the applicant understand that they must purchase alcohol beverages only from Wisconsin wholesalers, breweries and
brewpubs? ☒ Yes ☐ No

4. Premises description: Describe building or buildings where alcohol beverages are to be sold and stored. The applicant must include all rooms
including living quarters, if used, for sales, service, consumption and/or storage of alcohol beverages and records. (Alcohol beverages may be sold
and stored only on the premises described.)

1st Floor, Mezzanine, Sidewalk Café, Basement Storage

5. Legal description (omit if street address is given above):

6. a. Since filing of the last application, has the named licensee, any member of a partnership licensee, or any member, officer, director, manager or
agent for either a limited liability company licensee, corporation licensee, or nonprofit organization licensee been convicted of any offenses
(excluding traffic offenses not related to alcohol) for violation of any federal laws, any Wisconsin laws, any laws of other states, or ordinances of
any municipality? If yes, complete the reverse side ☐ Yes ☒ No

b. Are charges for any offenses presently pending (excluding traffic offenses not related to alcohol) against the named licensee or any other
persons affiliated with this license? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, complete the reverse side

7. Except for questions 6a and 6b, have there been any changes in the answers to the questions as submitted by you on your last application for
this license? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, explain.

8. Was the profit or loss from the sale of alcohol beverages for the previous year reported on the Wisconsin Income or Franchise Tax Return of the
licensee? ☒ Yes ☐ No

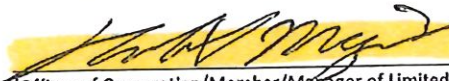
If not, explain.

9. Does the applicant understand they must hold a Wisconsin Seller's Permit? [phone (608) 266-2776] ☒ Yes ☐ No

10. Does the applicant understand that alcohol beverage invoices must be kept at the licensed premises for 2 years from the date of invoice and
made available for inspection by law enforcement? ☒ Yes ☐ No

11. Is the applicant indebted to any wholesaler beyond 15 days for beer or 30 days for liquor? ☐ Yes ☒ No

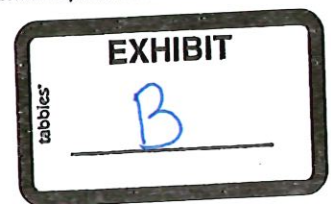
READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING: Under penalty provided by law, the applicant states that each of the above questions has been truthfully
answered to the best of the knowledge of the signer. The signer agrees that he/she is the person named in the foregoing application; that the
applicant has read and made a complete answer to each question, and that the answers in each instance are true and correct. The undersigned
further understands that any license issued contrary to Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin State Statutes shall be void, and under penalty of state law,
the applicant may be prosecuted for submitted false statements and affidavits in connection with this application. Any person who knowingly
provides materially false information on this application may be required to forfeit not more than \$1,000.


(Officer of Corporation/Member/Manager of Limited Liability Company/Partner/Individual)

TO BE COMPLETED BY CLERK:

Date received and filed with municipal clerk	Date reported to council/board	Date license granted
License number issued	Date license issued	Signature of Clerk / Deputy Clerk

Wisconsin Department of Revenue





BUSINESS RENEWAL APPLICATION

Office of the City Clerk License Division
200 E. Wells St. Room 105
Milwaukee, WI 53202
(414) 286-2238 www.milwaukee.gov/license

Licenses Being Renewed:
BTAVN 207789 FREST 13701 PEP 6327
SD 1153
Filing Deadline: 9/24/2020
\$75.00 Late Fee Assessed After 11/1/2020

Office Use Only:	App # _____
N Objs No Yes	Chgs _____
Filled _____	Initials _____
Paid _____	MPD _____
Granted _____	Lic # _____
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BUSINESS CONTACT INFORMATION

Section 1	Legal Entity Name :MKE Water Street LLC	Trade/DBA:ELMNT Lounge
	Phone:(414) 763-8045	E-mail: habib64@aol.com
	Premises Address (include city/state/zip): 618 N WATER ST Milwaukee WI 53202	
	Mailing Address (include city/state/zip): 618 N WATER ST Milwaukee WI 53202	

AGENT OF CORP/LLC/NONPROFIT / SOLE PROPRIETOR / 1ST PARTNER

Section 2	FULL LEGAL NAME (Last, First & Middle Initial): MANJEE, Habib, Agent	Date of Birth: 7/16/64
	Home Address (include city/state/zip): 9038 W FARMER HOME GROUNDS, WI 53228	
	Driver's License Number/State ID #: M520-3206-4256-02	State: WI
	Percent % of Ownership Interest: 100	Home Phone: N/A

LIST ALL PERSONS WITH 20% OR MORE OWNERSHIP INTEREST / ADDITIONAL PARTNER(S)

Section 3	FULL LEGAL NAME (Last, First & Middle Initial):		Date of Birth:
	Home Address (include city/state/zip):		
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	Percent % of Ownership Interest:	Home Phone:	Cell Phone:
	☐ Check if there are additional persons with 20% or more ownership interest or partners. Complete additional sheets as necessary.		

REQUIRED SIGNATURE

Section 4	1. The undersigned understands that applicants are required to inform the City Clerk within 10 days of any changes in any of the information supplied in this application.
	2. The undersigned has knowledge of the City Ordinances currently regulating the license applied for herein, and understands that the license may be subject to suspension, non-renewal or revocation, if the applicants violate any rule or regulation relating to the license.
	3. The undersigned understands that applicants shall not willfully refuse to provide the services offered under this license, or add charges or require deposits not required of the general public because of race, color, sex, religion, national origin or ancestry, age, handicap, lawful source of income, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, familial status or the fact that a person is now or has been a member of the military service, whether dressed in uniform or not; and shall not seek such information as a condition of employment, or penalize any employee or discriminate in the selection of personnel for training or promotion on the basis of such information.
	4. I/we state that this application for a license is not made for and behalf of any other person and that the applicant is not acting as an agent for, or in the employ of another.
Sole Proprietor, a Partner, or if a Corporation or LLC, the agent must sign: 	

Office Use Only:
Current License: ☐ New ☐ Renewal Granted: ☐ No Issues ☐ WL ☐ Suspension ☐ Other _____

2020-2021 Plan of Operation for 618 N WATER ST

1. Litter & Security Plans			
How are the grounds kept clean? ☒ Sweep ☒ Pressure Wash ☒ Pick Up Litter ☐ Other:			
How often will grounds be cleaned? ☒ Daily ☐ Weekly ☐ Other:			
Who cleans the grounds? ☒ Licensee ☐ Building Owner ☒ Employees ☒ Hired Maintenance ☐ Other:			
How are noise issues prevented and/or addressed? ☒ Security ☒ Manager approaches customer(s) ☒ Call Police ☒ Signs Posted ☐ Other:			
Are there designated outdoor smoking areas? ☐ No ☒ Yes If Yes, Describe: <u>IN FRONT OF BUILDING</u>			
Number of garbage cans: Inside <u>20</u> Locations: <u>STRATEGICALLY PLACED THROUGHOUT THE BLDG</u> Outside <u>3</u> Locations: <u>1 IN FRONT, 2 IN BACK OF BLDG</u>			
Is a crowd control barrier used? ☐ No ☒ Yes If Yes, Describe: <u>FOR ENTRY STANDING OF GUESTS</u>			
Number of restrooms: <u>5</u>		Name of solid waste contractor: <u>ENGLIS DISPOSAL</u>	
Are there parking spaces on the premises? ☐ No ☒ Yes If Yes, list number of spaces: <u>25</u> and describe security plans: <u>SECURED LOT FOR EMPLOYEES ONLY WITH SECURE GATES AND SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS</u>			
Are there designated loading areas? ☐ No ☒ Yes If Yes, describe security plans: <u>SECURED BY STAFF, SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS</u>			
Do you have security personnel on the premise? ☐ No ☒ Yes If Yes, how many? <u>8-10</u> AND What are their responsibilities? <u>PROVIDE SAFE ENVIRONMENT, CHECK IDs, FOLLOW COVID PRO</u> What security equipment do they use? <u>WALKIE TALKIES, HANDS, FLASHLIGHTS, UNIFORMS</u> List their licensing, certification or training credentials: <u>OUR POLICIES & PROCEDURES CERT.</u>			
Are there security cameras? ☐ No ☒ Yes If Yes, list all locations: <u>ALL AREAS OF INSIDE/OUTSIDE VEHICLE (NO R/E)</u>			
Are searches and/or Identification checks conducted upon entry? ☐ No ☒ Yes If Yes, describe: <u>VISIBLY AND THROUGH OUR ENTRY COMPUTER SYSTEM</u>			
2. Percentage of Sales (must total 100%)			
Alcohol <u>60</u> %	Food Sales <u>30</u> %	Entertainment <u>10</u> %	Other _____ %
3. Businesses On The Premises (choose all that apply):			
☒ Restaurant ☐ Cafe/Coffee Shop ☐ Cocktail Lounge ☐ Convenience Store ☒ Night Club ☐ Liquor Store ☒ Tavern ☐ Sports Facility ☐ Hotel ☐ Banquet Hall ☐ Supermarket ☐ Private/Fraternal/Veterans' Club ☐ Other:			
4. Hours of Operation and Age Restriction			
Are there any changes to the current hours of operation or age restriction? ☒ No ☐ Yes If Yes, Describe:			
Please Note: If you will be open earlier or later than the hours listed on your current license for even one event or holiday (for example, St. Patrick's Day, Brewers Opening Day, etc.) during the license period, this must be reported and printed on your license. Your hours of operation and age restriction are listed on your current license.			
5. Floor Plan and Capacity			
Are you requesting any changes to your capacity or floor plan? ☒ No ☐ Yes If yes, describe: _____ and submit a new floor plan with this renewal application. A sample plan can be found online at www.milwaukee.gov/licenses under License Forms and Related Information.			
Alcohol/Food Establishments: A "Permanent Extension of Premises Application" is required if you are adding any square footage to the licensed premises.			
6. Sidewalk Dining: SD 1153 Fee: \$50.00			
Are there any changes to the sidewalk dining site plan? ☒ No ☐ Yes If Yes, submit an updated site plan with this application.			
7. Food License: FREST 13701 Fee: \$800.00		8. Weights and Measures: Fee:	
Your current food license includes the following food operations: DHS - MODERATE, Sales \$20,001 - \$200,000, Tavern Restaurant Are there any changes to your food operations as listed above? ☒ No ☐ Yes, If Yes, explain _____		Number/Type of Devices: Are there any changes to the number or types of devices? ☒ No ☐ Yes If yes, contact our office for further instructions.	

1. CURRENT APPROVED ENTERTAINMENT

The following types of entertainment have been approved for your current Public Entertainment Premises license:

Battle of the Bands, Comedy Acts, Disc Jockey, Magic Shows, Poetry Readings, Dancing by Performer(s), Patron Contests, Karaoke, Patrons Dancing, Instrumental Musicians, Bands, Pool Tables - 2, Amusement Machines - 5, Concerts - 15

2. ADDING ENTERTAINMENT

If applicable, check any entertainment you wish to add: **ONLY CHECK ENTERTAINMENT TYPE(S) YOU ARE ADDING. YOUR CURRENT APPROVED ENTERTAINMENT IS LISTED ABOVE.**

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|---|---|--|--|
| ☐ Instrumental Musicians | ☐ Bands | ☐ Battle of the Bands | ☐ Comedy Acts |
| ☐ Disc Jockey | ☐ Magic Shows | ☐ Poetry Readings | ☐ Dancing by Performers |
| ☐ Jukebox | ☐ Wrestling | ☐ Patron Contests | ☐ Patrons Dancing |
| ☐ Adult Entertainment/
Strippers/Erotic Dance | ☐ Karaoke | ☐ Bowling Alley | ☐ Pool Tables |
| ☐ Motion Pictures (movies by admission) | ☐ Amusement Machines | ☐ Concerts | ☐ Theatrical Performances |
| How many screens? _____ | How many? _____ | Approx. # per year? _____ | Approx. # per year? _____ |
| ☐ Other: _____ | | | |

No entertainment changes can take place until approved by Common Council and a new license has been issued and posted on the premises.

3. REMOVING ENTERTAINMENT

If applicable, list any entertainment you wish to remove:

4. PROMOTERS/SOUND AMPLIFICATION

Will promoters ever be used for any of the entertainment? ☐ No ☒ Yes If Yes, Describe:

TO ASSIST IN ADVERTISING NIGHTLY EVENTS

At any time will sound amplification be used? ☐ No ☒ Yes If Yes, Describe:

AMPLIFIERS & SPEAKERS FOR SOUND AND MUSIC

5. SIGNATURE

I understand that after the license has been issued, a change to the plan of operation will require a written request to change and approval from the Common Council.

I agree to inform the City Clerk within 10 days of any substantial changes in the information supplied in this application.

I understand that I shall not willfully refuse to provide the services offered under this license, or add charges or require deposits not required of the general public because of race, color, sex, religion, national origin or ancestry, age, handicap, lawful source of income, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, familial status or the fact that a person is now or has been a member of the military service, whether dressed in uniform or not; and shall not seek such information as a condition of employment, or penalize any employee or discriminate in the selection of personnel for training or promotion on the basis of such information.

I have knowledge of the City Ordinances currently regulating public entertainment, and understand that the license may be subject to suspension, non-renewal or revocation, if I violate any rule, law or regulation of the city of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin.


Signature of Sole Proprietor, a Partner, or if a Corporation or LLC, the Agent must sign



BUSINESS LICENSE PLAN OF OPERATION

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Office of the City Clerk License Division
200 E. Wells St. Room 105, Milwaukee, WI 53202
(414) 286-2238 www.milwaukee.gov/license e-mail address: license@milwaukee.gov

1. Type of Business

Applying for: ☐ Extended Hours (12AM to 5AM) - If a food establishment, check all that apply: ☐ Delivery ☐ Drive Thru ☐ Dining Room
☐ Self Service Laundry ☐ Massage Establishment ☐ Filling Station
☒ Other (supplemental application for specific license also required)

Provide a detailed description of the type of business you plan on operating:

CLASS B TOWN PUBLIC ENT PREMISES, FOOD BEVERAGE, CIGARETTE & TOBACCO, SIDEWALK DINING

Do you have any experience operating this type of business? ☐ No ☒ Yes If yes, explain: BARTENDING / EVENT MGMT

2. Business Operations

- a. Proposed Opening Date: UPON LIC. APPROVAL
- b. Is this premise under construction? ☒ No ☐ Yes If yes, list estimated completion date: _____
- c. Is this a franchise? ☒ No ☐ Yes
- d. Is this premises currently licensed? ☐ No ☒ Yes If yes, list type of license: SAME AS ABOVE
- e. Is the current licensee operating? ☐ No ☒ Yes If no, list date closed: _____
- f. Do you have future plans for other businesses, licenses or permits at this location? ☒ No ☐ Yes
If yes, explain: _____
- g. Have you previously held an Extended Hours License in Milwaukee? ☒ No ☐ Yes
If yes, list address(es): _____
- h. Are other businesses operating in the same building? ☒ No ☐ Yes If yes, describe: _____

3. Litter & Noise

- a. How are grounds kept clean? ☒ Sweep ☒ Pressure Wash ☒ Pick Up Litter ☐ Other: _____
- b. How often will grounds be cleaned? ☒ Daily ☐ Weekly ☐ As Needed ☐ Monthly ☐ Other: _____
- c. Grounds cleaned by: ☒ Licensee ☐ Building Owner ☒ Employees ☒ Hired Maintenance ☐ Other: _____
- d. How are noise issues prevented and/or addressed? ☒ Security ☒ Manager approaches customer(s) ☒ Call Police
☒ Signs Posted ☐ Other: _____
- e. Will a sound amplification system be used? ☐ No ☒ Yes If yes, describe: TO ALOUD MUSIC & MICROPHONES

4. Smoking & Sanitation

- a. Are there designated outdoor smoking areas? ☐ No ☒ Yes If yes, describe: IN FRONT OF BUILDING
- b. Number of Garbage Cans: Inside: 20 Locations: PLACED THROUGHOUT VENUE
Outside: 3 Locations: 1 IN FRONT & IN BACK OF BLDG
- c. Is a crowd control barrier used? ☐ No ☒ Yes If yes, describe: FOR PATRONEERCE STAGING
- d. How many restrooms are on the premises? 5
- e. Name of solid waste contractor: ☐ Advanced Disposal ☐ Waste Management ☒ Other: CABLE DISPOSAL

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5. Security

- a. Are there onsite parking spaces? ☐ No ☒ Yes If yes, how many? 25 and describe the parking security plan: SECURE LOT WITH GATE FOR EMPLOYEES ONLY SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS
- b. Is there a loading zone? ☐ No ☒ Yes If yes, describe the loading area security plan: SECURED BY STAFF AND SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS
- c. Will you have licensed security on premise? ☐ No ☒ Yes If yes, how many? 8-15 and answer the following:
 What are their responsibilities? PROVIDE SAFE ENVIRONMENT, SPAN IDS
 Describe equipment used WALKIE TALKIES, BLANKS, FLASHLIGHTS, UNIFORMED
 List their License Number (s) TBD
- d. Will there be security cameras? ☐ No ☒ Yes If yes, how many? 24 and list locations: ALL AREAS INSIDE / OUTSIDE FACILITY EXCEPT FOR RESTROOMS
- e. Will searches/identification checks be done upon entry? ☐ No ☒ Yes If yes, describe VISUALLY + SCANNED

6. Percentage of Sales (must total 100%)

Alcohol <u>60</u> %	Food <u>30</u> %	Secondhand Merchandise _____ %	Precious Metals & Gems _____ %
Entertainment <u>10</u> %	Cigarettes, Electronic Vape Devices, Tobacco Products _____ %	_____ %	_____ %
Pawnbroker Activity _____ %	Salvaged Materials _____ % (such as scrap metal)	Personal Services (such as tattoo, body piercing, salon, tailor, tanning, etc.) _____ %	Other _____ % Describe: _____

7. Businesses/Licenses on the Premises (check all that apply):

Type 1

- ☐ Full Service Restaurant ☐ Cafe/Coffee Shop ☐ Deli or Fast Food Restaurant ☐ Private/Fraternal/Veterans Club
- ☒ Night Club ☒ Tavern ☒ Cocktail Lounge ☐ Teen Club
- ☐ Banquet Hall ☐ Sports Facility ☐ Bowling Alley
- ☐ Hotel/Motel: Number of Floors: _____ Number of Rooms: _____
- ☐ Rooming House: Number of Floors: _____ Number of Rooms: _____

Type 2

- ☐ Liquor Store ☐ Corner Store ☐ Supermarket ☐ Convenience Store
- ☐ Gas Station ☐ Amusement/Phonograph Distributor ☐ Recycling, Salvage or Towing
- ☐ Used Car Dealer ☐ Personal Service Establishment (such as tattoo business, hair salon, tailor, etc.) ☐ Recording Studio

What other licenses/permits will you hold at this location? (check all that apply)

- ☒ Occupancy Permit ☒ Cigarette, Tobacco, Electronic Vape Products ☐ Gas Station ☐ Extended Hours ☒ Class "B" Tavern ☐ Weights & Measures
- ☐ Secondhand Dealer ☐ Precious Metal & Gem ☒ Other: PEP, FOOD DEXTER, SIDEWALK DINING

8. Legal Capacity (only if a Type 1 premises in #7 above)

Capacity 480 (Call the Milwaukee Development Center at 414-286-8211 if you have questions.)

9. Premises Description

a. Identify all area(s) of the premises that will be used in operating this business (include areas used only for storage):

☒ 1st Floor ☒ 2nd Floor ☒ Basement Storage ☒ Patio ☐ Beer Garden ☒ Sidewalk Café ☐ Deck ☐ Rooftop

☐ Other: Describe: _____

b. Describe Location: ☒ Major Thoroughfare ☐ Secondary Street ☐ Other: _____

c. Nearest Major Cross Street: WISCONSIN AVE / ALCHIBAN ST.

d. Describe Building: ☒ Free Standing Building ☐ Strip Mall ☐ Other: _____

e. Describe Premises Structure: ☐ Single Story ☒ Multi-Story - # of Stories 6 ☐ Other: _____

f. Describe Surrounding Area: ☒ Commercial ☐ Residential ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: _____

g. Building Owner Name: BURKE PROPERTIES Phone Number: 414-270-0200

Building Owner Address: 602 N. WATER ST MILWA. WI 53202

10. Hours of Operation & Customers

Will customers be entering the premises? ☐ No ☒ Yes

Day of the Week	Proposed Hours of Operation:		Estimated Number of Customers expected each day	Potential Age Range of Customers	Class B Tavern Applicant Only: Age Restriction (If none, write 'None')
	Open Time (Include a.m. or p.m.)	Close Time (Include a.m. or p.m.)			
Sunday	12:00 PM	2:00 AM	100-150	21+	NONE 21+
Monday	12:00 PM	2:00 AM	100-150	21+	NONE 21+
Tuesday	12:00 PM	2:00 AM	100-150	21+	NONE 21+
Wednesday	12:00 PM	2:00 AM	100-150	21+	NONE 21+
Thursday	12:00 PM	2:00 AM	100-150	21+	NONE 21+
Friday	12:00 PM	2:30 AM	400-450	21+	NONE 21+
Saturday	12:00 PM	2:30 AM	400-450	21+	NONE 21+

An Extended Hours Establishment License is required for any convenience store, filling station, personal service establishment (such as tattoo, body piercing, salon, tailor, tanning, etc.), recording studio or restaurant which is open between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.

Alcohol Establishments Class A: 8:00 am to 9:00 pm Sunday thru Saturday

Permitted Hours of Operation: Class B: 6:00 am to 2:00 am Sunday thru Thursday, 6:00 am to 2:30 am Friday & Saturday

Entertainment Outdoor Closing Hours: 10:00pm Sunday-Thursday; 12:00am Friday & Saturday; unless a different time, either earlier or later, is established by the Common Council in its approval of the licensee's plan of operation.

11. Signature(s)

Signature of Sole Proprietor, Partner, or 20% or more Shareholder

(If there are no 20% or more shareholders,

Corporate Officer-print name/title and sign)

Signature of additional partner or 20% or more shareholder

See Application Information for a complete list of all required application forms.



PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT PREMISES LICENSE SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION

Office of the City Clerk License Division
200 E. Wells St. Room 105, Milwaukee, WI 53202
(414) 286-2238 www.milwaukee.gov/license e-mail address: license@milwaukee.gov

PREMISES ADDRESS: 618 N WATERST. MILWAUKEE, WI. 53202

TYPES OF ENTERTAINMENT (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

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|---|---|---|---|
| ☐ Instrumental Musicians | ☒ Battle of the Bands | ☒ Dancing by Performers | ☒ Amusement Machines
How many? <u>5</u> |
| ☒ Bands | ☒ Comedy Acts | ☐ Adult Entertainment/
Strippers/Erotic Dance | ☒ Concerts
Approx. # per year? <u>15</u> |
| ☐ Bowling Alley
How many? _____ | ☒ Disc Jockey | ☐ Wrestling | ☐ Theatrical Performances
Approx. # per year? _____ |
| ☐ Pool Tables
How many? _____ | ☒ Magic Shows | ☒ Patron Contests | ☒ Jukebox |
| ☐ Motion Pictures (movies by
admission) - How many? _____ | ☒ Poetry Readings | ☒ Patrons Dancing | ☒ Karaoke |
| ☐ Other: _____ | | | |

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PROMOTERS/SOUND AMPLIFICATION

Will promoters ever be used for any of the entertainment? ☐ No ☒ Yes If Yes, Describe:

TO ASSIST IN ADVERTISING DAILY EVENTS

At any time will sound amplification be used? ☐ No ☒ Yes If Yes, Describe:

AMPLIFIED SOUND FOR MUSIC, NEWS, AND MICROPHONES

LEGAL CAPACITY OF PREMISES

480 (Call the Development Center at 414-286-8211 with questions.) Legal capacity determines the fee for your Public Entertainment Premises License. If you would like to request the license be approved with a lower capacity than that listed above, indicate the lower capacity here: _____. If approved, this lower capacity will print on your license and override the capacity listed on your Occupancy Permit.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/SIGNATURE

I understand that after the license has been issued, a change to the plan of operation will require a written request to change and approval from the Common Council. I agree to inform the City Clerk within 10 days of any substantial changes in the information supplied in this application. I understand that I shall not willfully refuse to provide the services offered under this license, or add charges or require deposits not required of the general public because of race, color, sex, religion, national origin or ancestry, age, handicap, lawful source of income, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, familial status or the fact that a person is now or has been a member of the military service, whether dressed in uniform or not; and shall not seek such information as a condition of employment, or penalize any employee or discriminate in the selection of personnel for training or promotion on the basis of such information.

I have knowledge of the City Ordinances currently regulating public entertainment, and understand that the license may be subject to suspension, non-renewal or revocation, if I violate any rule, law or regulation of the city of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin.

Signature of Sole Proprietor, Partner or 20% or More Shareholder
(If no 20% or more Shareholder, Corporate Officer - print name/title and sign)

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Office Use Only:

Initials: _____ Filed: _____ App: _____

Only PEP? ☐ No ☐ Yes If Yes, ☐ Queue to MPD and ☐ Email Mgrs/Team Lead (must be heard w/in 60 days)

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

CHAIR

- Licenses Committee

VICE CHAIR

- Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development



MILELE A. COGGS
ALDERWOMAN, 6TH DISTRICT

MEMBER

- Finance and Personnel Committee
- Library Board
- Neighborhood Improvement Development Corporation Board
- Special Joint Committee on the Redevelopment of Abandoned and Foreclosed Homes
- Steering and Rules Committee
- Wisconsin Center District Board

Date: December 3, 2021

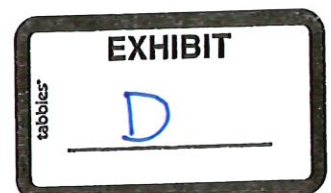
To: All Members of the Milwaukee Common Council

From: Licenses Committee

Re: Report of the Renewal Application of the Class "B" Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises (PEP), Food Dealer, and Sidewalk Dining Licenses of Habib Manjee, Agent for MKE Water Street LLC, for the premises located at 618 North Water Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("ELMNT Lounge").

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Habib Manjee (hereinafter "the Licensee") is the holder of Class "B" Tavern, PEP, Food Dealer, and Sidewalk Dining Licenses for the premises located at 618 North Water Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("ELMNT Lounge"). Said licenses expire at midnight on December 18, 2021.
2. An application to renew said licenses was filed with the Office of the City Clerk on October 22, 2021.
3. Pursuant to Chapters 68, 82, 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 October 26, 2021, the Milwaukee Police Department responded with a report that could form the basis for nonrenewal of said licenses.
4. On November 16, 2021, the City Clerk's Office provided timely notice to the Licensee pursuant to Chapters 68, 82, 85, 90, and 108 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances and Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes of the police reports and neighborhood objections. The matter was scheduled for a hearing on the objections on November 30, 2021, commencing at approximately 11:20 a.m. in Room 301-B of the third floor of City Hall. At said date, time and place, the Licensee appeared with counsel, Attorney Emil Ovbiagele at the hearing, 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 February 13, 2021 at 12:38 a.m. officers, along with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, conducted a license premise check at 618 North Water Street. The DHS officers spoke with the Licensee about 6-foot spacing, face covering requirements and patrons standing when seating is available. The Licensee was cooperative.
- B. On April 3, 2021 at 1:29 a.m. officers were dispatched to shots fired at ELMNT Lounge, 618 North Water Street. The officers spoke with the Licensee, who stated he had kicked out two males that were not following the rules. The subjects walked away and one pulled a gun and fired shots into the air. The Licensee showed officers video of the incident and stated he has an ID scanner that could provide the subjects information. The officer was able to identify a suspect based on the video and ID scanner information.
- C. On June 18, 2021 at 2:20 a.m. officers assigned to Code Red observed an altercation in front of 628 North Water Street between security officers from ELMNT Lounge and patrons. The officers observed the patrons walking away and security following them, with both parties threatening to fight each other. The patrons walked across East Wisconsin Avenue and some of the security officers stopped at the corner, while some continued to follow. At one point one of the security guards who followed the patrons waved for additional security guards to cross the street. The security officers then began hitting a patron, knocking him to the ground. Security guards then held him down, while other guards hit him. Police officers then stopped the fight and separated the security officers from the patrons. The officers then spoke to the Licensee about his security officers and he began swearing at the officers. The officer advised the Licensee his security should not follow the patrons across the street and the Licensee became upset and again yelled obscenities at the officers. The officer had to tell the Licensee to return to the club.
- D. On July 17, 2021 officers assigned to Code Red observed subjects fighting as they were exiting ELMNT Lounge, 618 North Water Street. The officers observed a security guard strike a patron with a chair and another security guard strike a patron with a glass bottle. The officer observed the security guards run back into ELMNT Lounge. The officers then heard several shots fired and located a female shooting victim on the corner of East Michigan Avenue and North Water Street. The victim was a patron of ELMNT Lounge and had been kicked out when a fight broke out inside the tavern. The victim did not survive her injuries.
- E. On August 10, 2021 a meeting was held at District 1 regarding ELMNT Lounge, 618 North Water Street. The Licensee was advised that there were concerns with how his security was responding to incidents because there were several instances where security followed patrons after they left the property and fights occurred. The Licensee stated he has been told in the past he was responsible for actions of his patrons inside and outside his business. He stated a female security guard was fired as a result of an incident she was involved in and, during another incident, one of the security guards took something personal. The Licensee stated they pat everyone down and do bag searches as patrons enter and use an ID scanner to identify patrons. The Licensee stated he has hired one armed security officer since the homicide occurred.



Appearing with the Applicant:

- F. The Licensee's attorney asked that a witness be allowed to speak about the shooting incident on the police report from July 17, 2021. Lakia Thomas, the witness, spoke on behalf of ELMNT and asserted that her daughter, the shooting victim, was not kicked out of the club on the night she was killed. She stated that her daughter was an innocent bystander.
- G. Nick Murado, Director of Operations, explained that they did everything to deescalate the fight that happened inside the premises. He further stated that they have done everything to provide a safe environment and that this incident happened on the street.
- H. The Licensee said that he thinks that police who often interact with the establishment have something against him.

Individuals in Opposition:

- I. Ricardo Trinidad, 624 N Water St Suite 2, said he is the next door neighbor and the he moved in during the COVID pandemic with no issues at all until the bar reopened. He said the establishment is busy now and he avoids coming home on the weekends. He added that he is concerned about the police presence on the corner of Water St and Michigan St and the cost of it. He added that he has called 911 because of shots fired, cars speeding, and feeling unsafe. He stated he has heard shots fired on several occasions and has even called police twice on a single night. Mr. Trinidad said that it gets crowded in the street below his residence and he sees fights even after the club closes.
- J. Captain James Campbell said that he would object to the renewal of these licenses. Captain Campbell said that he estimated over a hundred people were present at the moment of one of the fights. Captain Campbell said that the shooting is an open investigation, the reports are restricted at the moment, and that no one has been charged. Captain Campbell added that he received a briefing on the fatal shooting incident the morning of the committee meeting and the suspect seems to be a patron of the bar. He further stated that videos appear to show chairs being thrown by the staff outside of the premises. Captain Campbell agreed that the Licensee has been cooperative with the investigation of this matter.



Individuals in support:

- K. Homer Blow, 2803 W Capitol Dr., said that he works for ELMNT and that he saw many videos of the night when the fatal shooting occurred, that he thinks MPD could have done more, and that the establishment should not bear the entire responsibility. Mr. Blow said that he works at the establishment more than once a month and that he has seen security guards deescalate disturbances.
- L. Mr. Murado said that they must have a conversation with the police about being proactive and engaged instead of sitting in their vehicle. He stated they want to work together to provide a safe environment and pointed to recommended changes to the police presence that seem to have had positive effects.

Individuals also Present:

- M. Alderman Kovac noted that the record indicates that patrons have been involved in the incidents on the police report, even if charges have not been filed.
- N. Alderwoman Coggs questioned why no citations were issued if officers witnessed employees fighting and throwing chairs.
- O. Alderman Bauman said that is not the safest club in Milwaukee and that the large fight on the police report proves that. He added that he has heard accusations against MPD but that there is commotion at this club, that the security guards have been involved in fights, and that a witness has testified to those issues who is not part of the MPD but a neighbor. He also stated that problems have been a continuing issue at this location and that the Licensee has been the agent for multiple entities located there. He also said that the Licensee has been in front of the committee several times, that he knows the licensing procedure that one person is dead, and that patrons appear to have been involved. He recommended a 60-day suspension.
- P. Alderwoman Dodd said that we have to realize that there are mistakes on both sides and that we have to do better. She stated that has seen MPD applying the red code on Brady St. on different occasions which has not happened with Ladybug or ELMNT and that she would move for a 30-day suspension instead. (Failed 2-3)
- Q. Alderman Borkowski moved renewal with a 60-day suspension based on police, aldermanic, and neighborhood testimony. (Prevailed 3-2)



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 Chapters 68, 82 85, 90, and 108 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances.
2. Based upon the above facts found, the Committee concludes that the Licensee, Habib Manjee who holds Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premise (PEP), Food Dealer and Sidewalk Dining licenses for the premise located at 618 North Water Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("ELMNT Lounge") has not met the criteria of Chapters 68, 82, 85, 90, and 108 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances and Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes to renew the Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises, Food Dealer and Sidewalk Dining licenses without undergoing a sixty (60) day suspension. The Committee finds the police report and aldermanic objections as stated above to be true. The Committee based its recommendation on the police report, aldermanic, and neighborhood 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 not renew the Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premise (PEP), Food Dealer and Sidewalk Dining licenses for the premises located at 618 North Water Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("ELMNT Lounge") without undergoing a sixty (60) day suspension. The Committee based its recommendation on the police report, aldermanic, and neighborhood testimony.

RECOMMENDATION

Based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated above, the Committee, by a vote of **three (3) ayes and two (2) noes**, recommends that the Class "B" Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises (PEP), Food Dealer and Sidewalk Dining Licenses of Habib Manjee for the premises located at 618 North Water Street ("ELMNT Lounge") in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin not be renewed without undergoing a sixty (60) day suspension.

The suspension is in effect between 12:01 a.m. on December 19, 2021 until 11:59 pm on February 16, 2021.

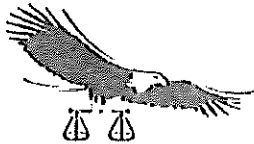
Dated and signed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 3 day of December, 2021.

Milele A. Coggs

MILELE A. COGGS
Chairman, Licenses Committee

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VINCENT J BOBOT

December 8, 2021

Jim Owezarski, City Clerk
City Hall
200 E. Wells Street, Room 205
Milwaukee WI 53202

RE: MKE Water Street LLC
Habib Manjee
618 N. Water Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202-4909

Objection to License Committee's Recommendation

Dear City Clerk Owezarski:

On behalf of my client, MKE Water Street LLC and Habib Manjee, we are objecting to the License Committee's recommendation of a renewal with sixty (60) day suspension of the Class "B" Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises, Food Dealer, and Sidewalk Dining Licenses.

Our objection to the recommendation is based on the following:

1. Regarding Item A – The business fully cooperative with a license check conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Health and Services.
2. Regarding Item B – A patron who had been escorted out of the night club went to his car. The patron then retrieved a handgun and fired 2 or 3 shots into the air. No one was injured. The licensee fully cooperated with the police by calling, retrieving evidence and providing a video of the incident. The patron was identified.
3. Regarding Item C – The incident concerning June 18, 2021 occurred at the 628 Club and not the licensee's business. Security guards from the licensee went and assisted the other guards. The Licensee did speak with the officers at the scene. The officers wanted the Licensee to fire the security guards for their involvement in this incident. The Licensee explained to the officers that the security officers had completed their employment that morning and we off-duty at the time.

Subsequent to that incident, the Licensee terminated the security officers from his business that assisted the 628 Club security.

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4. Regarding Item D – The video of the incident showed a fight broke out between patrons that exited the ELMNT Lounge. Security officers from the Licensee worked on breaking up the altercation. There were police officers on the scene at the time of the incident. Licensee stated that a video of the altercation was provided to the police.

The video clearly shows that there were not 100 people involved in the incident. The video is attached as exhibit A.

5. Regarding Item E – The Licensee met with the Milwaukee Police Department and discussed future plans to avoid any problems. The Licensee continues to work with the police to run a responsible business.

Therefore, we respectfully request that the Common Council renew my client's Class "B" Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises, Food Dealer, and Sidewalk Dining Licenses without the sixty (60) day suspension.

Respectfully submitted by,

Vincent J. Bobot
Attorney at Law
State Bar No. 1020732



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Robert Thiel, Captain of Police – District One
Milwaukee Police Department
749 West State Street
Milwaukee, WI 53222

Dear Captain Thiel:

Re: Serious Concerns Regarding the License
for ELMNT Lounge at 618 North Water
Street

Business Improvement District No. 21 ("BID 21") is writing to express its serious concerns over the acts of violence and shootings and strongly urges the City to review the Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises licenses issued to A1 Waterstreet LLC d/b/a ELMNT Lounge ("ELMNT") at 618 North Water Street.

Being in the heart of BID 21 and proximate to several large office buildings and hotels, ELMNT's operations have significant impacts on BID 21 stakeholders. Unfortunately, predecessor licenses at this location have been sources of unrest for more than a decade and generated objections from residents, owners, employers and employees. But, more importantly, since the Common Council first approved licenses for ELMNT in May of 2025, ELMNT has been a source of crime and unrest. As documented in the attached Journal Sentinel article, police officers have been called to 618 North Water Street 246 times from 2016 to July 15, 2025. Most disturbing, gunfire broke out in front of 618 North Water Street on July 12, 2025 resulting in a quintuple shooting that tragically killed two people.

The mission of BID 21 is to sustain the competitiveness of Downtown and ensure a safe, clean and welcoming environment conducive to positive business activity. BID 21 and its stakeholders have worked tirelessly and invested millions of dollars in resources since BID 21's inception in 1997 to drive positive economic activity Downtown.

BID 21 supports the effort to seriously review ELMNT's licenses because allowing the establishment to continue to operate as it currently does undermines BID 21's mission—making Downtown less safe and discouraging positive economic activity.

Property owners formed BID 21 because they recognized that even the perception of a lack of safety—not to mention an actual safety threat—discourages businesses from locating and operating in the vicinity. Business owners simply do not want to expose their employees and customers to unnecessary risks. And, employees and customers will not chose to work, shop or consume services in an unsafe environment. Extensive market research that we have conducted shows that, even the *perception* of danger, devastates positive economic activity.

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BID 21 appreciates that a well-conceived Plan of Operation, which is followed by a license-holder such as ELMNT, is critical to ensuring safe and productive operation of a licensed establishment. We urge the City to review the Plan of Operation that was the basis for the Common Council approving ELMNT's licenses. It is relevant to consider whether ELMNT complies with its legal capacity limits, security plan, exiting plans, hours of operation and operations which could temper undesired behavior from large, late-night crowds such as entertainment and food sales. See <https://www.elmntlounge.com>.

Please assist us in making Downtown safe, clean and welcoming. The tragic instances related to ELMNT are in direct opposition to BID 21's mission. We urge the Licensing Committee and Members to the Milwaukee Common Council to consider these concerns very seriously as it examines the potential revocation of ELMNT's licenses. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Tammy Babisch, Board Chair

Matt Dorner, CEO

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CRIME

This Water Street club has a history of police incidents. Here's why that can't immediately shut down a Milwaukee bar

Sophia Tiedge Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

July 28, 2025 | Updated July 30, 2025, 11:53 a.m. CT

Key Points AI-assisted summary ⓘ

Two people were killed and three injured in a shooting outside ELMNT Lounge on July 12, 2025.

Police have responded to hundreds of calls at the club's address since 2016, including calls for battery, fights, and weapons.

The club's liquor license was recently renewed, making it difficult to close the establishment immediately.

Deadly gunfire broke out at a North Water Street nightclub this month, extending a decades-long span of violence that has left three people dead and prompted nearly 250 calls to law enforcement in close to a decade.

Milwaukee police officers have been called to 618 N. Water St. — recently under new ownership and renamed ELMNT Lounge — 246 times from 2016 to July 15, according to Milwaukee Police Department records.

The total number of calls does not necessarily indicate there were 246 incidents, as some incidents can create more than one entry, if there are multiple calls or dispatches to an incident, for example.

Specifically, records show calls for service included: nine for battery, 17 fights, 10 investigations, one armed robbery, 15 subjects with gun, 14 thefts, three shots fired and one shooting.

This data does not include the July 12 [quintuple shooting](#), which claimed the lives Kevin Lewis, 39, and 52-year-old Antwan "Tweezy" Hogans, a well-known local rapper and club promoter. Three others were injured. A 24-year-old [male has been arrested](#) in relation with the crime, but the shooting is still under investigation.

The July 12 deaths mark three deadly shootings at the club in the past four years. Diamond Arberry, 24, was shot and killed at the nightclub in 2021. No arrests have been made in connection to her death, either.

Alderman Robert Bauman, whose district includes the lounge, said despite the nightclub's history of violence and constituent concerns, the process of closing a club is more complicated than some may think.

The bar's liquor license needs annual renewal, and ELMNT's license was just renewed in April, meaning the city would have to wait nearly nine months before another hearing.

"We can't just come in and nail the door shut," he said.

However, that's not the only option.

So how can the ELMNT's liquor license be revoked?

The second possibility, is a revocation hearing. A citizen or entity can file for this.

Bauman said he plans on urging Milwaukee police to initiate a hearing, but can't do anything beyond that. If it does, the license holder can hire a lawyer and prepare for what Bauman explained as a "mini trial."

At the revocation hearing, licensing committee members decide if they think the liquor license should be revoked. If they vote yes, the Common Council would take up the matter. If this happens, Bauman said the license holder usually files an appeal with the Milwaukee County Circuit Court.

During the proceedings, the establishment could ask for a temporary restraining order that would bar the city from enforcing the revocation. Bauman said this process can take months, and during the proceedings, the bar is able to stay open. If the appeal fails, then the city can revoke the license.

The July 12 shooting

The quintuple shooting took place just weeks after the club changed ownership.

Rajvir Bains, the club's new owner, told the Journal Sentinel he saw shots coming out of two cars while in front of the building next to ELMNT, with the shooting continuing after the car passed the entrance to his bar.

Bains said he normally sees a patrol car stationed outside the establishment on Friday and Saturday nights, but didn't see it on July 12.

Milwaukee police typically has officers patrolling the area since the bar is in the [code RED](#) (responsible entertainment deployment) zone, meaning a higher volume of officers are stationed within the area on the weekends.

"If there was a police presence nobody could have done that," Bains said.

Habib Manjee, who owned the club for 21 years, said he would contact the MPD District 1 liaison officer whenever the club was open or he was hosting events.

A Milwaukee Police Department spokesman told the Journal Sentinel that Bains entered into a voluntary agreement to notify its district liaison about ELMNT's events, but had not received a notification the night of the shooting.

Bains said the area could benefit from a larger police presence, but did not return multiple requests for comment on the bar's communication with MPD the night of the deadly shooting.

Bains said the club was in the process of rebranding after the ownership change. After the shooting, multiple security guards quit. He said they've met with

Milwaukee police and corresponded with the city about the incident, and wants to take necessary steps to prevent violence in the future.

Bains told the Journal Sentinel the club has an ID system which stores inventory of who enters the club, but since the shooting happened outside, they can't confirm if the shooter was a patron.

Vincent Bobot, Bains' attorney, said the bar has been closed since the shooting and will also remain closed this weekend out of respect for the victims.

ELMNT's history of violence

In 2013, while under Manjee's ownership, the club's [liquor license was suspended](#) for violent crimes, but the club remained open after its suspension expired.

In 2021, the bar received a 60-day suspension after Arberry was shot and killed outside the establishment.

During ELMNT's virtual [Nov. 30 2021 license renewal hearing](#), Lakisha Thomas, Arberry's mother, joined the meeting with Manjee and his lawyer. Thomas said she didn't blame the club and wishes the police did more before the violence escalated.

On July 17 — five days after the quintuple shooting — Arberry's family took to the streets to demand answers in the investigation as the case surrounding her death remains unsolved.

From:

Hezron Lopez and Motiya Lopez
Owner, 532 and 534 N. Water Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

To:

Milwaukee Police Department
749 W State St
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Date: September 10, 2025

Re: Element Night Club and City Social Night Club

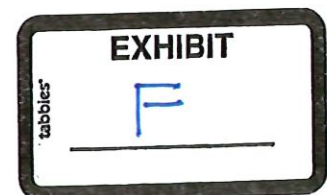
Dear Chief Norman and Members of the Milwaukee Police Department,

I am writing to you not only as a property owner at **532 and 534 N. Water Street**, but also as a lifelong advocate for Milwaukee's downtown and Third Ward. I am deeply concerned about the unchecked crime, violence, and disorder centered around **Element Night Club and City Social**, which are gravely undermining the safety, health, and prosperity of our community. These two Clubs invite and promote the type of savage violence that's harming Downtown and the Third Ward. Alderman Bauman should be ashamed to have allowed and supported the licensee of these clubs. He should not stand for reelection, and we should elect someone who cares about Downtown Milwaukee, the Third Ward and surrounding areas like the Lake Front.

Over the past year, I have personally suffered **financial losses exceeding \$100,000** due to tenant departures citing safety, noise, murder and filth in the immediate vicinity. This is not a sustainable path, and unless urgent corrective action is taken, we risk losing the vitality of Milwaukee's downtown core, including the jewel of our community — the **Milwaukee Public Market** and the **Third Ward**. Below are a few considerations and attached to **Exhibit A** are links to articles, emails, etc. as substantiation for my request to close Element and City Social.

1. Historical Pattern of Violent Crime and Shootings

- On July 12, 2025, two people were shot and killed near Water and Michigan
- On July 19, 2025, another fatal shooting occurred near Broadway and Juneau
- In June 2025, a deadly shooting occurred on the 500 block of N. Water Street, leaving multiple victims
- In 2021 at **Brownstone** (owned by the same owner as **City Social**) a deadly shooting occurred on the 500 block of N. Water Street – killing Krystal Tucker
- There have been many police calls to Element and to City Social – none of this is new



2. Escalating Disorder

- Public records reveal **little enforcement of loitering, curfew, illegal drugs, and open alcohol violations**, despite well-known late-night problems
- Groups of intoxicated individuals regularly congregate around **Element and City Social**, leading to **graffiti, trash, aggressive panhandling, and public drunkenness**

3. Reputation and Economic Risk

- National media has praised Milwaukee as a “top place to be” and highlighted the **Public Market as #1 in the country**. However, this positive momentum is now overshadowed by stories of violence and fear that are reaching HR departments of major downtown companies, and may deter new companies from locating downtown

Based on past events and current patterns, it is reasonable to predict:

- **Continued escalation of shootings:** Without aggressive enforcement, Water Street risks becoming permanently branded as “Murder Alley”
- **Flight of businesses and residents:** My residential tenants are already breaking leases, costing me over \$100,000 over the last 12 months, and companies are beginning to question whether Milwaukee is a safe place to retain employees
- **Collapse of downtown reputation:** As one local business owner noted, problems are often *outside* the bars — meaning violence spills into the public realm, affecting all businesses, not just nightlife
- **Economic blight:** Just as Northridge Mall became a symbol of crime and decay, unchecked disorder on Water Street could destroy both **Downtown Milwaukee and the Third Ward**

In the past year alone, my properties at 532 and 534 N. Water Street have lost over \$100,000 due to:

1. **Tenants breaking leases due to safety concerns linked directly to City Social and Element.**
2. **Tenants leaving due to late-night noise, filth, and trash accumulation from these venues.**
3. **Negative perception of violence driving customers, residents, and businesses away.**

Credible news coverage supports this reality:

- **Multiple homicides in the district encompassing downtown this year already exceed prior years**
- **Local lawmakers, business owners, and residents are voicing alarm about Water Street violence, demanding more enforcement**
- **Even city officials admit enforcement of curfew, loitering, and open-alcohol violations has been grossly insufficient**

Lastly, this is not a racial issue. I am an **African American property owner**, and tragically, it is **African Americans who are disproportionately being murdered and harmed** in these violent incidents. Don't let the common council make this a racial issue. It is not a racial issue. It is an issue of safety, economics and progress. We want progress.

Milwaukee's future and brand are at stake. If the crime, filth, and violence around Element and City Social persist, we will **no longer have a strong downtown or thriving Third Ward**. The Public Market, the pride of our city, will be abandoned by locals and tourists alike.

I respectfully urge the Milwaukee Police Department to:

1. **Cancel the licenses of both Element and City Social** – or limit their licenses to disallow dancing/club activities – limit license to beer and wine; disallow the loud music; and in the case of City Social, demand they close their doors so that the sound does not extend outside of their premises
2. **Increase patrols and visible enforcement** on Water Street, especially around City Social and Element
3. **Crack down on loitering, curfew violations, illegal alcohol, and drug use**
4. **Work with the Licensing Committee** to hold irresponsible proprietors accountable
5. **Partner with downtown businesses and residents** to restore order, safety, and pride to this vital area

If no action is taken, we risk losing decades of investment, reputation, and progress. I call upon the MPD to act decisively to protect Milwaukee's future.

Sincerely,

/s/ **Hezron Lopez and Motiya Lopez**

Owners – 532 and 534 N. Water Street

Exhibit A to Letter to MKE Police Department



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Inquiry from the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

7 messages

Tiedge, Sophia <STiedge@gannett.com>
To: "hezlopez@gmail.com" <hezlopez@gmail.com>

Fri, Jul 18, 2025 at 9:38 AM

Good morning,

I hope this email finds you well. My name is Sophia Tiedge, a reporter from the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, and I'm reaching out because Alderman Bauman told me you had reached out to him regarding the shooting last weekend at ELMNT lounge, and I was wondering if you'd be interested in chatting with me about your thoughts on the matter. If so, I'm happy to chat sometime today or next week. Feel free to call me on my cell: 224-775-2442 or email me back at this address. Thank you so much and look forward to hopefully chatting with you soon.

Best,
Sophia Tiedge

hezron lopez <hezlopez@gmail.com>
To: "Tiedge, Sophia" <STiedge@gannett.com>

Fri, Jul 18, 2025 at 10:01 AM

Yes. I will send you some of my communications. I am free over the weekend as well. Let me know. Otherwise, next week works.

All my best,

Hez
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hezron lopez <hezlopez@gmail.com>
To: "Tiedge, Sophia" <STiedge@gannett.com>

Fri, Jul 18, 2025 at 10:09 AM

Sophia,

If we don't get Water Street between Wisconsin Ave and The Public Market right, we will destroy what's good for the Third Ward and Downtown which are doing well and attracting tourists. My family reunion is next week - in MKE - last year it was in Delray Beach, Florida. We have options. And we want to enjoy the downtown/third ward area.

It is more than Element, It is City Social and Brownstone as well who are located in the 500 block of Water Street.

Happy to discuss. Maybe you can break this story before the Fox News folks that keep calling me. I have been busy.

All my best,

Hez
[Quoted text hidden]

Tiedge, Sophia <STiedge@gannett.com>
To: hezron lopez <hezlopez@gmail.com>

Fri, Jul 18, 2025 at 10:09 AM

Sounds good. Would you be able to chat sometime Monday morning?

From: hezron lopez <hezlopez@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2025 12:01 PM
To: Tiedge, Sophia <STiedge@gannett.com>
Subject: Re: Inquiry from the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

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hezron lopez <hezlopez@gmail.com>
To: "Tiedge, Sophia" <STiedge@gannett.com>

Fri, Jul 18, 2025 at 10:10 AM

Sure. I will call you Monday morning.
[Quoted text hidden]

Tiedge, Sophia <STiedge@gannett.com>
To: hezron lopez <hezlopez@gmail.com>

Fri, Jul 18, 2025 at 11:40 AM

Sounds great, thank you.

Sophia

From: hezron lopez <hezlopez@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2025 12:10 PM
To: Tiedge, Sophia <STiedge@gannett.com>
Subject: Re: Inquiry from the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

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hezron lopez <hezlopez@gmail.com>
To: "Tiedge, Sophia" <STiedge@gannett.com>

Fri, Jul 18, 2025 at 2:10 PM

Sophia,

I mentioned in other communications with the licensing committee and Alderman Bowman how MKE is on an upswing and the Third Ward and Downtown are key draws for the SMART and YOUNG looking for a great place to work and form a family. See yet another WSJ article providing great PR for MKE. We can't let nightclubs destroy that. My family will be at the KINN GuestHouse Downtown starting Thursday, bringing thousands of dollars to the Third Ward, Public Market, Water Front, Downtown and great restaurants, including my favorite - The Odd Duck. We all have an interest in making sure our Magnificent Mile (Water Street) remains safe and without shootings and death....Murder Alley should not exist in our Downtown. Close these clubs or provide them restaurant licenses only.

https://www.wsj.com/lifestyle/careers/us-cities-entry-level-job-market-ab688897?mod=hp_lead_pos7

All my best,

Hezron Lopez

On Fri, Jul 18, 2025 at 9:38 AM Tiedge, Sophia <STiedge@gannett.com> wrote:

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From: [Evan Casey](#)
To: [William Sullivan](#)
Cc: [Evan Casey](#)
Subject: Milwaukee mayor responds to GOP lawmakers criticizing city response to violence
Date: Wednesday, August 27, 2025 9:14:57 AM

<https://www.wpr.org/news/milwaukee-mayor-gop-lawmakers-violence-prevention-police>

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Milwaukee mayor responds to GOP lawmakers criticizing city response to violence

Mayor Cavalier Johnson says 'downtown will be safer'

BY EVAN CASEY

AUGUST 8, 2025

[Listen](#)

Milwaukee Mayor Cavalier Johnson speaks during a press conference on Friday, Aug. 8, 2025. *Evan Casey/WPR*

Milwaukee Mayor Cavalier Johnson is pushing back at Republican state lawmakers who say city leaders aren't doing enough to address violent crime.

Recent high-profile shootings and homicides on and near North Water Street, an area lined with popular bars and nightclubs in downtown Milwaukee, [prompted police to increase the number of officers patrolling downtown](#). But a letter signed by 20 Republican state lawmakers said more needs to be done to stop the "ongoing chaos and violence."

"Deadly reckless driving, increased homicides, and now a proliferation of violence in the downtown area, including Water Street, have reached a breaking point," the [lawmakers wrote](#).

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The letter asked Johnson to urge Milwaukee Police Chief Jeffrey Norman to reorganize the department to allow for the "maximum" number of officers patrolling the streets.

"This could include senior command staff and Chief Norman," the letter states. "The city of Milwaukee needs every available sworn officer out on our streets protecting our citizens and restoring law and order."

In response, Johnson said the [recent bipartisan shared revenue law](#) changed how the Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission — the civilian oversight board of those departments — operates. A Wisconsin Legislative Council memo said the law "authorizes the chiefs of the city's police and fire departments to establish policies relating to the control and management of their departments, whereas prior law authorized the commission to do so."

"So by their own action, those decisions around deployment are left to the department, are left to the chief," Johnson said during a Friday press conference.

A Milwaukee Police Department spokesperson deferred comment about the letter to Johnson's office.

Johnson also [again called on the state Legislature to pass stricter gun laws](#) to help address gun violence in Milwaukee.

"People in this city, and really around this state, our ordinary citizens, are affected by issues of gun violence, and I hear silence," Johnson said. "I hear absolute silence from the same people who signed this letter each and every single year when people in this city, ordinary citizens, innocent folks, kids, get hurt, get shot, get killed, by people who should not have their hands on guns."

A street barricade is seen here on Water Street in Milwaukee on Aug. 8, 2025. *Evan Casey/WPR*

City has plans to make downtown safer

In addition to adding more police downtown, [police officials said](#) they plan to increase curfew enforcement and have officers perform more check-ins with local businesses downtown. Friday, Johnson said other moves — like limiting food truck hours and prohibiting electric scooters downtown — will lead to fewer large gatherings where violence could occur.

"Downtown will be safer," Johnson said.

Johnson also said the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office has been assisting the police department with a mobile booking facility to help process citations and arrests quicker.

"That will help us to keep our law enforcement officers in the Milwaukee Police Department on the beat, on patrol here downtown," Johnson said.

Milwaukee Police Capt. Robert Thiel said he wouldn't "go into detail" on how many extra officers are patrolling downtown.

"We are deploying an extra amount of resources and redistributing some resources from other districts to bring downtown and other divisions as well," Thiel said. "So we are going to have an excess of officers that we typically would have at this time of year."

Alexander Ayala, president of the Milwaukee Police Association, [recently told WPR](#) the department is already "stretched thin."

Popular bars on Water Street in Milwaukee are seen here on Aug. 8, 2025. *Evan Casey/WPR*

Jake Dehne, who owns bars and restaurants in downtown Milwaukee near Water Street, believes some of the recent actions by the city are helpful. But he said more could be done.

"Have more cops ... have more lights, have more you know, restrictions," Dehne said.

Dehne said he did notice more police officers on the streets last weekend.

Subject: Re: Prevent Water Street from Becoming Murder Alley (Water Street Between Wisconsin Avenue and The Historic Mental Area)



hezron lopez <hezlopez@gmail.com>
to Matt Dorne

Matt,

Would love to speak with you.

We have to protect the downtown area.

See this article in the WSJ - good things about our companies downtown. But if it becomes unsafe, word spreads in the HR departments and soon these companies move. We safe for living, dining and tourists.

I'm speaking with
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On Jul 18, 2025, at 5:45 PM, Matt Dorne <mdorne@milwaukeekeedowntown.com> wrote:

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The Future of the Third Ward is City Social - License Committee at 9-10am This Morning - City Hall

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Tue, May 20, 2025 at 5:30 AM

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Vanessa,

Maybe you can check out this morning's license committee meeting (9am hearing at city hall). If City Social retains their license, it will be the demise of the Third Ward and Downtown-this will be our new Northridge Mall where the perception of violence and being unsafe on Water street will harm the great things these areas have built.

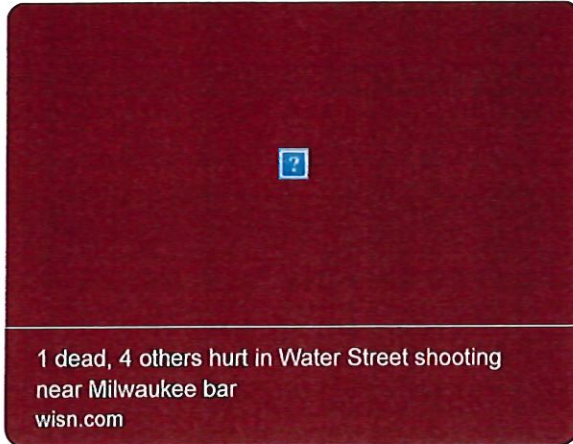
You should visit the hearing. There was a deadly shooting on the block at Brownstone (which is an affiliated business of the City Social). There is fear of tenants on the block - perception becomes reality and the Third Ward is doomed and we all suffer.



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Prevent Water Street from Becoming Murder Alley (Water Street Between Wisconsin Avenue and The Historic Third Ward Mental Area)

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All,

As I mentioned during the Licensing Committee hearing against the issuance of the license for City Social NightClub on Water Street, "if MKE leaders do not get these licensees under control, we will destroy two of the best places in Milwaukee: Downtown and The Historic Third Ward." Bob B and the Licensing Committee can help our great city.

Here is the Good

We have the #1 Public Market in the country - <https://www.fox6now.com/news/milwaukee-public-market-named-nations-best-2nd-year-row>

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Read this link per Google AI search "What's great about Milwaukee" - it is about the greatness of Milwaukee, which will all go away unless you manage Water Street Bars/Clubs between Wisconsin Avenue and St. Paul, at a minimum). What we don't want is for Water Street to become known as Murder Alley.

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I mentioned that Water Street is our "Magnificent Mile." I mentioned that people are coming from all over the state and adjacent states to enjoy our downtown, lakeside, third ward, public market, etc. We have so much to offer and Milwaukee is on the ascent. The city is receiving great press because of the Downtown and Third Ward areas. Mayor Johnson is doing a great job with the Downtown and Third Ward, and I am so proud of the work he is doing and it is getting noticed "Nationally."

Here is the Bad and "the ask"

But, unless we prevent violence and murders at this gateway to the greatness of Milwaukee (Water Street), all of the hard work that politicians, businesses and local residents have placed in making Milwaukee great - will be for nothing. We don't want to be known for violence in the downtown/third ward area. It will keep investment away; tourists away; and kill growth.

See the below links of the violence that is now upon this great area. If someone is killed or harmed, tourists will stay away and city leaders will be blamed. We need the Licensing Committee to help us. Will you help? We need to limit the bars/clubs that are open on this stretch of Water Street to responsible proprietors. I hope the Licensing Committee understands that only they can stop these bars/night clubs from fermenting the violence that ensues before and after a night of drinking. I ask that you limit the "night club" and "alcohol" licenses to responsible proprietors. See the violence that is upon us at the below links. What will we do to stop it? Let's prevent Water Street from becoming Murder Alley. You may see a pattern in the below - will you prevent the next violent act/murder on Water Street:

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We want the Third Ward and Downtown areas safe for all.

Hezron Lopez (property owner N Water Street)

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Subject: GOP lawmakers call for curbing Milwaukee violence
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‘He’s got to be willing to assert himself’: 20 Republican state lawmakers call for curbing Milwaukee violence in letter to city’s mayor

BY Anthony DaBruzzi Wisconsin

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MILWAUKEE — Twenty Republican state lawmakers have signed on to a letter to call on Milwaukee Mayor Cavalier Johnson to do more about violence in the downtown area, especially near Water Street, after a [surge of incidents near the famous stretch of bars](#).

The [letter from Aug. 6](#) comes in the wake of a contentious city council meeting where policing strategies were on the agenda. Additionally, the police union and the city have been at odds over contract negotiations for several years.

“They will respond with a press conference to some crisis, and what do we often hear? ‘This is unacceptable. This won’t be allowed.’ And then the cameras go off, and it’s back to business as usual.

There's no concrete plan," State Rep. Bob Donovan, R-Greenfield, who led the effort, said.

While [Donovan's letter voiced concerns about violence in the downtown area](#), the mayor's office fired back in what has become a blame game.

"We thank the state legislators for offering their opinions on police staffing. What they neglect to acknowledge is that crime in Milwaukee is down considerably when compared to the same time as last year," Jeff Fleming, who serves as director of communications for the Office of the Milwaukee Mayor, said in a statement to Spectrum News.

Fleming referred to statistics from the Milwaukee Police Department's (MPD) Mid-Year Review, which was released in July. The [report showed that many crimes have seen a double-digit drop](#).

"If the mayor really thinks that crime is down in Milwaukee, and I know the stats say that, I would urge him to walk some of the streets and alleys of some of our more challenged neighborhoods in Milwaukee," Donovan added.

The letter also called for the mayor to urge Milwaukee Police Chief Jeffrey Norman to get more sworn officers on the streets.

Fleming said that deployment strategies are entirely up to law enforcement leaders.

"State law, including changes legislators made within the last few years in Act 12, makes it clear neither the mayor's administration nor the Fire and Police Commission can direct the department to act," Fleming wrote.

"We weren't asking them to order the police chief. We understand he

can't do that," Donovan explained of his letter. "The letter reads 'urge' the police chief. Now, if the mayor of Milwaukee feels uncomfortable to sit down with the Milwaukee Police chief and urge him in one direction or another because of the concerns the mayor is hearing from residents, with all due respect, I would argue that the mayor has no business holding his high office."

Donovan, [who lost his race for mayor against Johnson in 2022](#), also called out the [lack of a labor contract with police](#).

Fleming fired back, stating that the city is interested in reaching a deal with the Milwaukee Police Association (MPA).

"The city is interested in reaching a voluntary settlement with the MPA, just as the city did months ago with the Milwaukee Police Supervisors Union and Firefighters' Local 215," Fleming explained. "With negotiations continuing with the police officers' union, union leaders have encouraged outside pressure on the city to reach a contract settlement. They have used selective and misleading statements to make their case."



State Rep. Bob Donovan, R-Greenfield, discusses the letter he sent to Milwaukee Mayor Cavalier Johnson regarding downtown violence. (Spectrum News 1/Mandy Hague)

Milwaukee Police declined to comment and referred Spectrum News to the mayor's office, as the letter was specifically addressed to him.

"They have gone for three years without a raise, without a contract, and I might add this is all during a period of high inflation, so it's important that the appropriate message be sent that yes, our local leaders support our cops and that they are not somehow second-class employees," Donovan said.

Donovan said the Assembly [Committee on Urban Revitalization](#), of

which he serves as chair, will hold a hearing in September on police staffing levels across the state, including issues with recruiting.

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Downtown Milwaukee shootings, mayor outlines safety plan

[Jason Calvi](#) -

Milwaukee Mayor Cavalier Johnson said he's taking steps to reduce recent late-night violence downtown.

Recent downtown violence

The backstory:

There were multiple downtown shootings last month. On July 12, two people shot near Water and Michigan died; friends and family identified one of the victims as Antwan Hogans, who also went by the name "OG Tweezy."

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A week later on July 19, police said someone shot and killed a man near Broadway and Juneau. Loved ones identified that victim as 21-year-old Raymond Wilson.

"A few rabble-rousers decide to make decisions and choices to come down here and ruin it for everyone else," said Johnson.



Addressing the violence

What they're saying:

After the violent July, Milwaukee's mayor revealed plans he hopes will keep people safe. That includes more police. How many? The Milwaukee Police Department wouldn't say.

"We are going to have an excess of officers than we typically would have this time of year," said MPD District 1 Capt. Robert Thiel.

MPD said it will bring in officers from other districts and divisions.

The [Milwaukee County](#) Sheriff's Office will also help. They're bringing in a mobile booking unit. Milwaukee police officers will still arrest and ticket offenders.

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"It'll help us to keep our law enforcement officers of the Milwaukee Police Department on the beat, on patrol here downtown, instead of transporting those after they get arrested," Johnson added.

FOX6 News got hold of public records revealing police haven't been ticketing much on Water Street between State and Knapp for loitering, kids out after curfew, noise, illegal drugs, and open alcohol. This summer through July 30, MPD issued a total of seven citations for those infractions; in the previous four summers, they issued a total of four.



"That seems awfully low to what I know of, but we are definitely stepping up enforcement," Thiel said.

The mayor's plan includes going after curfew-breakers. During the summer, the curfew is 11 p.m. for anyone under the age of 17. The mayor also said police were going to heighten enforcement of those illegally carrying weapons near schools.

Police also plan to do more spot bar checks, which means they'll pop in unannounced to bars, look around, and then depart.

The mayor's plan also includes using flashing red traffic lights in the Water Street area, along with drones observing from above.

The mayor discussed limits on food trucks. City ordinance in 2023 already stopped food trucks from operating downtown after 1 a.m.

Another step the mayor says the city is taking: limiting e-scooters from traveling on Water Street and in the downtown entertainment district after 8 p.m. In fact, for years, the scooters already de-activated in the Water Street entertainment district after 8 p.m.

"I'm championing solutions. Downtown will be safer. Downtown is, and it will be the center of our entertainment economy," said Johnson. "Downtown is and will continue to be a welcoming place for everybody who wants to come and to have fun."

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"A lot of those items probably could have been done proactively at the beginning of summer, because the incidents we've had are not new," said Milwaukee Alderman Robert Bauman. "We've had basically some level of violence and disorder for the last four summers, I would say.

"The issue boils down to the number of police personnel that are available, because if they start issuing tickets or making arrests on a broad scale, word would go out, social media will pick that up. And I think it'll be a deterrent for people to carry on that type of behavior."

The Source: The information in this post was gathered through a news conference with the mayor and MPD, along with reviewing public records, and interviewing city leaders.

Industries



By **Meredith Meyer**
Dec 27, 2018 12:00 am



The Ladybug Club is located in the Milwaukee Building at 622 N. Water St. in downtown Milwaukee.



An interior look at Elmnt Lounge in downtown Milwaukee



After a \$500,000 renovation project, the bar, located at 618 N. Water St., will reopen to the public on Dec. 27 as **Elmnt Lounge**.

The establishment differs from the previous nightclub concept, known as 618 Live on Water, with new lounge-style seating, HDTVs and a selection of bar bites, which will be available when the kitchen opens within the next few days, said Nick Murado, Elmnt's director of operations.

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Food service will allow the lounge to serve happy hour, late night bites and lunch, and to function as a venue for corporate events, he said.

Elmnt will serve “elevated small plates” such as wings, pizza and sliders, and its full bar will offer specialty cocktails and wine.

The changes come as Milwaukee’s downtown area evolves, Murado said.

“We built this for the growth of the neighborhood, with new hotels, condominiums, and more millennials and young professionals,” he said. “We think we can serve this greater community as a lounge rather than a nightclub.”

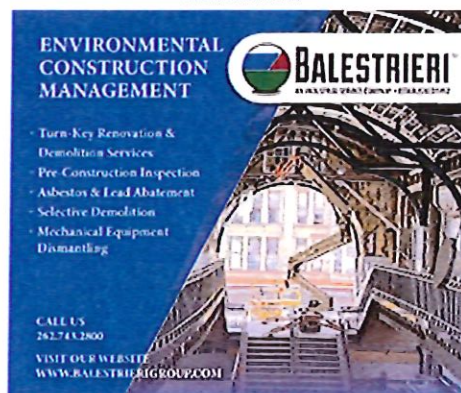


Signage is fastened to a waterfall wall fixture.

The name “Elmnt” was selected intentionally, Murado said. The new decor throughout the space echoes the elements of nature with a waterfall wall, a fireplace, a hookah lounge and “earthy tones” in the upper level. He said the concept will also offer various elements of entertainment— TVs for sporting events, a DJ booth for music, and food and beverage offerings.

Elmnt will be open to the public Thursday through Saturday nights from 9 p.m. to close, and it will launch its Friday and Saturday happy hour service, starting at 4 p.m., on Jan. 17. On Jan. 20, Elmnt will roll out the first of its “Sunday funday” events. It will also host a New Year’s Eve celebration on Dec. 31.

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During summer months, Murado said, the lounge will offer patio seating and will likely operate daily.

The venue, which has long been owned and managed by Habib Manjee, once was a source of problems for the city. Its **license was suspended in 2013** because of violent incidents there.

In 2017, Manjee applied for a **license to add adult entertainment** to the venue, for the purpose of hosting entertainment for bachelor and bachelorette parties, according to a spokesperson for Elmnt.



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MILWAUKEE (CBS 58) – Jordan Tate has been found guilty in the [homicide of Krystal Tucker](#).

The jury returned a guilty verdict early Friday morning, July 21. Tate was charged with one count of first-degree intentional homicide and two counts of first-degree reckless injury with a dangerous weapon.

Thirty-one-year-old Tucker was shot and killed while working the door of Brownstone Social Lounge in 2022.

Prosecutors say Tate opened fire after getting into an altercation with security guards over the bar's age requirement. On the night of the shooting, you had to be at least 27 years old to enter. Tate was 25.

Two other employees, both security guards were injured in the shooting and survived.

The trial began Monday and closing arguments were held Thursday. Also on Thursday, Tate took the stand and told his side of the story, claiming the shooting was in self-defense and that he feared one of the security guards had a gun and would harm him. The jury however did not agree and convicted Tate on all charges.

Tate is scheduled to be sentenced Aug. 29. Tucker's family is expected to appear at the sentencing via video conference.

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Shooting on the 500 block of N. Water St. Sunday, June 15th , 2025

By Milwaukee Police Department - Jun 15th, 2025 05:01 am

Milwaukee Police are investigating a shooting that occurred on Sunday, June 15th , 2025, at approximately 3:00 a.m., in the 500 block of N. Water St. The victim, a 25-year-old was conveyed to a local hospital for treatment of a non-fatal gunshot injury. The circumstances leading up to the shooting are under investigation. Milwaukee Police have an adult suspect in custody.

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Milwaukee Police at (414) 935-7360 or to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at (414) 224-Tips or P3 Tips.

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The Cities Where College Grads Are Actually Landing Jobs

Many younger professionals are finding luck launching careers in second-tier cities like Raleigh, Milwaukee and Birmingham, a new analysis shows



Raleigh, N.C., has again topped the list of cities with the most promising prospects for recent graduates in an ADP study. PHOTO: ULTIMA GAINA/ISTOCK

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Updated July 18, 2025 8:09 am ET

Memo to job-hunting college grads: It pays to take your search to cities just beyond America's biggest metro areas.

In one of the toughest markets for entry-level jobs in years, several second-tier cities—including Raleigh, N.C.—rise above the pack for their strong hiring, decent salaries and affordability. Instead of Atlanta or Chicago, consider Birmingham, Ala., or Milwaukee. Or think Baltimore, in lieu of Washington, D.C.

Those alternative cities, along with Austin, Texas, rank as the top five most promising locations to find work for recent college graduates, according to a [new study](#) by payroll-services provider ADP.

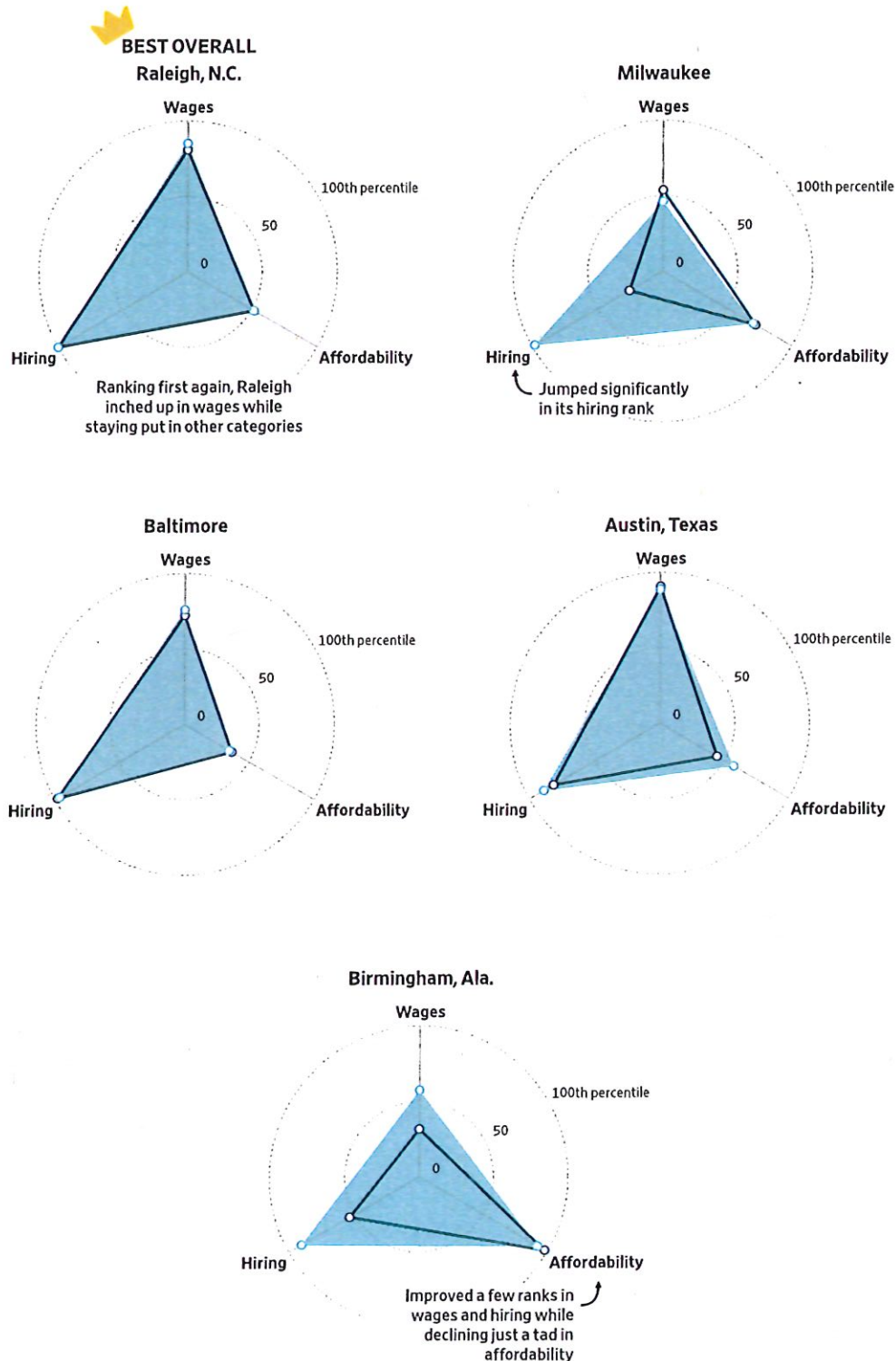
Researchers crunched public cost-of-living data and ADP payroll data for more than five million U.S. workers in their 20s to rank 55 metro areas on three metrics: affordability, wages and hiring activity. They then weighed hiring rates for jobs that typically require a degree against affordability-adjusted wages in each city to devise a single, overall ranking.

What sets the top-ranking cities apart? Raleigh, Baltimore and Austin—all of which scored in last year's top five, too—tend to have a higher-than-usual concentration of technology, health and financial firms, says Ben Hanowell, ADP Research's director of people analytics.

Like Birmingham, they are home to research and healthcare institutions that do a lot of hiring themselves. Milwaukee's job market, meanwhile, is benefiting from the expansion of [Eli Lilly](#) and other companies in the area.

Top five metro areas in the U.S. for young, college-degreed professionals

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Note: The further a point on the triangle is from the center, the better its performance in that metric. The combined score reflects the geometric mean of each metro area's hiring rate and affordability-adjusted wages, ranked by percentile of each metro on that geometric mean. For example, Milwaukee ranks second after stacking up wages compared to the affordability of the city, even if it ranks lower in other categories.

Source: ADP

All of those factors are bright spots in an otherwise difficult job market for 20-somethings. Though the national unemployment rate hovers around 4%, it was 7.3% in June for recent college graduates. Many of them are running into a [bottleneck in entry-level openings](#) as employers [slow hiring](#) and fewer older workers switch jobs. It doesn't help that more companies are [relying on artificial intelligence](#) to do some of the grunt work new graduates often do.

"There's a lot more great people than there are great jobs," says Susan De La Vega, a senior vice president at global consulting firm [Korn Ferry](#).



Baltimore officials are trying to play up the city's appeal to young professionals. PHOTO: SHURAN HUANG FOR WSJ

Those challenges have fueled a lot of fluctuation in local job markets. Atlanta and Charlotte, N.C., both in last year's top five for young grads, dropped considerably in this year's rankings. Portland, Ore., Hartford, Conn., Riverside, Calif., and Salt Lake City all ranked toward the bottom because of slower hiring rates and lower real wages once cost of living was factored in.

Where the jobs are

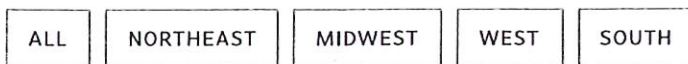
Raleigh, once again, topped the list of cities with the most promising prospects for recent graduates. As part of the Research Triangle, its economy is fueled by an ecosystem of research institutions, including the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Duke University and other schools, plus science and technology companies.

"We've seen this stream of office projects over the last 18 months, and North Carolina State University and some of our private colleges are all supplying this great pipeline of workers," says Kyle Touchstone, director of Raleigh Economic Development.

Red Hat and [Cisco Systems](#) are just two companies with Raleigh operations that have stepped up their recruiting of young professionals. The Research Triangle area accounted for nearly a third of Cisco's overall university hiring, second only to Silicon Valley, over the past four fiscal years, says Scott McGuckin, vice president of talent acquisition.

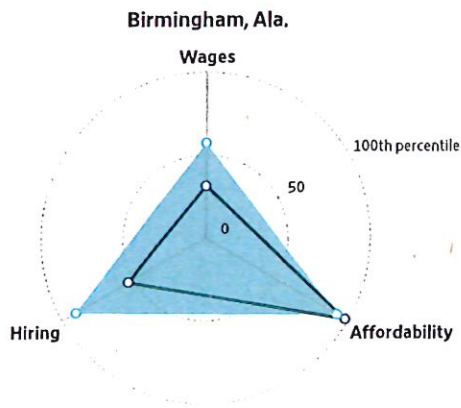
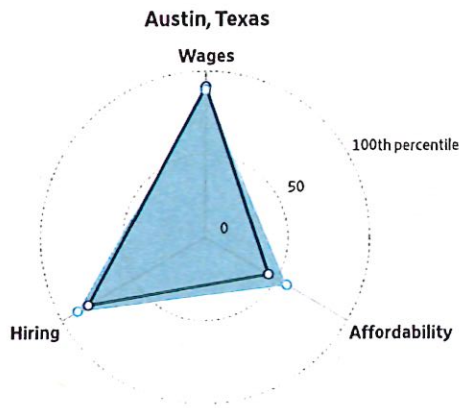
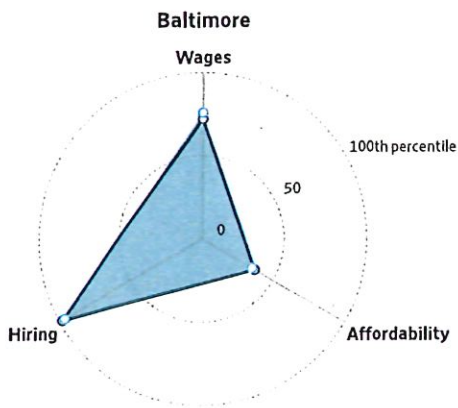
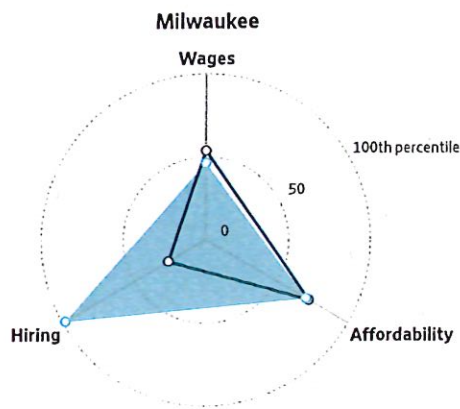
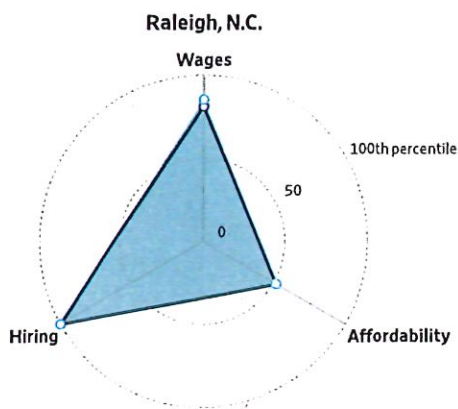
Top five metro areas for young, college-degreed professionals, by region

The further a point on the triangle is from the center, the better its performance in that metric. The combined score reflects the geometric mean of each metro area's hiring rate and affordability-adjusted wages, ranked by percentile of each metro on that geometric mean.



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Jordin Young, who graduated from Bowdoin College in Maine in 2024, says he knew just one person who lived in Raleigh before moving there for an associate job at Fidelity last year.

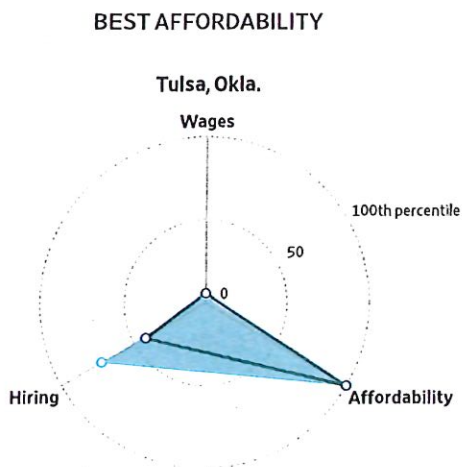
"I knew I wanted to explore a new city," says Young, who grew up in Maryland. He was pleasantly surprised by how Raleigh stacked up against New York, Chicago and the other bigger cities his peers were flocking to. It is more affordable and offers an active social scene and easy access to hiking in state parks, he says.

Milwaukee, which ranked second, is benefiting from investment from a number of major companies in the area, as well as a burgeoning startup scene. In December, Eli Lilly announced a \$3 billion manufacturing expansion in nearby Kenosha County that will include 750 highly skilled jobs. Northwestern Mutual and Milwaukee Tool have recently expanded their footprints in the area as well.

The city's affordability compared with Chicago is a draw for both young professionals and companies looking to hire, according to the Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce.

Northwestern Mutual has longstanding partnerships with Marquette University and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee to tap students for potential jobs. The insurance and wealth-management firm also works with nonprofits to help recruit promising, limited-income college students "we might not otherwise know," says Kelly Culler, the company's chief people officer.

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Source: ADP

Nothing like 'The Wire'

Baltimore officials, too, are trying to play up their city's appeal to younger professionals. In March, the Greater Baltimore Committee launched a campaign to promote the metro area's affordability compared with cities like Philadelphia and its dining scene, parks and museums.

Among employers, [Morgan Stanley](#) cites the area's higher-education programs and talent market as reasons why the bank's Baltimore office has grown into one of its largest in North America outside New York.



Markeisa Graham landed a job in Baltimore shortly after graduating from college. PHOTO: MARKEISA GRAHAM

Baltimore wasn't on Markeisa Graham's radar before she graduated from Florida A&M in Tallahassee in 2021. What little she knew about the city came mostly from watching "The Wire" and the show's exploration of Baltimore's criminal drug trade.

But after applying to jobs around the country, she landed a job there that fell as a software engineer at [Lockheed Martin](#). She was impressed by the friendliness of the people and how walkable the city is. "I was like, 'This is nothing like 'The Wire' at all,'" she says.

Austin, on the other hand, has been a destination for college-educated 20-somethings for years. Hiring remains strong thanks to the expansion of semiconductors, clean tech, AI and other tech industries, according to Austin's chamber of commerce.

Though housing costs remain an issue, rents have declined nearly 3% from last year, and the city council has committed to building more affordable housing, says

Eric Hale, director of education and workforce policy at the Austin Chamber.

Birmingham is also winning over young professionals. Companies in healthcare, finance and technology are big employers, as is the University of Alabama at Birmingham and its medical center.



Aaron Gill settled in Birmingham, Ala., after college and says he can see himself living there long term. PHOTO: AARON GILL

Aaron Gill, 22, originally planned to return to Atlanta, his hometown, once he earned his computer science degree from Samford University in Homewood, Ala. But after graduating in May, he landed a job in Birmingham as a junior quality-assurance analyst at [Vulcan Materials](#), a supplier of gravel, asphalt and other construction materials.

Birmingham's slower pace took some getting used to, he says, but he has come to appreciate living in a smaller, less congested city. And he has noticed a lot of out-of-state license plates in his company parking lot, which suggests to him that more young professionals are also moving there for work.

"More and more I can see myself living in Birmingham" for the long term, he says.

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Impact Statement

I am a business owner downtown. I am an out of city resident that spends tens of thousands dollars downtown. I became very scared when this mass shooting happened. The surge in violence started with the mass shooting that took place at this club.

The mass shooting that took place in the early hours of July 12th, 2025 has left me depressed, hopeless and extremely stressed.

Antwan Hogans is my longtime friend. We cannot bring him back — and I'm extremely saddened by it.

His kids will never get another hug, another phone call, another text, no more holidays, no more birthdays because of this club's negligence.

The disrespect in this club releasing security footage to the public where again we had to see his lifeless body on the ground all over social media was very disgusting.

They tried to change the narrative when the reality of what took place is still their fault. Given someone else was murdered outside of that club they should've had outside security previously.

Antwan was left outside after being shot several times. No urgent attention from this club and its staff. He's dead because of this club. He died on the scene. He was MURDERED. There's fights outside of this club and violence. This club shouldn't be allowed to operate in the district anymore. It has left several of my clients and local residents in fear to even visit downtown. This club stains the entertainment district. This club isn't open for business, they're open for MURDER.

This club has never truly complimented downtown, the Entertainment District. They have constantly been a nuisance to the entertainment district. Change of ownership doesn't matter where it's the same result. Somehow they can't figure it out. It's an establishment called Tropic on the same street and doesn't have these issues.

How many murders need to happen? How many innocent people have to be killed? How many people have to be shot? Make an example, make this the end of the road for this club.

I want to leave you with something. Antwan's son said on the radio, "I'll never get to talk to my dad again."

I personally relive his death every time I drive downtown to my office. The videos are on social media which could only have been shared from someone at the club. It is evident that their negligence leads to violence. Their negligence leads to murder. This is intolerable.



What's best for the downtown district is the safety of residents & visitors. This club should've surrendered their license after the mass shooting. Two people were murdered on their watch.

I am still hurting from this. I am still grieving and every time I talk with Antwan's son, my heart breaks. Help mend the heartache in the community. Reassure us it's okay to visit downtown without worrying about bullets flying. Heal the community and bring an end to this club.



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Dear Distinguished Members of the Milwaukee Common Council:

On behalf of Visit Milwaukee, I want to express our profound concern about the recent shooting at Elmnt Lounge on Water Street that took the lives of two individuals and injured three others. This act of violence, which unfolded in the heart of our downtown, is not only a human tragedy but also a direct threat to Milwaukee's reputation as a safe, welcoming destination for visitors, businesses, and conventions.

The consequences of this incident have already reached beyond the victims and their families. A national meeting planner, here to evaluate Milwaukee as a potential host for a major convention, witnessed the immediate aftermath of the shooting from her hotel room window. Understandably, this experience left a deeply negative impression and may jeopardize our city's ability to secure this and other future conventions. Convention business is not hypothetical; it sustains thousands of local jobs, supports small businesses, and generates millions of dollars in revenue for the City of Milwaukee each year.

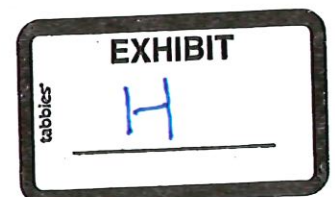
Allowing this establishment to continue operating as it does today raises serious questions about public safety and undermines the hard work being done to strengthen confidence in Milwaukee as a destination. As such, Visit Milwaukee respectfully asks the Council to consider: the ongoing risks to residents, visitors, and downtown workers if the establishment continues to operate without meaningful change; the damage to Milwaukee's reputation when such incidents occur in the very heart of our hospitality district; and the broader economic impact on our city if planners and visitors begin to question Milwaukee's ability to provide a safe environment.

The future of Milwaukee's tourism and convention business depends on ensuring that our visitors feel safe and welcome. The tragic events tied to Elmnt Lounge stand in direct opposition to that goal. For the sake of our community's wellbeing, our economic vitality, and our city's reputation, we urge the Council to weigh these concerns very carefully in its deliberations about this establishment's future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peggy Williams-Smith', is written over a horizontal line.

Peggy Williams-Smith
President & CEO
Visit Milwaukee



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c-1-c. The appropriateness of tavern location and premises. Evidence of the appropriateness of the location may be included in the report provided by the chief of police or chief's designee under par. b-2-a.

c-1-d. Neighborhood problems due to management or location.

c-1-e. If the licensee is a corporation or licensed limited partnership, the conviction of the corporate agent, officers, directors, members or any shareholder holding 20% or more of the corporation's total or voting stock, or proxies for that amount of stock, of any of the offenses enumerated in s. 125.12(2)(ag), Wis. Stats., as amended.

c-1-f. Failure of the licensee to operate the premise in accordance with the floor plan and plan of operation submitted pursuant to s. 90-5-1-c.

c-1-g. Any other factor or factors which reasonably relate to the public health, safety and welfare.

c-2. The committee may make a recommendation immediately following the hearing or at a later date. The committee may recommend that the license be renewed or not renewed. In addition, if the committee determines that circumstances warrant it, the committee may recommend that the license be renewed conditioned upon a suspension of the license for a defined period of time. When the committee elects to recommend that a license be renewed with a period of suspension, the license may be suspended for not less than 10 days and no longer than 90 days. Such suspension shall commence on the effective date of the license renewal. Following the hearing, the committee shall submit a report to the common council, including findings of fact, conclusions of law and a recommendation as to what action, if any, the council should take. The committee shall provide the complainant and applicant with a copy of the report. The applicant and complainant, if any, may file a written statement in response to the report including objections, exceptions and arguments of law and fact. A written statement must be filed with the city clerk before the close of business on a day that is at least 3 working days prior to the date set for hearing by the common council.

d. Council Action. d-1. The applicant shall be given 5 working days' notice of the date set for hearing by the full common council.

d-2. At the meeting of the common council, the chair shall allow oral argument by an applicant or complainant who has timely submitted a written statement in response to the recommendations of the licensing committee. The city attorney shall also be permitted a statement. Oral arguments shall not exceed 5 minutes on behalf of any party. Applicants shall appear only in person or by counsel. Corporate applicants shall appear only by the agent or by counsel. Partnerships shall be represented only by a partner or by counsel. Limited liability companies shall be represented only by the agent or by counsel. Complainants shall appear only in person or by counsel. Any person making an appearance before the council pursuant to this subsection and who requires the services of an interpreter shall obtain one at his or her own expense.

d-3. Prior to voting on the committee's recommendation, all members of the council who are present shall signify that they have read the recommendation and report of the licensing committee and any written statements in response that have been filed thereto. If they have not, the chair shall allocate time for the members to do so. If they have read the report and recommendation, then a roll call vote shall be taken as to whether or not the recommendation of the committee shall be accepted. The applicant shall be provided with written notice of the results of the vote taken by the common council.

3. REQUEST TO SURRENDER A LICENSE. See s. 85-17 for provisions relating to the surrender of licenses and the return of surrendered licenses.

90-12. Revocation or Suspension of Licenses. 1. CAUSES. Any license issued under this chapter may be suspended or revoked for cause by the common council after notice to the licensee and a hearing. Such licenses shall be suspended or revoked for the following causes:

a. The making of any material false statement in any application for a license.

b. The conviction of the licensee, his agent, manager, operator or any other employee for keeping a gambling house or a house of prostitution or any felony related to the licensed operation.

c. A showing that such licensee has violated any state law or city ordinance prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors or fermented malt beverages to underage persons, or to any person intoxicated or bordering on the state of intoxication.

d. The violation of the provisions in ss. 90-7 through 90-10 and 90-13 through 90-31.

e. The violation of any of the excise laws of this state.

f. The licensed premises is operated in such a manner that it constitutes a public or private nuisance or that conduct on the licensed premises, including but not limited to loud and raucous noise, has had a substantial adverse effect upon the health, safety or convenience and prosperity of the immediate neighborhood; or

g. If the licensee is a corporation or licensed limited partnership, the conviction of the corporate agent, officers, directors, members or any shareholder holding 20% or more of the corporation's total or voting stock, or proxies for that amount of stock, of any of the offenses enumerated in s. 125.12(2)(ag), Wis. Stats., as amended.

h. Failure of the licensee to operate the premise in accordance with the floor plan and plan of operation submitted pursuant to s. 90-5-1-c.

i. For any other reasonable cause which shall be in the best interests and good order of the city.

3. STATE LAW APPLICABLE. Except as hereinafter provided, the provisions of ss. 125.12(2)(ag) to (c), Wis. Stats., shall be applicable to proceedings for the suspension and revocation of all licenses granted under this chapter.

4. COMMENCEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS. Suspension or revocation proceedings may be instituted by the licensing committee of the common council upon its own motion, or upon sworn written charges made and filed with the city clerk by the chief of police or upon a sworn written complaint filed with the city clerk by any city resident.

5. PROCEDURES FOR REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION. a. Complaint; Summons; Report.

a-1. Whenever either sworn written charges or a sworn written complaint are filed with the city clerk setting forth specific charges against a licensee involving conduct which would violate statutes or ordinances that are grounds for revocation or suspension of a license, the city clerk shall issue a summons, as authorized by Wisconsin statutes, demanding that the licensee appear before the licensing committee, not less than 3 days nor more than 10 days from the date of issuance, to show cause why the license should not be revoked or suspended.

a-2. A police officer shall serve the summons upon a licensee in accordance with Wisconsin statutes, and shall also serve a copy of the complaint with a copy of this subsection upon the licensee.

a-3. The chief of police shall prepare a report with information relating to the allegations contained in the written charges or complaint. The report shall first state whether the chief of police has information relating to the allegations contained in the written charges or complaint. The report may be offered and made part of the permanent record of the hearing without motion. Information contained in the report shall be admissible and may be considered by the committee as a public record to the extent that the information in the report sets forth the activities of department personnel, or provides information about matters observed by police personnel under a duty imposed by law, or contains factual findings resulting from an investigation made under authority of law, unless the sources of information or other circumstances indicate lack of trustworthiness. A copy of the report shall be provided to the licensee at least 7 days prior to the time scheduled for appearance upon the summons and complaint.

b. Committee Hearing. b-1. Upon receipt of evidence that the summons has been served, the licensing committee shall convene at the date and time designated in the summons for the purpose of taking evidence and making findings of fact and conclusions of law and a recommendation to the full common council in connection with the proposed revocation or suspension.

b-2. If the licensee appears before the committee at the time designated in the summons and denies the charges contained in

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the complaint, an evidentiary hearing in connection with the revocation or suspension shall be conducted by the committee at that time. If the licensee does not appear, or appears but does not deny the charges contained in the complaint, the complaint shall be taken as true and the committee shall hear the arguments of the city attorney and the licensee in connection with the revocation or suspension.

b-3. The procedure at evidentiary hearing shall be as follows:

b-3-a. The chief of police or complainant shall first present evidence in support of the complaint. The chief of police or complainant may offer the report prepared under par. a-3.

b-3-b. After the chief of police or complainant rests, the licensee may present evidence in opposition to the written charges or complaint.

b-3-c. The chief of police or complainant and the licensee may subpoena and present witnesses. All witnesses shall testify under oath and shall be subject to cross-examination.

b-3-d. The chief of police or complainant and the licensee shall each be limited to 30 minutes for testimony and oral presentation unless the chair, subject to approval of the committee, extends the time to assure a full and fair presentation.

b-3-e. Questions by committee members and responses to members' questions shall not be counted against the time limitations.

b-3-f. At the close of the testimony, the chief of police or complainant and the licensee shall be given a reasonable time to make arguments upon the evidence produced at the hearing.

b-4. The chair of the licensing committee shall be the presiding officer. The chair shall direct that oaths be administered and subpoenas issued upon request of either side. The chair shall ensure that an orderly hearing is conducted in accordance with the requirements of this subsection. The chair shall rule on objections to the admissibility of evidence. Any ruling of the chair shall be final unless appealed to the committee, and the committee shall reverse such ruling only upon the vote of a majority of its members present and voting.

b-5. At all stages of the proceedings before the committee or before the common council, the licensee shall be entitled to appear both in person and by an attorney.

b-6. A record shall be made of all licensing proceedings before the committee and before the common council as provided in s. 85-4-3.

c. Committee Report. c-1. Within 10 working days after it reaches a decision, the committee shall prepare and serve a report and recommendation on the licensee and transmit a copy thereof to the city attorney. The report and recommendations shall include specific findings of fact and conclusions of law made by the committee. The report shall be distributed to each member of the common council.

c-2. The committee shall provide the licensee, and the complainant, if any, with a copy of the report. The licensee and complainant may file a written statement or response including objections, exceptions and arguments of law and fact to the report to the common council. A written statement or response must be filed with the city clerk before the close of business on a day that is at least 3 working days prior to the date set for hearing by the common council.

c-3. Any written statement or response to the report and recommendations of the committee shall be filed by the close of business on the day that is 3 working days prior to the date on which the matter is to be heard by the common council. Copies of written statements shall be provided to each member of the common council at least 24 hours before any vote on the question is scheduled before the common council.

d. Council Action. d-1. At a meeting of the common council following the receipt of the report and recommendations of the committee, the common council shall consider the report and recommendations. Not less than 5 working days prior to the hearing before the common council, the city clerk shall notify the licensee and complainant by United States first class mail, postage prepaid, sent to the last known address of the licensee and complainant, and shall also notify the city attorney, of the time and place that the common council will convene. Each member of the common council shall be asked to affirm that he or she has read the report and recommendations of the committee. When written statements or responses are timely filed to a committee report and recommendations that the license be suspended or revoked, each member of the common council shall be asked to affirm that he or she has read the statements or responses. If

members of the council have not read the recommendations and report of the committee and any statements or responses that have been filed, the chair shall allocate time for the members to do so. Oral argument in support of the report and recommendations presented by the city attorney, oral argument on behalf of the licensee in opposition to the report and recommendations and oral argument by the complainant objecting to the report and recommendations shall be permitted where written statements or responses have been timely filed. Argument shall be limited to 5 minutes and the arguments shall be limited to the subject matter of the report and recommendations and the written exceptions. Licensees shall appear only in person or by counsel. Corporate licensees shall appear only by the agent or by counsel. Partnerships shall be represented only by a partner or by counsel. Limited liability companies shall be represented only by the agent or by counsel. Complainants shall appear only in person or by counsel. Any person making an appearance before the council pursuant to this subsection and who requires the services of an interpreter shall obtain one at his or her own expense.

d-2. The common council shall determine by a majority vote of those in attendance and voting whether to adopt the recommendation of the committee. Such vote shall be a roll call vote. If the common council finds the complaint to be true, or if there is no objection to a report recommending suspension or revocation with the committee's report and recommendation and in accordance with Wisconsin statutes, the city clerk shall give notice of each suspension or revocation to the person whose license is suspended or revoked. If the common council finds the complaint to be untrue, the proceedings shall be dismissed without cost to the accused.

7. **REQUEST TO SURRENDER A LICENSE.** See s. 85-17 for provisions relating to the surrender of licenses and the return of surrendered licenses.

90-13. Alterations to Premises. Except as provided in s. 200-26-6-b, any alteration, change or addition resulting in expansion of a licensed premises shall be approved by the licensing committee prior to issuance of a permit pursuant to s. 200-24 by the department of neighborhood

services. An applicant whose license application has been denied by the committee may appeal the decision to the common council.

90-14. Restrictions as to Location of Premises.

1. **300 FEET RESTRICTION.** No "Class A" or "Class B" license for the sale of intoxicating liquor may be issued for premises the main entrance of which is less than 300 feet from the main entrance of any church, school, day care center or hospital, except that this prohibition may be waived by a majority vote of the common council. The distance shall be measured by the shortest route along the highway from the main entrance of the school, church, day care center or hospital to the main entrance of the premises covered by the license.

2. **EXCEPTIONS.** The prohibition in sub. 1 does not apply to any of the following:

a. Premises covered by a "Class A" or "Class B" license on June 30, 1947.

b. Premises covered by a "Class A" or "Class B" license prior to the occupation of real property within 300 feet thereof by a school, day care center, hospital or church building.

c. A restaurant located within 300 feet of a church, day care center or school. This paragraph applies only to restaurants in which the sale of alcohol beverages accounts for less than 50% of its gross receipts.

90-15. Hours of Operation. 1. **"CLASS A" RETAILER'S INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSE.** No premises for which a "Class A" retailer's intoxicating liquor license has been issued shall be permitted to remain open for the sale of intoxicating liquor between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.

2. **CLASS "A" FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE RETAILER'S LICENSE.** No holder of such a license shall sell fermented malt beverages between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m., except a brewery that operates a bonafide 3rd shift for at least 9 months of a previous year may sell fermented malt beverages to its employees in a designated employee shopping area on brewery premises between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

3. **CLASS "B" FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE AND "CLASS B" TAVERN LICENSES.** a. **Closing Hours - Prohibited Hours.** a-1. No person holding such licenses shall permit a patron to enter or remain on the

125.105 ALCOHOL BEVERAGES

Updated 23-24 Wis. Stats. 16

125.105 Impersonating an officer. (1) No person may impersonate an inspector, agent or other employee of the division or of the department of justice.

(2) (a) Whoever violates sub. (1) with the intent to mislead another may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than 9 months or both.

(b) Whoever violates sub. (1) to commit, or abet the commission of, a crime is guilty of a Class H felony.

History: 1989 a. 253; 1997 a. 283; 2001 a. 109; 2023 a. 73.

125.11 Penalties. (1) **GENERAL PENALTY.** Any person who violates any provision of this chapter for which a specific penalty is not provided, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than 90 days or both. Any license or permit issued to the person under this chapter may be revoked by the court.

(2) **FELONY.** If a person is convicted of a felony under this chapter, in addition to the penalties provided for the felony, the court shall revoke any license or permit issued to the person under this chapter.

(3) **INSPECTION VIOLATION.** Any person who refuses to permit an examination of premises as provided in s. 125.025 (3) shall be fined not more than \$500 nor less than \$50, or imprisoned not more than 90 days nor less than 10 days or both, and any license or permit issued to that person may be revoked.

History: 1981 c. 79; 1985 a. 120, 302; 1989 a. 253; 2023 a. 73.

125.115 Responsibility for commission of a crime.

(1) A person may be convicted of the commission of a crime under this chapter only if the criteria specified in s. 939.05 exist.

(2) This section does not apply to civil forfeiture actions for violation of any provision of this chapter or any local ordinance in conformity with any provision of this chapter.

History: 1985 a. 47.

125.12 Revocations, suspensions, refusals to issue or renew. (1) **REVOCATION, SUSPENSION, NONISSUANCE OR NONRENEWAL OF LICENSE.** (a) Except as provided in this subsection, any municipality or the division may revoke, suspend or refuse to renew any license or permit under this chapter, as provided in this section.

(b) 1. In this paragraph, "violation" means a violation of s. 125.07 (1) (a), or a local ordinance that strictly conforms to s. 125.07 (1) (a).

2. No violation may be considered under this section or s. 125.04 (5) (a) 1. unless the licensee or permittee has committed another violation within one year preceding the violation. If a licensee or permittee has committed 2 or more violations within one year, all violations committed within one year of a previous violation may be considered under this section or s. 125.04 (5) (a) 1.

(c) Neither a municipality nor the division may consider an arrest or conviction for a violation punishable under s. 101.123 (8) (d), 945.03 (2m), 945.04 (2m), or 945.05 (1m) in any action to revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew a Class "B" or "Class B" license or permit.

(2) **REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF LICENSES BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES.** (ag) **Complaint.** Any resident of a municipality issuing licenses under this chapter may file a sworn written complaint with the clerk of the municipality alleging one or more of the following about a person holding a license issued under this chapter by the municipality:

1. The person has violated this chapter or municipal regulations adopted under s. 125.10.

2. The person keeps or maintains a disorderly or riotous, indecent or improper house.

3. The person has sold or given away alcohol beverages to known habitual drunkards.

4. The person does not possess the qualifications required under this chapter to hold the license.

5. The person has been convicted of manufacturing, distributing or delivering a controlled substance or controlled substance analog under s. 961.41 (1); of possessing, with intent to manufacture, distribute or deliver, a controlled substance or controlled substance analog under s. 961.41 (1m); or of possessing, with intent to manufacture, distribute or deliver, or of manufacturing, distributing or delivering a controlled substance or controlled substance analog under a substantially similar federal law or a substantially similar law of another state.

5m. The person has been convicted of possessing any of the materials listed in s. 961.65 with intent to manufacture methamphetamine under that subsection or under a federal law or a law of another state that is substantially similar to s. 961.65.

6. The person knowingly allows another person, who is on the premises for which the license under this chapter is issued, to possess, with the intent to manufacture, distribute or deliver, or to manufacture, distribute or deliver a controlled substance or controlled substance analog.

6m. The person knowingly allows another person, who is on the premises for which the license under this chapter is issued, to possess any of the materials listed in s. 961.65 with the intent to manufacture methamphetamine.

7. The person received the benefit from an act prohibited under s. 125.33 (11).

(ar) **Summons.** Upon the filing of the complaint, the municipal governing body or a duly authorized committee of a city council shall issue a summons, signed by the clerk and directed to any peace officer in the municipality. The summons shall command the licensee complained of to appear before the municipal governing body or the committee on a day and place named in the summons, not less than 3 days and not more than 10 days from the date of issuance, and show cause why his or her license should not be revoked or suspended. The summons and a copy of the complaint shall be served on the licensee at least 3 days before the time at which the licensee is commanded to appear. Service shall be in the manner provided under ch. 801 for service in civil actions in circuit court.

(b) **Procedure on hearing.** 1. If the licensee does not appear as required by the summons, the allegations of the complaint shall be taken as true and if the municipal governing body or the committee finds the allegations sufficient, the license shall be revoked. The clerk shall give notice of the revocation to the person whose license is revoked.

2. If the licensee appears as required by the summons and denies the complaint, both the complainant and the licensee may produce witnesses, cross-examine witnesses and be represented by counsel. The licensee shall be provided a written transcript of the hearing at his or her expense. If the hearing is held before the municipal governing body and the complaint is found to be true, the license shall either be suspended for not less than 10 days nor more than 90 days or revoked, except that, if a complaint under par. (ag) 4. is found to be true with respect to a license issued under s. 125.51 (4) (v), the license shall be revoked.

3. If the hearing is held before a committee of a city council, the committee shall submit a report to the city council, including findings of fact, conclusions of law and a recommendation as to what action, if any, the city council should take with respect to the license. The committee shall provide the complainant and the licensee with a copy of the report. Either the complainant or the licensee may file an objection to the report and shall have the opportunity to present arguments supporting the objection to the

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city council. The city council shall determine whether the arguments shall be presented orally or in writing or both. If the city council, after considering the committee's report and any arguments presented by the complainant or the licensee, finds the complaint to be true, or if there is no objection to a report recommending suspension or revocation, the license shall be suspended or revoked as provided under subd. 2.

4. The municipal clerk shall give notice of each suspension or revocation to the person whose license is suspended or revoked.

5. If the municipal governing body finds the complaint untrue, the proceeding shall be dismissed without cost to the accused. If the municipal governing body finds the complaint to be malicious and without probable cause, the costs shall be paid by the complainant. The municipal governing body or the committee may require the complainant to provide security for such costs before issuing the summons under par. (ar).

(c) *Effect of revocation.* When a license is revoked under this subsection, the revocation shall be recorded by the clerk and no other license issued under this chapter may be granted within 12 months of the date of revocation to the person whose license was revoked. No part of the fee paid for any license so revoked may be refunded.

(d) *Judicial review.* The action of any municipal governing body in granting or failing to grant, suspending or revoking any license, or the failure of any municipal governing body to revoke or suspend any license for good cause, may be reviewed by the circuit court for the county in which the application for the license was issued, upon application by any applicant, licensee or resident of the municipality. The procedure on review shall be the same as in civil actions instituted in the circuit court. The person desiring review shall file pleadings, which shall be served on the municipal governing body in the manner provided in ch. 801 for service in civil actions and a copy of the pleadings shall be served on the applicant or licensee. The municipal governing body, applicant or licensee shall have 20 days to file an answer to the complaint. Following filing of the answer, the matter shall be deemed at issue and hearing may be had within 5 days, upon due notice served upon the opposing party. The hearing shall be before the court without a jury. Subpoenas for witnesses may be issued and their attendance compelled. The decision of the court shall be filed within 10 days after the hearing and a copy of the decision shall be transmitted to each of the parties. The decision shall be binding unless it is appealed to the court of appeals.

(3) **REFUSALS BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO RENEW LICENSES.** A municipality issuing licenses under this chapter may refuse to renew a license for the causes provided in sub. (2) (ag). Prior to the time for the renewal of the license, the municipal governing body or a duly authorized committee of a city council shall notify the licensee in writing of the municipality's intention not to renew the license and provide the licensee with an opportunity for a hearing. The notice shall state the reasons for the intended action. The hearing shall be conducted as provided in sub. (2) (b) and judicial review shall be as provided in sub. (2) (d). If the hearing is held before a committee of a city council, the committee shall make a report and recommendation as provided under sub. (2) (b) 3. and the city council shall follow the procedure specified under that subdivision in making its determination.

(3m) **REFUSALS BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO ISSUE LICENSES.** If a municipal governing body or duly authorized committee of a city council decides not to issue a new license under this chapter, it shall notify the applicant for the new license of the decision not to issue the license. The notice shall be in writing and state the reasons for the decision.

(4) **SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES ON COM-**

PLAINT OF THE DIVISION. (ag) *Complaint.* A duly authorized employee of the division may file a complaint with the clerk of circuit court for the jurisdiction in which the premises of a person holding a license issued under this chapter is situated, alleging one or more of the following about a licensee:

1. That the licensee has violated this chapter.
2. That the licensee keeps or maintains a disorderly or riotous, indecent or improper house.
3. That the licensee has sold alcohol beverages to known habitual drunkards.
4. That the licensee has failed to maintain the premises in accordance with the standards of sanitation prescribed by the department of health services.
5. That the licensee has permitted known criminals or prostitutes to loiter on the licensed premises.
6. That the licensee does not possess the qualifications required under this chapter to hold the license.
7. That the licensee has been convicted of manufacturing, distributing or delivering a controlled substance or controlled substance analog under s. 961.41 (1); of possessing, with intent to manufacture, distribute or deliver, a controlled substance or controlled substance analog under s. 961.41 (1m); or of possessing, with intent to manufacture, distribute or deliver, or of manufacturing, distributing or delivering a controlled substance or controlled substance analog under a substantially similar federal law or a substantially similar law of another state.

7m. That the licensee has been convicted of possessing any of the materials listed in s. 961.65 with intent to manufacture methamphetamine under that section or under a federal law or a law of another state that is substantially similar to s. 961.65.

8. That the licensee knowingly allows another person, who is on the premises for which the license under this chapter is issued, to possess, with the intent to manufacture, distribute or deliver, or to manufacture, distribute or deliver a controlled substance or controlled substance analog.

8m. That the licensee knowingly allows another person, who is on the premises for which the license under this chapter is issued, to possess any of the materials listed in s. 961.65 with the intent to manufacture methamphetamine.

9. That the licensee has shipped alcohol beverages to any person in another state in violation of that state's law.

(ar) *Summons.* Upon the filing of the complaint, the clerk of the court shall issue a summons commanding the licensee to appear before the court not less than 20 days from its date of issuance and show cause why his or her license should not be revoked or suspended. The summons and a copy of the complaint shall be served at least 20 days before the date on which the person is commanded to appear. Service shall be in the manner provided in ch. 801 for civil actions in circuit court.

(b) *Procedure on hearing.* If the licensee does not appear as required by the summons, the allegations of the complaint shall be taken as true and if the court finds the allegations sufficient, it shall order the license either suspended for not more than 90 days or revoked, except that, for allegations under par. (ag) 6. with respect to a license issued under s. 125.51 (4) (v), it shall order the license revoked. The clerk of the court shall give notice of the suspension or revocation to the person whose license is suspended or revoked. If the licensee appears and answers the complaint, the court shall fix a date for the hearing not more than 30 days after the return date of the summons. The hearing shall be had before the court without a jury. If upon the hearing the court finds the allegations of the complaint to be true, it shall order the license either suspended for not more than 90 days or revoked, except that, if upon the hearing the court finds allegations under par. (ag) 6. to be true with respect to a license issued under s. 125.51

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(4) (v), the court shall order that license revoked. If the court finds the allegations of the complaint to be untrue, the complaint shall be dismissed.

(c) *Effect of revocation or suspension.* When a license is revoked or suspended under this subsection, the clerk of court shall notify the authority which issued the license. If the license is revoked, no other license may be issued under this chapter to the person whose license was revoked or to any person related to him or her as owner, lessor, bailor or lender, within the 12 months after the date of revocation and no other license may be granted for the premises covered by the revoked license within 60 days of the date of revocation. The findings and order of the court shall be filed within 10 days after the hearing and the order shall be final unless appeal is taken to the court of appeals. If an appeal is taken from a revocation, any period during which the order is stayed shall be added to the 12 months and 60 days, respectively. No part of the fee paid for any license which is revoked may be refunded. Whenever any court has revoked or suspended any license under this subsection, no further proceedings shall be commenced under this subsection except upon grounds arising after the original revocation or suspension.

(5) **REVOCATIONS OR SUSPENSIONS OF, OR REFUSALS TO RENEW, PERMITS BY THE DIVISION.** (a) The division may, after notice and an opportunity for hearing, revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew any retail permit issued by it for the causes provided in sub. (4) and any other permit issued by it under this chapter for any violation of this chapter or ch. 139, except that, for a violation of s. 125.535 or 139.035, the division shall revoke the permit, and the division shall revoke a fulfillment house permit as provided in s. 125.23 (6) (b) and may revoke a common carrier permit as provided in s. 125.22 (3) (b).

(b) The division may, after notice and an opportunity for hearing, revoke any permit issued under s. 125.27 (5) or 125.51 (5) (f) to a person designated by the owner or operator of racetrack grounds as provided in s. 125.27 (5) (b) or 125.51 (5) (f) 2. if the person's designation has terminated or the owner or operator of the racetrack grounds has otherwise rescinded the person's designation.

(bm) The division may, after notice and an opportunity for hearing, revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew any permit issued by it under this chapter if the permittee has shipped alcohol beverages to any person in another state in violation of that state's law.

(c) A revocation, suspension, or refusal to renew a permit under par. (a), (b), or (bm) is a contested case under ch. 227.

(6) **REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR WHOLESALERS' PERMITS FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS.** (a) Any person may file a sworn written complaint with the division alleging that an intoxicating liquor wholesaler has violated s. 125.54 (7) (a). The complaint shall identify the specific legal basis for the complaint and sufficient facts for the division to determine whether there is cause to find that a violation has occurred. The division shall provide a copy of the complaint to any wholesaler against whom allegations are made, along with notice of the time period under par. (b) to show cause why the wholesaler's permit should not be revoked or suspended or to request a hearing.

(b) Within 30 days of receiving a copy of the complaint under par. (a), any wholesaler against whom allegations are made may file a sworn written response or a written request for an evidentiary hearing before the division under s. 227.44.

(c) Subject to pars. (d) 1. and (dm), if no request for an evidentiary hearing is made under par. (b), within 60 days of receiving any response under par. (b) or, if no response is made, within 60 days of the date on which a response or request for hearing is due under par. (b), the division shall make a written decision as to whether a violation has occurred and either dismiss the complaint

or take action under par. (e). Any decision under this paragraph shall include findings of fact and conclusions of law and shall state all reasons for the decision. The division shall provide a copy of the decision to the complainant and to any wholesaler against whom allegations are made.

(cm) Subject to pars. (d) 2. and (dm), if a request for an evidentiary hearing is made under par. (b), the hearing shall be conducted in the manner specified for a contested case under ss. 227.44 to 227.50, except that the hearing shall be conducted within 45 days of receiving the request for hearing under par. (b) and the division shall make its written decision, including whether a violation has occurred and whether the complaint is dismissed or action is taken under par. (e), within 15 days after the hearing. In addition to service of the decision as provided under s. 227.48, the division shall provide a copy of the decision to the complainant.

(d) 1. If no request for an evidentiary hearing is made under par. (b), within 60 days of receiving any response under par. (b) or, if no response is made, within 60 days of the date on which a response or request for hearing is due under par. (b), the division may extend the time period for making a decision under par. (c) by an additional 60 days if the division provides notice within the time period specified in par. (c) that an additional 60 days is necessary for investigation.

2. If a request for an evidentiary hearing is made under par. (b), within 45 days of receiving the request for hearing under par. (b), the division may extend the time period for conducting the hearing by an additional 45 days if the division provides notice within 45 days of receiving the request for hearing under par. (b) that an additional 45 days is necessary for investigation.

(dm) Within 45 days of receiving any response or request for hearing under par. (b) or, if no response or request for hearing is made, within 45 days of the date on which a response or request for hearing is due under par. (b), the division may elect to file a complaint in circuit court under sub. (4) that includes all allegations of the complaint under par. (a) for which the division determines there is cause to find that a violation of s. 125.54 (7) (a) has occurred. If the division files a complaint in circuit court as provided under this paragraph, the division shall not conduct a hearing under par. (cm) or make a written decision under par. (c), but shall proceed with the matter as provided under sub. (4).

(e) If the division finds the allegations under par. (a) true and sufficient, the division shall either suspend for not less than 10 days nor more than 90 days or revoke the wholesaler's permit, and give notice of the suspension or revocation to the wholesaler.

(f) A revocation or suspension proceeding under this subsection is a contested case under ch. 227, except that ss. 227.44 to 227.50 apply to a proceeding under this subsection only if a request for an evidentiary hearing is made under par. (b).

(7) **REAPPLICATION FOR PERMIT AFTER REVOCATION.** If the division revokes any permit issued under this chapter, the applicant or permit holder may not reapply for the permit for a period of 6 months after the date of the revocation.

History: 1981 c. 79; 1983 a. 516; 1987 a. 93; 1993 a. 98; 1995 a. 27 s. 9126 (19); 1995 a. 417, 448; 1997 a. 27, 35, 166, 187; 1999 a. 9; 2005 a. 14, 25, 442; 2007 a. 20 s. 9121 (6) (a); 2007 a. 85; 2009 a. 12; 2021 a. 39; 2023 a. 73, 146.

Discussing due process and equal protection rights of licensees. *Tavern League of Wisconsin v. City of Madison*, 131 Wis. 2d 477, 389 N.W.2d 54 (Cl. App. 1986).

A license never should have been issued when a notice of application had not been published as required under s. 125.04 (3) (g), and a license issued without publication is void under s. 125.04 (2). Selling liquor under a void license constitutes a violation of s. 125.66 (1). Under this section, a renewal licensee, if refused, is guaranteed a right to be heard by the municipality, and the municipality must show cause for refusal, but a new licensee, if refused, has no such guarantee. When an original license is void, the applicant is a new licensee. *Williams v. City of Lake Geneva*, 2002 WI App 95, 253 Wis. 2d 618, 643 N.W.2d 864, 01-1733.

Notices sent by the city did not violate the requirement in sub. (3) that the "council shall notify the licensee in writing of the municipality's intention not to renew the license" because they stated that "there is a possibility that your application may be denied." As the matter cannot be affirmatively decided before the hearing, it is of

course only a possibility that the applicant's license will not be renewed at the time the notice is sent. *Questions, Inc. v. City of Milwaukee*, 2011 WI App 126, 336 Wis. 2d 654, 807 N.W.2d 131, 10-0707.

A town must renew a license, if the proper application is made and the fees are paid, unless it revokes, suspends, or non-renews the license, following the procedures outlined in this section. Section 125.10 (1) does not give towns the authority to unilaterally modify the described premises in an individual license upon renewal of that license. A town must either pass a regulation or an ordinance under s. 125.10 or it must find grounds for revocation or nonrenewal under this section. *Wisconsin Dolls, LLC v. Town of Dell Prairie*, 2012 WI 76, 342 Wis. 2d 350, 815 N.W.2d 690, 10-2900.

Acting upon a citizen complaint to revoke a liquor license that was not sworn, as required under sub. (2) (a), constituted a fundamental error that deprived the licensing committee of jurisdiction over the matter. *Park 6 LLC v. City of Racine*, 2012 WI App 123, 344 Wis. 2d 661, 824 N.W.2d 903, 11-2282.

Certiorari is the correct standard of review for a court to apply when, pursuant to sub. (2) (d), it reviews a municipal decision not to renew an alcohol license. *Nowell v. City of Wausau*, 2013 WI 88, 351 Wis. 2d 1, 838 N.W.2d 852, 11-1045.

Sub. (2) (a) 2.'s prohibition of operating a disorderly house was not constitutionally vague as applied in this case. The statute's legislative purpose concerns the health and safety of the public and its enforcement is aimed at public health. There was no doubt that the conduct cited in this case was disorderly, riotous, indecent, or improper. Such behavior falls squarely within the ambit of the statute, particularly given the public health and safety concerns involved. *Hegwood v. City of Eau Claire*, 676 F.3d 600 (2012).

125.13 Report of suspension, revocation, or imposition of penalty. Whenever a municipal governing body or court revokes or suspends a license or permit or imposes a penalty on a licensee or permittee for the violation of this chapter, the clerk of the municipality or court revoking or suspending the license or imposing the penalty shall, within 10 days after the revocation, suspension, or imposition of penalty, mail a report to the division at Madison, Wisconsin, giving the name of the licensee, the address of the licensed premises, and a full description of the penalty imposed.

History: 1981 c. 79; 2023 a. 73.

125.14 Enforcement provisions. (1) ARREST. Subject to s. 175.38, any peace officer may arrest without warrant any person committing in his or her presence a violation of this chapter or ch. 139 and may, without a search warrant, seize any personal property used in connection with the violation.

(2) CONFISCATION; DISPOSAL. (a) Contraband. All alcohol beverages owned, possessed, kept, stored, manufactured, sold, distributed or transported in violation of this chapter or ch. 139 and all personal property used in connection therewith is unlawful property and may be seized by any peace officer. Any peace officer confiscating personal property under this section may proceed under this section.

(c) Identification. Any person seizing alcohol beverages or personal property and electing to dispose of it under this subsection shall exercise reasonable diligence to ascertain the name and address of the owner of the alcohol beverages or property and of all persons holding a security interest in the property seized. The person shall report his or her findings in writing to the division.

(d) Order. Upon conviction of any person for owning, possessing, keeping, storing, manufacturing, selling, distributing, or transporting alcohol beverages in violation of this chapter or ch. 139, the court shall order part or all of the alcohol beverages or personal property seized to be destroyed if it is unfit for sale. Alcohol beverages and other personal property fit for sale shall be turned over to the division for disposition. Upon receipt of the confiscated property, the division shall exercise reasonable diligence to ascertain the names and addresses of all owners of the property and of all persons holding a security interest in the property. If a motor vehicle is confiscated, the division shall obtain the written advice of the department of transportation as to the ownership of the motor vehicle and shall make a reasonable search for perfected security interests in the vehicle.

(e) Disposal. The division shall dispose of the alcohol beverages turned over to it by the court by either giving it to law enforcement agencies free of charge for use in criminal investiga-

tions, selling it to the highest bidder if the bidder is a person holding a license or permit issued under this chapter, or destroying it, at the discretion of the division. If the division elects to sell the alcohol beverages, it shall publish a class 2 notice under ch. 985 asking for sealed bids from qualified bidders. Any items or groups of items in the inventory subject to a security interest, the existence of which was established in the proceedings for conviction as being bona fide and as having been created without the secured party having notice that the items were being used or were to be used in connection with the violation, shall be sold separately. The net proceeds from the sale, less all costs of seizure, storage, and sale, shall be turned over to the secretary of administration and credited to the common school fund.

(f) Sale. Any personal property, other than alcohol beverages, seized under par. (a) and fit for sale, shall be turned over by the division to the department of administration for disposal at public auction to the highest bidder, at a time and place stated in a notice of sale which describes the property to be sold. The sale shall be held in a conveniently accessible place in the county where the property was confiscated. A copy of the notice shall be published as a class 2 notice under ch. 985. The last insertion shall be at least 10 days before the sale. The division shall serve a copy of the notice of sale at least 2 weeks before the date thereof on all persons who are or may be owners or holders of security interests in the property. Any confiscated property worth more than \$100 shall be sold separately, and the balance of the confiscated property shall be sold in bulk or separately at the discretion of the department of administration. The net proceeds from the sale, less all costs of seizure, storage, and sale, shall be turned over to the secretary of administration. No motor vehicle or motorboat confiscated under this section may be sold within 30 days after the date of seizure.

(3) RECOVERY OF CONFISCATED PROPERTY. (a) Application. Prior to sale under sub. (2) (f), the owner of confiscated property may apply to a court of record in the county where the property was seized for an order restoring the property to the owner. After the sale, the owner may apply to the court for a refund of the amount realized on the sale. After the sale, any holder of a security interest in the property may apply to the court for a refund of the sum realized on the sale of property subject to the security interest, but not more than the amount due under the security agreement.

(b) Deadline. The application shall be made within one year after the sale of the property. A copy of the application and the order setting a hearing on it shall be served on the division at least 20 days before the date set for hearing.

(c) Grounds. Relief shall be granted only after a showing by the applicant that he or she is the true owner or holder of a bona fide security interest in the property seized; that the violation which led to the confiscation was not with his or her knowledge, consent or connivance; and, that he or she had no reasonable grounds to believe or suspect that the property would be used in a violation.

(d) Costs. The court may determine whether the applicant shall pay the costs of seizure and sale as a condition of obtaining relief. Allowance of costs and disbursements shall be within the discretion of the court.

(5) NUISANCES. Any building or place where alcohol beverages or alcohol is sold, possessed, stored, brewed, bottled, manufactured or rectified without a valid permit or license issued under this chapter or ch. 139, or where persons are permitted to drink alcohol beverages in violation of this chapter is a public nuisance and may be closed until the activity in violation of this chapter is abated. When the activity is abated, the building or place may be used for any lawful purpose.

4. **RECOMMENDATION.** The recommendation of the committee regarding the applicant shall be based on the preponderance of evidence presented at the hearing. Probative evidence concerning whether or not the license should be granted may be presented on the following subjects:

a. Whether or not the applicant meets the municipal requirements.

b. The appropriateness of the location and premises where the licensed premises is to be located and whether use of the premises for the purposes or activities permitted by the license would tend to facilitate a public or private nuisance or create undesirable neighborhood problems such as disorderly patrons, unreasonably loud noise, litter, and excessive traffic and parking congestion. Probative evidence relating to these matters may be taken from the plan of operation submitted with the license application.

c. The fitness of the location of the premises to be maintained as the principal place of business, including but not limited to whether there is an overconcentration of businesses of the type for which the license is sought, whether the proposal is consistent with any pertinent neighborhood business or development plans, or proximity to areas where children are typically present.

d. The applicant's record in operating similarly licensed premises.

e. Whether or not the applicant has been charged with or convicted of any felony, misdemeanor, municipal offense or other offense, the circumstances of which substantially relate to the activity to be permitted by the license being applied for.

f. Any other factors which reasonably relate to the public health, safety and welfare.

5. **FACTORS NOT CONSIDERED FOR RECOMMENDATION.** The recommendations of the committee regarding the applicant shall not be based on evidence presented at the hearing related to the type or content of any music, or the actual or likely financial or non-financial effects on actual or potential competitors.

6. **Committee Decision.** The committee may make a recommendation immediately following the hearing or at a later date. Written notice of the committee's decision will be provided if the decision is made at a later

date or if the applicant was not present or represented. The committee shall forward its recommendation in writing to the common council for vote at the next meeting at which such matter will be considered.

7. **DOCUMENT.** If the common council grants the application for a license, the city clerk, or other city official or department authorized by the code to issue licenses, shall issue an appropriate document to the applicant confirming that fact. The document shall also contain any restrictions or conditions which the common council may place on approval.

85-3. Notice and Service. 1. **NOTICE OF POSSIBLE NON-RENEWAL, SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION.** a. Unless otherwise provided, the city clerk, or other city official or department authorized by the code to receive applications for licenses or permits, shall provide written notice of the possibility of non-renewal, or of suspension or revocation of a license or permit to the applicant addressed to the person or agent at the address most recently provided by the applicant.

b. Written notice of possible non-renewal, suspension or revocation shall include:

b-1. The date, time and place of a hearing to be held by the committee.

b-2. A statement of the common council's intent to revoke, suspend or not renew the license or permit if objections, charges or allegations are found to be true.

b-3. A statement of the specific reasons for revocation, suspension or non-renewal.

b-4. A statement that an opportunity will be provided to respond to and challenge the reasons for revocation, suspension or non-renewal, and to present witnesses under oath and to confront and cross-examine witnesses under oath.

b-5. A statement that the applicant may be represented by an attorney of the applicant's choice at the expense of the applicant.

b-6. A statement that, if the applicant requires the assistance of an interpreter, the applicant may employ an interpreter at the expense of the applicant.

b-7. A statement that, upon conclusion of a hearing before the committee, the committee will prepare a written report and recommendation to the common council, and shall provide a copy of the report and recommendation to the applicant.

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2. SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS.

Service of notices of meetings and service of other documents including committee reports and recommendations shall be made upon any party entitled to such notice and service by placing the same in the United States first class mail, postage prepaid. Hearing notices shall be served upon the applicant so that the applicant has at least 7 days' notice of the hearing.

3. OBJECTIONS. a. How Made.

Notice of an objection to the renewal of a license or in support of suspension of a license or permit by an interested party shall not be included in the notice of hearing if the objection has not been received by the city clerk within 45 days of the expiration of the license. Failure to timely submit an objection shall not be a bar to testimony or other evidence that relates to any matter actually identified in the notice of hearing as a basis for nonrenewal or suspension. An objection shall include information that could form the basis of a license nonrenewal or suspension and may be transmitted in writing or by electronic means. Any city official, or the official's delegate, shall forward an objection from an interested party, or from a resident as provided in s. 90-1-19, to the city clerk. The information provided by an official or the official's delegate to the city clerk shall include the name of the objector, contact information for the objector, and information known to the objector that may form a basis for nonrenewal or suspension. The submission by a city official or the official's delegate of a written summary of the objection to the city clerk shall be treated in the same manner as other objections. The city clerk is authorized to establish forms for the purpose of assisting persons wishing to submit an objection.

b. Exception. If application for renewal is filed with the city clerk after the deadline for renewal application established by the city clerk and prior to the expiration of the license, an objection may be submitted in fewer than 45 days prior to the expiration of the license and may be considered at a regularly scheduled meeting of the licensing committee provided sufficient and timely notice is given.

85-4. Hearing Procedure; Non-Renewal, Suspension or Revocation. 1. **AUTHORITY OF COMMITTEE.** The committee shall conduct hearings with respect to the non-renewal, suspension or revocation of a license or permit pursuant to this section. The chair of the committee shall be the presiding officer.

1.5. MULTIPLE LICENSE TYPES.

When the committee conducts a hearing relating to the possible denial, non-renewal, suspension or revocation of a business type license and the licensee holds one or more other types of licenses or permits issued by the city clerk for the same premises, the committee shall also consider possible non-renewal, suspension or revocation of the other licenses or permits at the same hearing. Notice of possible denial, non-renewal, suspension or revocation of the non-alcohol beverage licenses or permits shall be provided in accordance with s. 85-3.

2. **COMMITTEE HEARING PROCEDURE.** a. The chair shall advise the applicant of the right to proceed to a due process hearing represented by counsel with all testimony, both direct and cross examination, under oath or that the applicant may simply make a statement to the committee.

b. The chair shall direct that oaths be administered and subpoenas issued upon request of any party.

c. The chair shall ensure that an orderly hearing is conducted in accordance with the requirements of this section. The chair shall open the hearing with a statement that a notice was sent to the applicant, and, if the applicant appears, shall further inquire whether the notice was received. Unless expressly provided elsewhere in this code, the chair shall advise the licensee and parties seeking nonrenewal, suspension or revocation of the license that each side will be limited to 30 minutes for testimony and oral argument. This time may be extended by the chair, subject to approval by the committee, if additional time is necessary for a full and fair presentation of the facts and arguments. When permitted by the chair, questioning by committee members and relevant responses shall not count against the time limitation. In the event that the applicant does not admit receipt of the notice and also denies knowledge of the contents of the notice, the chair shall ascertain whether the applicant wishes to immediately proceed to a full hearing or whether the applicant wishes the matter to be held to the call of the chair or to a time certain. The decision to proceed or to hold the matter shall be made by the committee.

d. The chair shall rule on objections to the admissibility of evidence. Any ruling of the chair shall be final unless appealed to the committee, and the committee shall reverse such ruling only upon the vote of a majority of its members.

3. **RECORD.** An electronic or stenographic record shall be made of all licensing proceedings before the licensing committee and the common council. An electronic record shall audibly, accurately and completely reflect the testimony and statements made by participants in the proceedings. Recordings shall be maintained in a manner prescribed by the city clerk. An electronic record shall be made available for stenographic transcription or for transcription by other means at the expense of the person or party seeking the transcription of all or any portion of the record.

4. **GROUND FOR NON-RENEWAL, SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION.** The recommendations of the committee regarding the applicant shall be based on the preponderance of evidence presented at the hearing. Unless otherwise specified in the code, probative evidence concerning non-renewal, suspension or revocation may include evidence of:

a. Failure of the applicant to meet municipal qualifications.

b. Pending charges against or the conviction of any felony, misdemeanor, municipal offense or other offense, the circumstances of which substantially relate to the circumstances of the particular licensed or permitted activity, by the applicant or by any employee or other agent of the applicant.

c. If the activities of the applicant involve a licensed premises, whether the premises tends to facilitate a public or private nuisance or has been the source of congregations of persons which have resulted in any of the following:

- c-1. Disturbance of the peace.
- c-2. Illegal drug activity.
- c-3. Public drunkenness.
- c-4. Drinking in public.
- c-5. Harassment of passers-by.
- c-6. Gambling.
- c-7. Prostitution.
- c-8. Sale of stolen goods.
- c-9. Public urination.
- c-10. Theft.
- c-11. Assaults.
- c-12. Battery.
- c-13. Acts of vandalism including graffiti.
- c-14. Excessive littering.
- c-15. Loitering.
- c-16. Illegal parking.
- c-17. Loud noise at times when the licensed premise is open for business.

- c-18. Traffic violations.
- c-19. Curfew violations.
- c-20. Lewd conduct.
- c-21. Display of materials harmful to minors, pursuant to s. 106-9.6.
- c-22. Any other factor which reasonably relates to the public health, safety and welfare.
- c-23. Failure to comply with the approved plan of operation.

5. **HEARING OFFICER.** Where it is impractical for the committee to hold an evidentiary hearing, the committee may employ a hearing officer for the purposes of taking testimony and rendering recommended findings of fact and conclusions of law to the committee. When such hearing officer is employed, he or she shall prepare written findings of fact and conclusions of law which shall be simultaneously transmitted to the committee as well as to the applicant, the applicant's agent, manager, operator or any other employee of the applicant, and to the person bringing the complainant or objector. The chair of the committee shall schedule a hearing on the receipt of the report of the hearing officer in not more than 30 days from receipt of the report. Notice of the committee hearing on the report shall be given to all parties. The committee may take and reserve additional evidence at the time of said hearing. The committee may accept or reject the report of the hearing officer or make any changes to the report which are warranted by the circumstances, the evidence presented and any arguments of the parties who appeared before the hearing officer and the committee. The committee shall transmit its recommendation to the common council for action as provided in sub. 6.

6. **COMMITTEE REPORT.** The committee may make a report and recommendations immediately following the hearing or at a later date. The committee may recommend that the license or permit be renewed, not renewed, suspended or revoked. In addition, if the committee determines that circumstances warrant, the committee may recommend that the license or permit be renewed conditioned upon a suspension of the license or permit for a defined period of time. When the committee elects to recommend that a license or permit be renewed with a period of suspension, the license or permit may be suspended for a period of not less than 10 days and no more than 90 days.

85-5 License and Permit Procedures

85-5. Council Action. 1. REPORT TO BE PROVIDED. Within 10 working days after it reaches a decision, the committee shall prepare and serve a report and recommendation upon the applicant and upon the complainant or objector, if any. The report and recommendations shall include specific findings of fact and conclusions of law made by the committee. A copy of the report shall be distributed to each member of the common council.

2. FILING WRITTEN STATEMENTS OR RESPONSES. Following a recommendation by the committee that the license or permit not be renewed, or that the license or permit be revoked or suspended, the applicant may submit a written statement including objections, exceptions and arguments of law and fact. When the proceedings have been commenced upon the complaint or objection of an interested party who has appeared and offered evidence, the complainant or objector may also submit a written statement in response. Written statements shall be filed with the city clerk before the close of business on a day that is at least 3 working days prior to the date set for hearing by the common council.

3. COPIES TO BE PROVIDED TO COMMON COUNCIL MEMBERS. A copy of any statement in response to the report and recommendations of the committee that is timely filed shall be provided to each member of the common council at least 24 hours before any vote on the question is scheduled before the common council.

4. PROCEDURE AT MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL. a. At a meeting of the common council following the receipt of the report and recommendations of the committee, the common council shall consider the report and recommendations. The city clerk shall notify the applicant, and the complainant or objector, if any, by United States first class mail, postage prepaid, 5 working days prior to the hearing before the common council, and shall also notify the city attorney, that the council will convene to act upon the report and recommendations.

b. Each member of the common council shall be asked to affirm that he or she has read the report and recommendations of the committee. When a written statement has been or objector, each member of the common council shall be asked to affirm that he or she has read the statement. If members of the council have not read the recommendation and

report of the committee and any statement in response that has been timely filed, the chair shall allocate time for the members to do so.

c. Oral argument on behalf of the applicant, and oral argument by the complainant or objector, if any, shall be permitted only to those parties having timely filed a written statement. Oral argument shall be limited to 5 minutes. The city attorney shall also be permitted to make an oral presentation of not more than 5 minutes.

d. Applicants shall appear only in person or by counsel. Corporate applicants shall appear only by designated agents or counsel. Partnerships shall be represented only by a partner or counsel. Limited liability companies shall be represented only by designated agents or counsel. Complainants and objectors shall appear only in person or counsel. Any person making an appearance before the council who requires the services of an interpreter shall obtain one at his or her own expense.

e. The common council shall determine by a majority roll call vote of those in attendance and voting whether to adopt the recommendation of the committee. The city clerk shall provide written notice of the decision to the applicant, and to the complainant or objector, if any, including a written statement or summary of the reasons for the decision.

f. Unless otherwise expressly provided, the revocation of a license or permit shall be effective upon service of the notice of decision upon the applicant or upon any person having charge or control of a licensed premises. Suspension of a license or permit in proceedings for revocation shall be effective upon service of the notice of decision upon the applicant or upon any person having charge or control of a licensed premises. Suspension of a license or permit in proceedings for renewal shall be effective on the date the common council takes action to suspend the license or permit, or on the date of the expiration of the license or permit, whichever is later. A license or permit may be suspended for not less than 10 days and no longer than 90 days.

g. If a retail alcohol beverage license for a premises is suspended and the licensee also holds a public entertainment premises license for the premises, the public entertainment premises license shall be suspended for the same time period as the alcohol beverage license.

68-23 Food License Regulations

a. Each application for a new food dealer license shall be referred to the commissioner and the department of neighborhood services for inspection.

b. Each application for a new food peddler license shall be referred to the commissioner for inspection.

c. Each application for a temporary food dealer license shall be referred to the commissioner for inspection.

9. ISSUANCE. See s. 85-12.5 for provisions relating to the issuance of a license.

10. POSTING. Each license shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the food establishment.

11. TRANSFER. A license may not be transferred from one person or entity to another, from one premises to another, or from one food peddler vehicle, cart or carried container to another, except:

a. An individual may transfer a license to an immediate family member, as defined in s. 97.605(4)(a)2, Wis. Stats., if the individual is transferring operation of a restaurant, as defined in s. 97.01(14g), Wis. Stats.

b. A food peddler changing operational bases may amend a food peddler license to reflect the new operational base.

12. RENEWAL. Application for renewal of a license shall be made to the city clerk in accordance with the provisions of s. 85-26. Except for an application for a food dealer license by a micro market or an application for a temporary food dealer license, the city clerk shall refer the application to the chief of police. If the applicant still meets the licensing qualifications, the license shall be issued unless a written objection has been filed under s. 85-3. If there is objection to renewal of the license, the procedure for considering the renewal application shall be as specified in ss. 85-3 to 85-5.

13. SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION. Any license issued under this chapter may be suspended or revoked for cause by the common council after notice to the licensee and a hearing. Notice and hearing on the revocation shall be conducted in accordance with ss. 85-3 to 85-5.

68-23. Food Dealers. 1. LICENSE REQUIRED. Unless otherwise provided in this chapter, no person may manufacture, offer for sale, store, distribute or sell food within the city without first having obtained a food dealer license.

2. PROCEDURE FOR ISSUING NEW LICENSE. a. The city clerk shall issue a license to each applicant for a new license who meets all the

requirements of this section and has paid to the city treasurer the fee specified in s. 81-55, unless there is an objection by the commissioner, the department of neighborhood services, the common council member in whose district the food establishment would be located, or any person affected by the operation or proposed operation of the applicant.

b. If the common council member objects to an application, the applicant may request in writing an appeal before the licensing committee. An appeal shall be requested no more than 10 working days after the date on which the applicant was notified of the recommendation of the common council member. Appeals shall be subject to common council review and approval in accordance with the provisions of ss. 85-2.7 and 85-5.

3. TEMPORARY OPERATION. a. No food establishment may operate at any temporary site, location, stand or event without having obtained a temporary food dealers license.

b. A temporary food dealer license shall authorize a food establishment to prepare, process, serve or sell food at temporary events for one year from the date of issuance. This authority shall be contingent upon the license holder also obtaining any other special privileges or licenses required for the conduct of a temporary food dealer.

c. A food dealer seeking a temporary change of plan to a licensed premises shall comply with s. 85-39.

d. The following license holders shall be exempt from the requirement provided in par. a, provided the activities of the food establishment remain unchanged from those allowed under the existing license:

d-1. Food peddlers operating on private property at a festival grounds as defined in s. 295-201-187, a street festival as defined in s. 95-1-1-I, or a special event as defined in s. 105-55.5.

d-2. Mobile or temporary retail food establishments licensed under s. ATCP 75.03, Wis. Adm. Code.

d-3. Mobile restaurants licensed under s. ATCP 75.104, Wis. Adm. Code.

e. The procedures for issuance of a temporary food dealer license shall be as set forth in sub. 2. An individual who has applied for, but has not been issued, a food dealer license shall not be issued a temporary food dealer license at the location where the food dealer license application is pending.

108-11 Public Entertainment Premises

clerk at least 45 days prior to the date on which the license expires, provided that the renewal was filed by the date established by the city clerk. If the applicant fails to file within the time frame established by the city clerk, an objection may be filed within 10 days of the filing of the renewal application. An objection may be filed by any interested person. If a written objection is filed, or if a determination is made that the applicant no longer meets the licensing qualifications, the application shall be forwarded to the licensing committee for its recommendation to the common council.

2. Procedure for Nonrenewal. If there is a possibility that the licensing committee will not renew the license, the procedures for notice and committee hearing and for the committee report, recommendations and common council consideration provided in ss. 85-3 to 85-5 shall govern.

108-11. Nonrenewal, Revocation or Suspension of Licenses. 1. PROCEDURE. a. Procedures for Revocation or Suspension. Any license issued under this chapter may be revoked or suspended for cause by the common council. Suspension or revocation proceedings may be instituted by the licensing committee upon its own motion, or upon sworn written charges made and filed with the city clerk by the chief of police, or upon a sworn written complaint filed with the city clerk by any interested party.

b. Due Process Hearing and Common Council Review. If there is a possibility that the licensing committee will not recommend renewal of the license, or if revocation or suspension proceedings are initiated, the procedures for notice and committee hearing and for the committee report, recommendations and common council consideration provided in ss. 85-3 to 85-5 shall govern.

2. REQUEST TO SURRENDER A LICENSE OR WITHDRAW A RENEWAL APPLICATION. Whenever any licensee wishes to surrender a license or withdraw a renewal application, the procedures for disqualification of a license provided in s. 85-13 shall apply.

3. GROUNDS FOR NONRENEWAL, SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION. The recommendation of the committee regarding the licensee shall be based on the preponderance of evidence presented at the hearing. Probative

evidence concerning nonrenewal, suspension or revocation may include evidence presented at the hearing. Probative evidence concerning nonrenewal, suspension or revocation may include evidence of circumstances specified in s. 85-4-4.

4. COUNCIL ACTION. Following the receipt of a report and recommendation of the committee, the common council shall consider the report and recommendations pursuant to the procedures provided in s. 85-5.

5. WHEN ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE SUSPENDED. If a retail alcohol beverage license for a premises is suspended and the licensee also holds a public entertainment premises license for the premises, the public entertainment premises license shall be suspended for the same time period as the alcohol beverage license.

108-12. Appeal Rights. Any aggrieved applicant for, or holder of, a public entertainment premises license may seek judicial review to appeal the common council's denial of a new license or license transfer, or the suspension, nonrenewal or revocation of an existing license pursuant to s. 68.13, Wis. Stats.

108-15. Alteration of Premises. Any alteration, change or addition resulting in expansion of a licensed premises shall be approved by the licensing committee prior to issuance of a license, pursuant to s. 200-24, by the department of city development. An applicant whose application has been denied by the committee may appeal the decision to the common council.

108-16. Standards for Special Event Campgrounds. All special event campgrounds shall meet the following standards:

1. The campground operator shall obtain a campground permit from the department of neighborhood services in accordance with ch. DHS 178, Wis. Adm. Code. The permit application shall be accompanied by a plan of operation and a site plan that meets all applicable requirements of ch. DHS 178, Wis. Adm. Code. The department of neighborhood services shall not issue a campground permit to any permit applicant who has outstanding violations of the code of ordinances. For an indoor campground, a certificate of occupancy

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

LICENSING

CRIMINAL RECORD/ORDINANCE VIOLATION/INCIDENTS SYNOPSIS

DATE: 09/15/25

LICENSE TYPE: Class B Tavern

NEW: ☐

RENEWAL: ☒

No.

Application Date:

License Location: 618 N Water

Business Name: Elmnt

Licensee/Applicant: Bains, Rajvir
(Last Name, First Name, MI)

Date of Birth: 08/23/90

Home Address: 1165 Club Cr #203W

City: Brookfield

State: WI **Zip Code:** 53005

Home Phone:

This report is written by Police Officer Penny Monreal, assigned to the License Investigation Unit, Days.

The Milwaukee Police Department's investigation regarding this application revealed the following:

1. On 06/15/25 at 3:01a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Shooting at 525 N Water. Investigation revealed an altercation began at 618 N. Water St., shortly after closing. A subject stated they had unintentionally discharged their weapon, shooting the victim in the rear leg, while being jumped by a group of individuals. The officer noted no one from the business called the police regarding the incident. The business was closed; therefore, the officer did not interview anyone from the business.
2. On 07/12/25 at 12:04a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Shooting at 618 N. Water St. Investigation revealed two vehicles stopped in the street in front of the business and individuals in the vehicle's began firing shots into a group of individuals that were standing outside, causing the death of 2 and 4 others to be transported to a hospital. The Agent stated a victim was promoting a party and was outside waiting for musicians to arrive, when the shooting occurred. The Agent stated due to the event they hired additional security and extra security measures in place. The business allowed officers to recover video surveillance of the incident. (2 reports)

Milwaukee Police Department

749 W. State Street Milwaukee, WI 53233

414-933-4444

Case #:C2506150022

OtherEvent #: 25-LP-3316

Incident

618 N WATER ST Milwaukee, WISCONSIN 53202

Incident Date/Time:: 06/15/2025 03:00:00
CAD Number:: P2506150223
District:: 1
Beat:: 140

Business Agent (1)

BAINS, RAJVIR SINGH

Person Involvement: (Must choose Agent
AGENT from drop down):
DOB:: 08/23/1990
Sex:: MALE
Race:: ASIAN
Phone 1 Number:: (262)-402-2733
Phone 1 Type:: Phone
Address:: 1165 CLUB CIR
Apartment or Suite:: 203W
City:: BROOKFIELD
State:: WISCONSIN
Zip Code:: 53005

Licensed Premise Data (1)

ELMNT LOUNGE

Phone 1 Number:: (414)-763-8045
Phone 1 Type:: Phone
Address:: 618 N WATER ST
City:: MILWAUKEE
State:: WISCONSIN
Zip Code:: 53202
License Type:: Public Entertainment Premise
Licensee Notification Was Made:: No
Business Was Cited For Violation:: No
Licensee was cooperative: (If not explain in narrative): No
Licensee or Manager was on premises at time of violation/incident:: No

Narrative (1)

Milwaukee Police Department

749 W. State Street Milwaukee, WI 53233

414-933-4444

Case #: C2506150022

OtherEvent #: 25-LP-3316

LICENSED PREMISE REPORT

Arredondo, Justin A 028770

07/18/2025

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This report is written by P.O. Justin ARREDONDO, assigned to District One, Late Shift, as Squad 1390.

On Sunday, June 15th, 2025, at approximately 3:57 A.M., I was dispatched to 525 N. Water St for a Shooting Complaint.

Upon my I was tasked to review video evidence from the Chase Tower bank. I did not have first-hand scene observations. This assignment required 15 different squads to complete the investigation. My video review indicated that a female patron had shot one male in response to a fight. The group involved in the altercation came from 618 N. Water St; ELMNT Lounge shortly after it's closure for the evening. On Sunday, June 15th at approximately 03:01 am My partner KHAN and I were dispatched to the shooting at the address of 549 N Water St in the City and County of Milwaukee.

Investigation revealed Dashiya MARTIN B/F 01/23/2003 stated that she had unintentionally shot Andre NEAL B/M 04/16/2000. MARTIN stated that she had been talking to an unknown male and while doing so she was approached by a group of unknown females that began to "jump her". MARTIN stated that she then drew her firearm and one of the girls tried to take it away from her. MARTIN then stated that her firearm went off and struck NEAL in the ***BACK LEFT LEG*** right below the buttock. MARTIN stated that she did not know who NEAL was. MARTIN's firearm was taken away from her and NEAL was transported to by Milwaukee Fire Department to Froedtert Hospital.

Due to my delayed arrival, and assigned to task to immediately review video half of a city block away, I did not directly speak to witnesses or callers personally. That information was handled by first responding officers. Detectives conducted two separate witness interviews, both describing a fight occurring within the parking lot, with a female in a vehicle which was blocking the exit ramp recovering a firearm from said vehicle, subsequently shooting one person in the altercation.

I did not speak to any licensee, agent, or staff from ELMNT Lounge due to the task I was assigned. Based on CAD Information, no staff from ELMNT seem to have called this incident in to police. The business was closed at the time of my arrival, and level of cooperation was not confirmed if other detectives and/or officers attempted follow-up at this location.

I reviewed video surveillance footage, but from a separate business. ELMNT was not able to provide video access due to no staff on-scene upon my arrival.

While on scene, I did not observed the licenses posted, or if any additional violations were taking place within ELMNT Lounge.

Milwaukee Police Department

749 W. State Street Milwaukee, WI 53233

414-933-4444

Case #:C2506150022

OtherEvent #: 25-LP-3316

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Officer (2)

Reporting Officer:	Arredondo, Justin A (028770)	07/18/2025 05:26:00
Section: (Work Location):	13	
Approving Officer:	Wilke, Kevin M (016282)	07/18/2025 22:45:08
Section: (Work Location):	13	

Milwaukee Police Department

749 W. State Street Milwaukee, WI 53233

414-933-4444

Case #:C2507120008

OtherEvent #: 25-LP-3190

Incident

618 N WATER ST MILWAUKEE, WI 53202

Incident Date/Time:: 07/12/2025 00:04:00
CAD Number:: P2507120010
District:: 1
Beat:: 140
Reporting Area:: 4574

Business Agent (1)

BAINS, RAJVIR SINGH

Person Involvement: (Must choose Agent
AGENT from drop down):
DOB:: 08/23/1990
Sex:: MALE
Race:: ASIAN
Phone 1 Number:: (262)-402-2733
Phone 1 Type:: Phone
Address:: 1165 CLUB CIR
Apartment or Suite:: 203W
City:: BROOKFIELD
State:: WISCONSIN

Licensed Premise Data (1)

ELMNT LOUNGE

Phone 1 Number:: (414)-763-8045
Phone 1 Type:: Phone
Address:: 618 N WATER ST
City:: MILWAUKEE
State:: WI
Zip Code:: 53202
License Type:: Public Entertainment Premise
Licensee Notification Was Made:: No
Business Was Cited For Violation:: No
Licensee was cooperative: (If not explain in narrative): No
Licensee or Manager was on premises at time of violation/incident:: No

Narrative (1)

Milwaukee Police Department

749 W. State Street Milwaukee, WI 53233

414-933-4444

Case #:C2507120008

OtherEvent #: 25-LP-3190

LICENSED PREMISE REPORT

Davis, Robert 030902

07/12/2025

This report was written by P.O Robert DAVIS assigned to District 1 Late Power Shift.

On July, 12th, 2025 while assigned to squad 1441, I was dispatch to a mass shooting that occurred at the address 618 N Water St. This incident occurred in the City and County of Milwaukee.

Upon arrival, I was met by a witness of the shooting who was holding the victim, screaming for help. During the investigation, I observed the victim to be bleeding from a unknown location. I instructed the witness to lay the victim down and started to performed CPR on the victim who was pulseless and not breathing. My partner P.O PLACZEK located two more victims and started to perform CPR on the other victim who was pulseless and not breathing. Shortly after that, more squads arrived and started to perform CPR on another victim who was pulseless and not breathing. At that moment we had identified that a total of three people were shot. While performing CPR MFD arrived and took over life saving measure. I shortly then proceeded to place the witness inside of my vehicle. During the investigation there were over 15 to 20 plus squads that responded to the scene. While on scene, I spoke to the witness of the incident who was identified as **JUAREZ, JACOB, L (H/M 06/23/1988)** who stated that he was out with his friend from IL. JUAREZ stated that they were just walking, when they herd multiple shots. During the shots, JUAREZ stated that his friend who was identified was stuck. JUAREZ was asked if there was a confrontation that happen inside of the club, which he stated no. During the investigation it should be noted that I did not speak to the owner or agent of the bar for the scene was too active to break away. During the investigation it should be noted that one person died on scene. While on scene I was able to view the video of the incident. While reviewing the camera footage, I was able to see that two black vehicle drove southbound on N Water St and then made a U-turn at the intersection of N Water St and W Michigan St. After the U-turn, the vehicle started to travel Northbound on N Water St. Shortly after, the vehicle stopped at Elmnt lounge and started to open fire striking multiple victims. It should be noted that five people were shot during this incident. While on scene I did not view to see it Elmnt lounge license was posted on the wall. The business did have security guards on scene but I did not count how many there were and from what I witness all of them were unarmed.

End of Report.

Milwaukee Police Department

749 W. State Street Milwaukee, WI 53233

414-933-4444

Case #:C2507120008

OtherEvent #: 25-LP-3190

Officer (2)

Reporting Officer:	Davis, Robert (030902)	07/12/2025 06:19:00
Section: (Work Location):	14	
Approving Officer:	Maxcey, Ryan J (025696)	07/17/2025 21:37:44
Section: (Work Location):	12	

Milwaukee Police Department

749 W. State Street Milwaukee, WI 53233

414-933-4444

Case #:C2507120003

OtherEvent #: 25-LP-3357

Incident

618 N WATER ST MILWAUKEE, WI 53202

Incident Date/Time:: 07/12/2025 00:04:00
CAD Number:: P2507120010
District:: 1
Beat:: 140
Reporting Area:: 4574

Business Agent (1)

BAINS, RAJVIR SINGH

Person Involvement: (Must choose Agent
AGENT from drop down):
DOB:: 08/23/1990
Sex:: MALE
Race:: ASIAN
Phone 1 Number:: (262)-402-2733
Phone 1 Type:: Phone
Address:: 1165 CLUB CIR
Apartment or Suite:: 203W
City:: BROOKFIELD
State:: WISCONSIN

Licensed Premise Data (1)

ELMNT LOUNGE

Phone 1 Number:: (414)-763-8045
Address:: 618 N WATER ST
City:: MILWAUKEE
State:: WI
Zip Code:: 53202
License Type:: Alcohol
Licensee Notification Was Made:: No
Business Was Cited For Violation:: No
Licensee was cooperative: (If not
explain in narrative): No
Licensee or Manager was on
premises at time of
violation/incident:: No

Narrative (1)

LICENSED PREMISE REPORT

Milwaukee Police Department

749 W. State Street Milwaukee, WI 53233

414-933-4444

Case #:C2507120003

OtherEvent #: 25-LP-3357

Nemeth, Joshua R 017923

07/18/2025

This report is written by *Detective Joshua Nemeth*, assigned to the Criminal Investigation Bureau, Day Shift, 9131.

On 07/12/25, *Milwaukee Police Department Squads* were dispatched to 618 N Water Street for a shooting. Upon arrival

officers located multiple shooting victims. The shooting victims were identified as:

1. Antwan D. HOGANSS (M/B, 12/18/1972)
2. Jonathan D. LOCKE (M/B, 01/26/1989)
3. Kevin LEWIS (M/B, 09/09/1985)
4. Travarius R. FULTZ (M/B, 09/19/1990)
5. Isiah D. MARTINEZ (M/B, 07/10/1993)
6. Justin J. SMITH (M/B, 05/16/2001)

HOGANS and LEWIS died as a result of their injuries. LOCK, FULTZ, MARTINEZ, and SMITH survived their gunshot wounds.

At least forty three (43) Milwaukee Police Department Squads responded to this investigation. This includes members from Districts 1, 3, 5, 6, and members of the Criminal Investigation Bureau

There were approximately numerous 911 callers. The callers reported the following information:

07-12-2025 at 12:03:04AM

Phone: Unknown

Male caller (Unknown)

The male caller stated he's on N Water St /W Wisconsin Ave "these random shots and my friend got hit".

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749 W. State Street Milwaukee, WI 53233

414-933-4444

Case #:C2507120003

OtherEvent #: 25-LP-3357

Caller stated he across the street from the Chase Tower. Caller stated "I think it was a drive by. Caller identified his friend as a male and 36 years old. Caller begins screaming and making inaudible statements.

07-12-2025 at 12:03:26AM

(414) 595-2008

Female caller (Unknown)

The female caller requested a Police officer to ELMNET Lounge regarding a drive by shooting where two people are outside dead. Caller stated she's at 618 N Water St. Caller stated "it's a gun in the street, they must have dropped their gun". Caller can be heard telling someone in the background "don't touch it, don't touch it", let the Police get it.

07-12-2025/ Unknown

Phone: 414-755-8405

Male caller: Security Officer Daring BAKER

The male caller identified himself as the Security Officer at Chase Tower and would like to report shots fired outside of the ELMNT club. Caller stated there were so many gunshots he could not count them all. Caller stated he is located at 111 E Wisconsin Ave at the Water St entrance and the club is located right across from him. The caller stated he saw a lot of people scatter and he saw a car stop in front, and doesn't know if it was a drive by.

07-12-2025 at 12:03:31AM

(414) 595-2008

Male caller (Unknown)

The male caller stated two people are shot at 618 N Water St. Caller stated she was inside and that two people were shot, one in the head and the other victim has two bullet holes in an unknown location.

07-12-2025 at 12:04:22AM

Phone: Unknown

Male caller: County Transit Dispatch#6

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414-933-4444

Case #:C2507120003

OtherEvent #: 25-LP-3357

The male identified himself as a County dispatcher and stated his operator informed him of a shooting outside of ELMNT Bar with three people hit. MPD Operator 1540 confirmed the location is on Water St and that there were multiple reports regarding.

07-12-2025 at 12:04:40AM

Phone: 414-219-7014

Female caller: Brianna (Aurora Sinai Hospital)

The female caller stated she's at Sinai Hospital located at 945 N 12th St. and there's a gunshot victim who walked in with a gsw to the left arm. Caller stated the suspect was dropped off in blue Infinity. Caller identified the patient as Justin SMITH (B/M,05-16-01) inside of Room#ED15.

07-12-2025 at 12:04:48AM

(414) 391-4160

Male caller: Kavon RODGERS

The male caller stated I want to report a shots fired or what looks like a shootout. Caller stated the incident occurred outside on Water St, at ELMNT Night club. Caller stated he didn't know if anyone was hurt and did not see anyone with a gun because he was two blocks away and did not walk any closer. Caller stated he heard too many shots to count, but saw a bunch of people falling and running.

07-12-2025 at 12:05:11AM

Phone: Unknown

Female caller: Anisha FANORY

The female caller stated she's outside at 618 N Water St. Caller stated "they were shooting inside the club and someone got shot and they are still outside shooting". Caller stated "he got into a black vehicle, the guy I don't know where he got shot at but it's a lot of blood and he's in and out of consciousness". Caller stated a person got into a black Chevrolet Malibu and went to Sinai Hospital. Caller stated she was unable to get a license plate. Caller stated the suspect is a black male in his early 30's.

07-12-2025 at 12:05:39AM

Phone: 312-296-8328

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Male caller: Ricardo TRINIDAD

The male caller stated apparently someone already called 911 because the cops just showed up to ELMNT night club. Caller stated he was in bed and heard a bunch of shots fired. Caller stated he got out of bed and went to the alley and could hear some people screaming in the alley at each other. Caller provided the name of Ricardo TRINIDAD and provided the phone number 312-296-8328.

07-12-2025 at 12:06:08AM

Phone: Unknown

Male caller: Unknown

The male caller stated "we have shots fired at ELMNT Night Club located at 618 N Water St. Caller stated the Police arrived already but ya'll need to send an ambulance ASAP lease.

07-12-2025 at 12:07:03AM

Dispatch: transfer

Male caller: Unknown

The dispatcher is on the line with the unknown male caller. During this call, multiple male voices can be heard yelling in the background. The dispatcher reassured the caller help would be arriving.

07-12-2025 at 12:08:59AM

Phone: Unknown

Female caller: Unknown

The female caller stated "I just wanted to tell you that the shooting in Milwaukee, I just saw the guy'. Caller described the subject as an African American wearing a black sweatshirt walking by the Planet Fitness by the Residence Inn. Caller stated I didn't see him shoot anything but right after the shots, he was running this way. Caller then disconnected the call.

07-12-2025 at 12:17:35AM

(414) 447-2154

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Male caller: Dominic (St Joseph's Security officer)

The male caller identified himself as DOMINIC, a Security guard at St. Joseph's Hospital located at 500 W Chambers St. Caller stated somebody who just checked in was shot. Caller stated that he watched the victim walk up to the location. Caller identified the patient as Isaiah MARTINEZ, (B/M, 07-10-93) in Room#2. Caller stated he does not know where this incident occurred or where the patient was shot.

07-12-2025 at 12:29:58AM

Phone: TONI

Female caller: Columbia St. Marys'

The female caller stated this is Columbia St. Mary's and we have an African American male approximately 30 years old with gsw's to the buttock, leg and chest that showed up to our hospital. Caller stated the victim stated he was downtown and was dropped off by someone and that person pulled off. Caller identified the patient as Travarius FULTZ (B/M/ 9-19-90) who was inside of Room# 26. Caller stated the patient will be transferred to Froedtert Hospital in five minutes.

07-12-2025 at 12:54:50AM

(414) 391-4160

Female caller:

The female caller stated "I was calling to see if my brother was shot tonight in downtown Milwaukee. Caller was transferred to District#1 for additional information. Caller began to scream at individuals in her background, statements are inaudible. The call is abruptly disconnected.

Police Officers and Detectives interviewed multiple witnesses. The witnesses reported the following:

- Terrence D. JACKSON (M/B, 12/03/1990), 3435 N 60th Street #135.
 - o JACKSON stated that he was working the front door of Element as security. JACKSON was outside with HOGANS as HOGANS was waiting for one of the performers to show up that he was promoting

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for. JACKSON stated that the rapper "Mannie Fresh" and his crew walked up to the club and HOGANS was in the process of giving them wristbands to get into the club and for the VIP section. JACKSON saw a dark grey Dodge Durango pull up along with a black jeep. The front passenger window of the Jeep rolled down and someone said, "you thought I wouldn't find ya'll." JACKSON stated that people in the Durango started shooting and he ran back into Element and took cover. JACKSON stated that once he came back outside HOGANS was on the ground shot.

- Melvin WILSON JR (M/B, 09/19/1976), 8500 W Vienna Avenue.

- o WILSON stated that he was working the front door of Element along with JACKSON. WILSON stated that HOGANSS was outside waiting on one of his performers to show up so he could give them a wristband to get in. WILSON stated that the artist that he believed to be "Mannie Fresh" came walking up with his crew of people. WILSON stated a dark truck pulled up with another vehicle behind it and he heard someone yell "you thought we wasn't gone be able to find you." JACKSON said after that is when he heard gunshot, so he ran into Element to take cover. WILSON stated that once he came back out he saw HOGANS on the ground and a female was next to him trying to help him. WILSON stated that he then called 911, and waited for police.

- Damar T. DAVIS (M/B, 10/02/1993) 4600 W Deerbrook St.

- o DAVIS stated that he has worked as security at Element for three years. DAVIS stated that HOGANS arrived at the club around 11:10 pm. DAVIS stated that HOGANS went outside to wait for one of the performers. DAVIS said he was outside when a black truck pulled up and started shooting. DAVIS said he took cover as the truck pulled off north bound on Water as it was still shooting. He did not see who was shooting.

- Shuntaya ROGERS (F/B, 01/02/1993) 4470 N 30th Street.

- o ROGERS stated that she went to ELMNT with HOGANSS. ROGERS stated that HOGANS went outside of ELMNT and that it is common for him to go in and out of the club. ROGERS stated that she was by the DJ booth as she seen people running and taking cover. ROGERS stated that she then ran outside to check on HOGANS and he was laying on the ground shot, along with another black male. ROGERS stated that she checked HOGANSS pulse and couldn't find one. ROGERS stayed with HOGANSS until police arrived.

- Richmond D. DZOKU (M/B, 11/12/1989), 1257 E 46th St, Chicago, IL.

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o DZOKU stated that "John", "Jordan", and "Luis" came from Chicago for a boys' night. DZOKU stated they had organized the trip a few months in advance. DZOKU stated they arrived at around 2:30 p.m. on 07-11-2025, and they checked into a hotel room at a residence a few blocks away. DZOKU stated that they went out earlier but went back out again around 9:00 P.M. DZOKU stated he was walking down the street and he and his friends were near ELMNT. DZOKU heard multiple gunshots, which caused chaos. DZOKU stated they all went for cover. DZOKU stated that the gunfire lasted a few seconds heard at least five shots. DZOKU stated that once the gunshots stopped, he went to see if everyone was alright and realized John was lying on the ground. DZOKU stated he then called 9-1-1 from his cell phone.

• Nerilyn A. CRUZ (F/W, 08/02/2002), 5267 N 52nd Street.

o Was delivering food next door and heard numerous shots.

• Diego SARMIENTO (M/W, 12/02/2003), 2968 N Oakland Avenue #2.

o Was walking on the sidewalk, near ELMNT. Heard multiple shots.

• Matthew S. FELSKI (M/W, 01/19/2005), 6749 S 118th Street, Franklin.

o Was walking on the sidewalk, heard multiple shots.

Officers spoke to the licensed premise *agent*, *Rajvir S. BAINS (M/W, 08/23/1990)*. BAINS stated HOGANS was having a party at the club with a musician supposed to play. He stated that HOGANS was promoting the party on social media and that the club only made money off of the alcohol sales and nothing paid by HOGANS. He believed the HOGANS arrived around 11 PM and was mostly outside waiting for his guests/the musician to arrive. There were no issues with anyone when he was there. He also stated they revamped their security by hiring additional security, conducting mandatory pat downs upon entry, and a license reader that also takes a photo of each person entering and using facial rec to compare to their license photograph. He allowed us access to the video for the business as well as the license reader.

Video surveillance was recovered. The video depicted numerous individuals standing outside Club ELMNT. As they are standing outside two vehicles stopped in the street. Individuals in the vehicles then began discharging handguns into the group of individuals outside of Club ELMNT. Staff of Club ELMNT

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immediately provided the video upon request.

I was not on scene and I did not observe the businesses license or if they were properly posted.

End of report.

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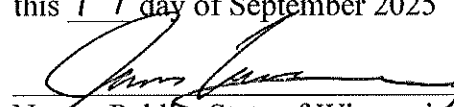
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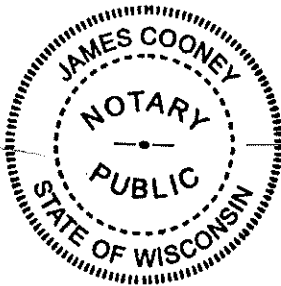
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STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) ss.
MILWAUKEE COUNTY)

COMES NOW Carlos Felix, being first duly sworn and upon his/her oath, who deposes and says that he/she is an officer of the Milwaukee Police Department, and that he/she did at 10: 48 AM on the 17th day of September, 2025, serve a true and correct copy of this summons, the complaint, the police report, sections 90-12, and 85-3 to 85-5, 68-21.13, and 108-11 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Milwaukee and section 125.12 Wis. Stats. at 1165 Club Cr #203W.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 17 day of September 2025


Notary Public, State of Wisconsin
My Commission: 4-6-28



PO. Carlos Felix
Signature

PO. Carlos Felix
Printed Name