



JAMES A. BOHL JR.
Alderman, 5th District

September 16, 2010

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Dear Members:

Re: Common Council File 100341

Attached are written objections to:

Non-renewal based on non-appearance, failure to comply with s. 90-11-1-f of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, neighborhood testimony and items contained in the police report of Brian L. Crawford for the premises at 2060 N. 24th Street ("Toxic") in the 15th aldermanic district. (Committee vote: Ayes: 5, Noes: 0)

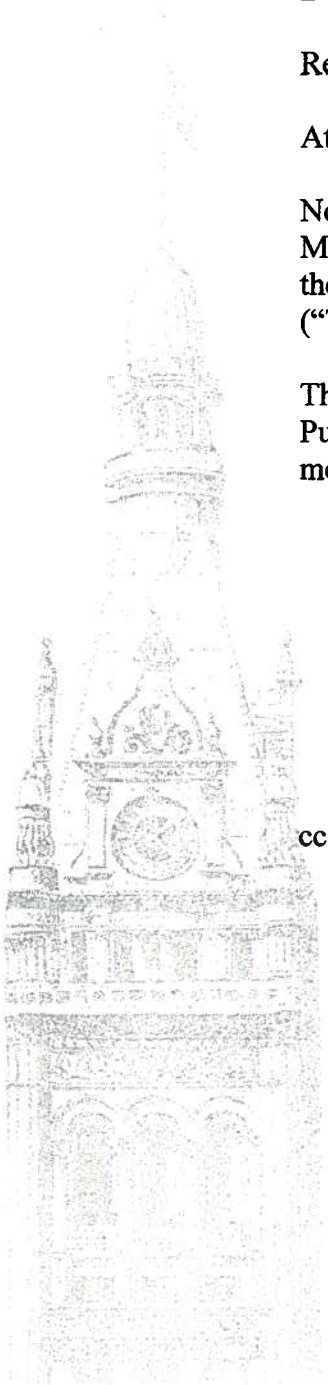
This matter will be heard by the full Council at its September 21, 2010 meeting. Pursuant to City Ordinances, a roll call vote will be taken to confirm that all members have read the attached statement and materials.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James A. Bohl, Jr.".

James A. Bohl, Jr., Chair
Licenses Committee

cc: All Council Members
City Attorney's Office
Common Council/City Clerk – License Division
CCF 100341



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Brian Crawford
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CITY CLERK

I, Brian Crawford, am writing this letter to object to the findings of the Licenses Committee on September 8, 2010.

I am the holder of a class "B" tavern license for the tavern "Toxic". I am writing to ask for reconsideration on behalf of the Estate of Loubirda Madison. This establishment has been here for 45 plus years. Since taking over the former tavern known as "Madison Times", I have tried to the best of my ability and knowledge to comply with everything. From a business point of view I am in the process of negotiating the possibility of leasing out the establishment.

Now I will address the Recommendation for non appearance and the failure to comply with 90-11-1 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances. I did not appear to the scheduled hearing with the Milwaukee Common Council on September 8, 2010, due to having prior engagements. I did call and spoke with Mrs. Rebecca Grill a week prior to the above said date asking for the possibility of a new date. Mrs. Grill stated she would talk with the Committee and see if they would hold it over for another time.

In regards to illegal activity, we never had any of the stated activities in the findings of fact #3, paragraph 3--loitering, littering, parking and traffic problems, drug and criminal activity,

prostitution, trespassing, shootings, or vandalism. Perhaps concerned citizens are confusing this establishment with the tavern around the corner on 24th and Garfield. In addition, I will and have spoke to some of the citizens who live around the tavern who are in favor of the tavern re-opening and I will address the issues they may have.

In regards to the license issue where a citation was issued, I was not aware of any holds on the license. Upon further investigation I found out that there were holds on the occupancy and the establishment was closed. Required repairs were made to the establishment but unknown to me, J.E. Remodeling, failed to pull permits for the electric and plumbing. I have documentation to show work was completed and paid for. I was unaware that license had to be paid for if the tavern was not open for business.

I am urging the Common Council not to follow the recommendation of the Licenses Committee due to the fact that I was unaware of proper procedure. I will make every effort to assure that every ordinance is complied with in the future.
Thank you.

Sincerely,

Brian Crawford