



JAMES N. WITKOWIAK
ALDERMAN, 12TH DISTRICT

November 22, 2004

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Dear Members:

Re: Common Council File 040930

Attached are written objections to the recommendation of the Utilities and Licenses Committee for renewal of the Class "A" Liquor and Malt license with a 10-day suspension of Mehbob Lani for the premises located at 1305 W. Edgerton Ave. ("Express Pantry") in the 13th aldermanic district.

This matter will be heard by the full Council at its November 23, 2004 meeting. Pursuant to City Ordinances, a roll call vote will be taken to confirm that all members have read the attached objections.

Respectfully,


James N. Witkowiak, Chair
Utilities and Licenses Committee

cc: All Council Members
City Attorney's Office
Common Council/City Clerk – License Division
CCF 040930

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CITY CLERK

To,
The Utilities and Licensing Committee
Licensing Division,
Milwaukee, WI.

Respected Sir/ Madam,

With due respect, I request your attention to the renewal application for the Class "A" Liquor and Malt license for the premises located at 1305 W. Edgerton Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Express Pantry").

I object the renewal of the license with a ten (10) day suspension on the following arguments.

1. I have met all the criteria requested by the alderman (Terry Witkowski district 13) regarding the cleaning and update of the building. I have, over the summer painted the building, redone the parking lot and remove all unnecessary signs indicated by the Alderman, which he shared at the hearing of the Utilities and Licenses Committee on Nov 9th 2004.
2. I am committed to practice safe retail business and protect the citizens under the age of 21 from buying alcohol. In order to do that I provide full supervision by myself during the peak hours of sale and at all other times as well along with the posted signs for providing I.D and prohibited sale of alcohol for under age. I have strictly instructed my employee about the rule against selling alcohol to underage.
3. Finding "C" in your letter regarding the violation on 06/02/04 was not justified and therefore the case is being appealed to reopen by circuit court.
4. Since last 18 days my License is expired and I am not selling any alcohol at the above-mentioned facility. I bear enough punishment on behalf of my employees for the mistakes they made. I do everything in my power to abide by the rules and regulation set by the state and have suffered the consequence for being easy on the employees, which will change as of now.

In view of the above arguments I plea innocent and request that I should be given one chance to prove my commitment in front of the committee with the approval to grant me the License without the ten (10) day suspension. I assure that committee will not regret their decision.

In the end I appreciate you giving me this opportunity to present my side of the story and am thankful for your kindness.

Sincerely,



Mehboob Lalani,
Express Pantry
1305 W. Edgerton Ave,

Dated: 11/22/04.