

## JAMES N. WITKOWIAK

ALDERMAN, 12TH DISTRICT

June 10, 2005

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Dear Members:

Re: Common Council File 050142

Attached are written objections to the recommendation of renewal with a 10-day suspension of the Public Dance Hall and Billiard Hall license of Thomas Holmes, Agent for "T&R Entertainment, LLC", for the premises at 2342 W. North Ave. ("Amistad Pavillion") in the 15<sup>th</sup> Aldermanic District.

This matter will be heard by the full Council at its June 14, 2005 meeting. Pursuant to City Ordinances, a roll call vote will be taken to confirm that all members have read the attached objections.

James N. Wijkowiak, Chair Utilities and Licenses Committee

cc: All Council Members City Attorney's Office Common Council/City Clerk – License Division CCF 050142

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Office of the City Clerk ATTN: Linda Elmer City Hall, Room 205 200 East Wells Street Milwaukee, WI 53202-3570

RE: Written objection to the Report of the Utilities and Licenses Committee on the Renewal Application of the Dance Hall and Billiard Hall license of Thomas 43 Holmes as agent for T & R Entertainment, LLC for the license at the premises at 2342 West North Avenue in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Amistad Pavilion").

To whom it may concern,

This letter is to serve as a formal objection to the Report of the Utilities and Licenses Committee (hereinafter "Committee") recommendation of renewal with a ten day suspension of the Public Dance Hall and Billiard Hall license of Thomas Holmes as agent for T & R Entertainment, LLC located at 2342 West North Avenue in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Amistad Pavilion").

The aforementioned recommendation was the result of a hearing held before the Committee on May 31, 2005. The Committee recommended that the ten day suspension take effect on July 1, 2005 at 12:01 a.m. and terminate on July 10, 2005 at 12:01 a.m.

Our Client, Thomas Holmes, as agent for T & R Entertainment, LLC, does not object to, nor challenge, the ultimate conclusion reached by the Committee; namely, that a ten day suspension is appropriate prior to license renewal. Rather, Mr. Holmes' sole objection is to the effective date of the suspension. We hereby formally request that the effective date of the suspension be delayed sixty-seven (67) days, therefore commencing on September 5, 2005 at 12:01 a.m. and terminating on September 14, 2005 at 12:01 a.m.

The reason for the requested delay of the effective date of the ten day suspension is that a suspension during the time in which the Committee recommended would be an undue hardship on our client Mr. Holmes. Mr. Holmes has informed us that he has already booked events for all other dates this summer. Forcing Mr. Holmes to endure the ten day suspension at the

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recommended time would be too harsh of punishment and would cause too great an economic loss.

In addition to the hardship to Mr. Holmes, his customers would also be substantially inconvenienced if they were forced to try to find another venue at this late date in which to hold their events. Trying to find an establishment in which to hold an event at the last minute would be a daunting task. This is especially true during the Committee's proposed time frame, as this is in middle of the summer season.

For the foregoing reasons, we respectfully request the Common Council to set a new effective date for the ten day suspension in order to limit the economic burden that our client must endure as a result of the suspension and also to avoid the inconvenience that his customers would be forced to endure. Again, we do not challenge the actual ten day suspension prior to license renewal; rather, we simply request that the effective date be changed.

Very truly yours,

Martin E. Kohler Attorney at Law