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Milwaukee, WI 53215

Atty. Ronald Shikora  
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Milwaukee, WI 53203

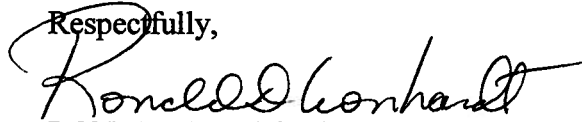
Dear Mr. Coralic and Atty. Shikora:

You are hereby notified that the Milwaukee Common Council will hold a hearing on February 9, 2010, commencing at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as this matter may be heard, in the Common Council chambers on the third floor of City Hall, 200 East Wells Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin to consider the revocation of the Class "B" Tavern license for the premises at 2936 S. 13th St. ("The Brew House").

Attached you will find a copy of the Report of the Licenses Committee, which includes its Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendation, recommending revocation of the license based on a police report, neighborhood testimony, testimony by the complainant and testimony by the district police captain. The recommendation is the result of a public hearing before the Committee held on January 19, 2010.

You may file written objections to the report of the Licenses Committee. Your written objections must be filed with the City Clerk by 4:45 p.m. on February 4, 2010 in Room 205 of City Hall. If you file written objections, you or a legal representative may then also appear at the Common Council to make oral arguments supporting your written objections. You will be given approximately five minutes to present your oral argument.

Respectfully,



RONALD D. LEONHARDT  
City Clerk

Enclosure



**JAMES A. BOHL JR.**  
Alderman, 5th District

Date: January 25, 2010

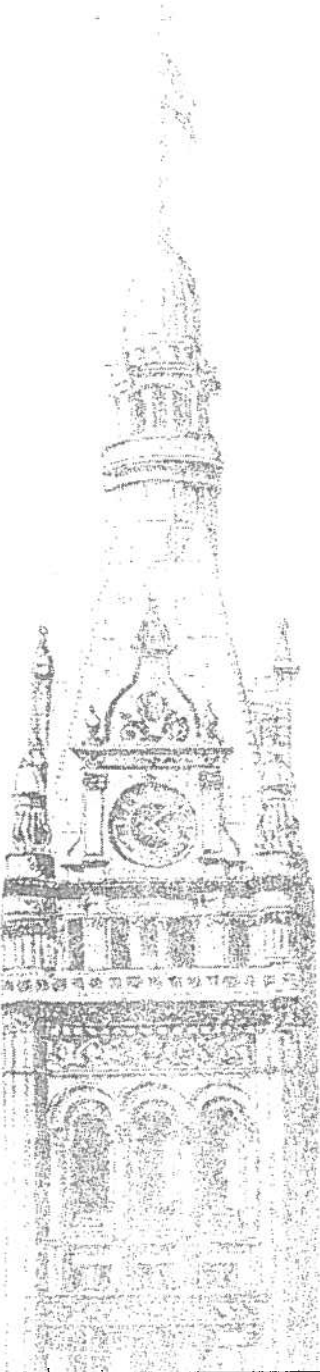
To: All Members of the Milwaukee Common Council

From: The Licenses Committee

Re: Report of the Licenses Committee on the complaint seeking revocation of the Class "B" Tavern license held by Stojan Coralic for the premises located at 2936 South 13<sup>th</sup> Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("The Brew House").

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Stojan Coralic (hereinafter the "License") is the holder of Class "B" Tavern and Tavern Dance licenses for the premises located at 2936 South 13<sup>th</sup> Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("The Brew House"). Said licenses were granted by the Milwaukee Common Council on May 5, 2009, with a ten (10) day suspension, and expire at midnight, on May 19, 2010.
2. A complaint for revocation of the Class "B" Tavern license was filed with the City Clerk on December 22, 2009 by Alderman Tony Zielinski. The complaint alleged that the premises known as "Brew House" is the scene of chronic dangerous, violent, and nuisance activity such as shootings, possession of controlled substances, and fights among patrons from the tavern. A summons, along with the Complaint of Alderman Zielinski and a police report, was issued and served upon Stojan Coralic on January 12, 2010.
3. Said summons commanded the appearance of Stojan Coralic to answer the complaint of Alderman Tony Zielinski for revocation of the Class "B" Tavern license on January 19, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 301-B of City Hall. At that date time and place, the licensee, Stojan Coralic, appeared and answered the complaint as summoned and was represented by counsel, Attorney Ronald Shikora, Shikora & Kaiser, 161 West Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 3032, Milwaukee, WI 53203.



4. Based upon the sworn testimony heard and the evidence received at the hearing, the Committee finds the following:
- A. On February 6, 2009 at 1:30 a.m., officers of the Milwaukee Police Department were dispatched to 2936 South 13<sup>th</sup> Street ("The Brew House") for a subject with a gun complaint. Officers spoke to the caller who stated that a patron who was still in the tavern was armed with a black semi-automatic handgun. The caller provided a description of the patron and stated this patron had the gun in his waistband. Officers entered the tavern and located the subject that matched the description given and recovered the handgun. Further investigation revealed this subject to be under the age of 21 and highly intoxicated. He was also found to be in possession of a half-full Heineken beer. This subject was arrested and charged with reckless use of a weapon and issued a citation for possession/consumption of alcohol-underage. On February 7, 2009, officers conducted a follow-up at the tavern and spoke to the bartender regarding the violation found. She stated she could not believe that an underage person would be in the tavern because she had security at the door checking patrons' identifications. She also stated she would further discuss this with her security. Officers then spoke to the licensee, Stojan Coralic, and explained the violations found. Officers issued a citation to the bartender for presence and sale to underage and one to Stojan Coralic for licensee responsibility. The bartender was found guilty on her citation on March 30, 2009 and fined \$367.00. This item was considered by the Licenses Committee for the 2009 renewal year; however, the disposition was added and the Licenses Committee was advised of the disposition at the revocation hearing on January 19, 2010.
  - B. On May 9, 2009 at 2:20 a.m., a squad of the Milwaukee Police Department was sent to a shooting at 2952 South 13<sup>th</sup> Street. A detective interviewed the victim as well as a witness who stated he observed the suspect and accomplices inside the Brew House prior to the shooting. The incident occurred outside the tavern.
  - C. On September 27, 2009 at approximately 1:55 a.m., squads of the Milwaukee Police Department were dispatched to a fight at 2936 South 13<sup>th</sup> Street ("The Brew House"). Officers spoke to Richard D. Artega, the manager of the premises, who stated that there was an argument between

two females where one of the females threw a boot at the other then she left. While the females were walking towards their vehicles, in the street, they were causing a disturbance by yelling obscenities and screaming. Other patrons were in the street in front of The Brew House and across the street impeding traffic and causing vehicles to stop.

- D. On October 3, 2009 at 2:15 a.m., a squad of the Milwaukee Police Department was flagged down for shots fired in the 2900 block of South 13<sup>th</sup> Street by several witnesses who stated people were shooting from a maroon Dodge Intrepid at the corner of South 13<sup>th</sup> Street and West Montana Street. As an officer exited his squad, the driver of the Intrepid accelerated away at a high rate of speed in an attempt to elude officers. The officer pursued the Intrepid until it was involved in an accident. An officer spoke to the front seat passenger who stated they were leaving The Brew House and that somebody had been shooting at them. Several of the callers and witnesses stated that they heard several people arguing outside The Brew House. The bar patrons were standing in the street, stopping their cars in the street and playing loud music prior to the gun shots. They heard multiple gun shots in the area where patrons from The Brew House were congregating.
- E. On October 11, 2009 at 12:20 a.m., a Milwaukee Police Department sergeant and police officer conducted a tavern check at The Brew House at 2936 South 13<sup>th</sup> Street. A subject was in the men's restroom that appeared to be under the age of 21. He was asked for identification and he stated he did not have any. Subject was taken outside where he showed a Wisconsin ID that showed his birth date as August 22, 1990. The subject stated he was not carded when he entered the tavern. The manager stated that everyone was carded when they entered the tavern. A citation was issued to Stojan Coralic for presence of minor at licensed premises and on December 2, 2009, he was found guilty and fined \$367.00. At hearing, the manager of the Brew House testified that the guard who let the underage individual into the tavern was fired.
- F. On November 12, 2009, the Milwaukee Police Department, the Department of Neighborhood Services and the Wisconsin Department of Revenue conducted a licensed

premise investigation at the premises located at 2936 South 13<sup>th</sup> Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Brew House"). The investigation revealed that the tavern manager, Ricardo D. Arteaga, was purchasing liquor and wine from a retailer for resale in the premises and not from an authorized wholesaler as required by Wis. Stat. § 125.69(6). All of the liquor and wine on the premises was confiscated because it was contraband and was illegally purchased for resale. The investigation also revealed that the licensee did not have the invoices or receipts for all liquor purchases on the premises as required by TAX 8.21 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code. There was also evidence that bartenders employed by the premises might be "marrying" liquor bottles. At hearing, Mr. Arteaga testified that he did not know of the requirements of Wisconsin law and the sources of supply and keeping of receipts until the tavern inspection.

- G. Adjoining neighbors, including other business operators, testified to numerous episodes of gunshots and loud and unruly patrons, particularly at closing time emanating from the premises. They also testified to broken bottles from patrons of this premises and witnessing what they believed were drug transactions involving patrons of this premises. One of them testified that he has talked to Mr. Arteaga regarding patrons throwing beer bottles onto his premises and defecating on his front lawn. One adjoining business owner has lost business because his patrons will not use his banquet facility because of the disturbances caused by patrons of the Brew House. Neighbors also testified to watching the security personnel of the Brew House stand by and watch as two individuals from the Brew House drank outside of the premises and that the personnel did nothing.
- H. One neighbor took a video tape and showed the video to the Committee. The video clearly showed loud and disorderly patrons at closing time and the sound of gunfire was clearly heard on the video. One neighbor testified to having witnessed a window being shot out by patrons of this premises.
- I. The licensee testified at hearing that he entered into a nuisance abatement plan with the Milwaukee Police Department and that he has increased the security presence of his security staff on Fridays and Saturdays, has installed

an ID machine to verify IDs, and begins shutting down approximately 35 minutes before mandatory close, but does not close 35 minutes early.

- J. The District Captain testified that this location is the only problem tavern in his Police District. It is a drain on police resources and the police are required to go to this tavern every night that it is open. Based on the police inspection detailed above, the District Captain believes that the personnel of this tavern do not have the ability to run the tavern properly particularly when the patrons exit at closing time.

### 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 Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes and Chapter 90 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances.
2. Based upon the above facts found, the Committee concludes that the licensee, Stojan Coralic, has not met the criteria of Chapter 90 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances or Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes to allow the continued operation of the premises.
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 revoke the Class "B" Tavern license held by Stojan Coralic for the premises located at 2936 South 13<sup>th</sup> Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("The Brew House") based upon the evidence and testimony provided by the Milwaukee Police Department, the police report, the testimony of the complainant and the neighbors testifying and substantiating the allegations contained in the Complaint of Alderman Tony Zielinski.

### RECOMMENDATION

Based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated above, the Committee, by a vote of five (3) ayes and one (1) no and one (1) excused, recommends that the Class "B" Tavern license held by Stojan Coralic for the premises located at 2936 South 13<sup>th</sup>

Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Brew House") be revoked.

Dated and signed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 25th day of January, 2010.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. BOHL Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

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JAMES A. BOHL, Jr., Chair  
Licenses Committee