Safety and Licensing Committee Wed, Jun 28, 2023

Item 23-0618: Sushi Lover Demerit Point Violation appearance Safety and Licensing Committee

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Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 00:45

Move to—we have a scheduled appearance under public hearings appearances. 23-0618 is an appearance by Sushi Lover for a demerit point violation. Are your folks here from Sushi Lover? Okay. Okay, so the reason why this is on the agenda is we have a—is it an ordinance? That requires violations to appear before the committee and describe how—what you what you have put in place to rectify the issues that occurred. Your demerit point violation was for no licensed operator on the premises back in March of this year. Is that correct, Chief Olson? Okay. Would you like to speak to the committee and tell us what you're doing to prevent this from happening? If you could give us your name and address for the record?

Jian C. (Sushi Lover - Manager) 01:46

My name is Jimmy and I'm the manager of the Sushi Lover, and we already on—after we received the violation by the police department, when we first respond to and take the test, and, I mean, by our other managers, and yeah.

Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 02:06

Okay. So, this establishment had a previous violation. Correct? So, they are at—according to the memo, they are at 120 points? Okay? Okay. Are you familiar with the rules and the how the points work?

Jian C. (Sushi Lover - Manager) 02:24 Not really.

Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 02:25

Okay. So, at 150 to 199 would result in a suspension of your license. So, you're at 120. An additional violation would put them—within a certain time period—would put them at that level, just so you know.

Jian C. (Sushi Lover - Manager) 02:41

Yes, the first—I mean, the first incident, the police, he gave me a warning, and then I took the test like that night and then—too in order for us to sell the alcohol next day. And afterward, like, um, the second time is, when there's like—the police department, they sent an undercover teenager into our restaurant while during, like, a busy afternoon. And while like, um—because we do have like a restaurant policy, like the own—only the manager can during the cash transaction. And unfortunately, I was the one who during work all the cashes, and when he popped up to the screen, like—can I show it to you?

Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 03:29

Sure.

Jian C. (Sushi Lover - Manager) 03:30 Okay.

Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 03:34

We can pass it around. Can you just briefly explain what this is?

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Jian C. (Sushi Lover - Manager) 03:42

Yeah. This is the screen was on when during that, um, the busy hour, and then I missed [indecipherable] on during the cash transaction and I didn't know that it is from the undercover—like, he was trying to order like a [not sure what word he said here]. That was the second time and...

Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 04:05

Okay. But just to be clear, the most recent violation was for no licensed operator on the premises.

Jian C. (Sushi Lover - Manager) 04:12

Yeah, after we aware that we need like a bartender license in order to sell the alcohol, we apply at least like three bartender license for, like, some related, like, um, the manager assistant and, yeah,

Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 04:28

Okay

Jian C. (Sushi Lover - Manager) 04:28

Some other managers.

Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 04:29

Okay, so that shows an effort to rectify the issue going forward. So, thank you for sharing that.

Jian C. (Sushi Lover - Manager) 04:35

No problem.

Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 04:35

Questions from the committee? Okay. Seeing none anything additional you'd like to add? Thank you for coming. Thank you for explaining what you've done to address the issue.

Jian C. (Sushi Lover - Manager) 04:46

Yeah, we already put on more like strict policy to card, like, all the customers that come to our restaurant because especially our restaurant, okay, that downtown.

Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 04:58

Okay, thank you. All right.

Jian C. (Sushi Lover - Manager) 05:00

Okay.

Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 05:01

Thanks for coming.

Jian C. (Sushi Lover - Manager) 05:01

Thank you.