

**Item 24-0147 Demerit Point Violation Appearance for McGuinness Irish Pub
Safety and Licensing Committee**

Thu, Feb 15, 2024 9:09AM

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 01:14

We'll move on to number five which is public hearing and appearances. We do have a public hearing this evening, 24-0147 demerit point violation appearance from McGuinness Irish Pub **[Matthew M.]** agent. I see that **[Mr. M.]** is in attendance, and so we will take this up. Would you like to approach the podium? Typically, when we request someone come before the committee, as you know, we'd like to hear specific actions that you've taken since the demerit points were assessed and give us some background of what maybe happened at the incident and what you're doing to rectify that. So, if you could give us a little bit insight on the demerit points and what you're doing to rectify that situation.

Matt M. (McGuinness Irish Pub) 02:04

I just want to apologize. It was a stupid mistake. I do reside in the building. I had several friends from out of town that were in visiting for a graduation party. I literally was under the assumption since I reside in the building and the building was completely closed up. I had three bartenders that were just cleaning the pub, and a few of my friends that were literally staying with me upstairs. I wasn't aware that no one can be in the building. The building was locked up, all the lights were off, but it was my mistake. I learned a lesson, and I apologize.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 02:42

Well, I appreciate that. And you know, mistakes happen, and certainly when you own a business, you know, you become aware of certain rules that you may not know until something occurs. So, we can appreciate that. Is there anything that APD would like to add? Any—or Council? Sorry...okay go ahead.

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 03:04

If I can just share, I handled the citation. There was another citation that was dismissed for something similar, not the same thing, as part of the resolution of this matter. But the information we've heard here today is pretty consistent with the facts as I understand them. I'm not aware of any additional issues since the points were assessed, and if this really was the mistake that **[Mr. M.]** says it is, I expect that to continue. So, I think that's all I would have to add beyond what's already contained within the record.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 03:38

Okay. And **[Mr. M.]**, you understand this is a 50-point demerit you are assessed. Obviously took some time to go through the process and tried to—had it adjudicated and were assessed those points. So, you know you have 150 before it becomes something significant, and I am not aware that you've, McGuinness, has had any issues in the past. So, this is one of those one offs where you learn from a mistake and you'll keep doing good business as you've done in the past.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 04:04

So, is there anything the committee wants to add to this before we move on? Okay. Then we will conclude that public hearing.

Matt M. (McGuinness Irish Pub) 04:13

Thank you.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 04:14
Thank you for appearing. Appreciate it.