

Item 25-0112: Demerit Point Violation Appearance - Home Burger Bar

Item 25-0109: Class "B" Beer and Reserve "Class B" Liquor License application for El Sabor LLC d/b/a Bunnies on the Ave, Luis Santiago Ledezma, Agent, located at 425 W. College Ave

Safety and Licensing Committee
Wed, Feb 26, 2025 5:30PM

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 01:01

Okay, moving on to scheduled public hearing or appearances. We have two appearances on our agenda, and I believe there's representatives for from both establishments here, so we'll take them in order.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 01:12

25-0112 is a demerit point violation appearance for Home Burger Bar. You're here. If you would, approach the microphone, and we'll give you an opportunity to address the committee. The reason for these appearances, just for the students' benefit and everyone's benefit, is to briefly discuss your violation, which we have the information, but more importantly what your what measures you're putting in place to address correcting that from happening again. So, if you could give your name and address for the record.

[Mandy Ferg speaks, but the microphone doesn't pick her up.]

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 01:48

Home address, if or—yeah, let's do—we know the business address. Do your name and your home address.

[Mandy Ferg speaks, but the microphone doesn't pick her up.]

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 01:58

Okay. And if you're going to speak at some point, just do the same thing when you when you—okay, okay, okay, go ahead.

[Mandy Ferg starts speaking, but the microphone only captures her words faintly.]

Mandy Ferg (Home Burger Bar) 02:07

[...] So, it was a demerit on not having a licensed bartender. It was a situation where the bartender that was scheduled, she had a family emergency, and we knew a bartender that lives upstairs, and she was able to come down and cover; didn't even think of it at the time. So, since that time, I hired two more bartenders that have their licenses. We're family owned and operated, so there's a small staff. So, any time we're out for a family gathering, we take half the staff with us, so, but we've hired some and, you know, it was definitely one of those things if I could go back to the schedule and we—obviously, you guys haven't met us before because we follow the rules. So, it's important for us. You know, that's why we came tonight, just to let you know that we do understand that it was an error on our part, and we have done number of things to correct it.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 02:58

Okay, thank you, and we appreciate you coming and explaining it. Your demerit—the situation is a 40-point demerit. If you're familiar with the program, you know at 150 some more serious things can happen, like suspension, and then at 200 revocation. So, but thank you for coming and thank you for explaining. All right.

[Cut]

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 26:35

Okay, 25-0109, class B beer and reserve Class B liquor license application for El Sabor LLC, doing business as Bunnies on the Ave. Louis Santiago Ledezma agent located at 425 West College Avenue, contingent upon approval from the Community Development, health, inspections and Public Works departments.

Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 26:55

Move to approve.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 26:55

Second.

Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 26:56

Motion and a second to approve. Comments, questions from anyone? Alder Doran, go ahead.

Aldersperson Chad Doran (District 15) 27:03

Thank you. I guess this would be a similar question to the last item. I understand it's a different owner, but I see that Mr. Santiago has a has had or been cited before for having no operator at a different establishment that he owns back in 2024, and again, I guess I was wondering if that obviously is relevant to this, and something we can consider as well.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 27:34

Attorney's office.

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 27:36

So—and I'll echo my answer from previous, with respect to this item, it is something that I think can arguably bear rational weight upon the question before the committee. The—how relevant it is and how much weight to give it is a question for the committee and the council based on your positions acting on behalf of the City of Appleton.

Aldersperson Chad Doran (District 15) 27:59

Okay. Thank you.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 28:01

Okay, thanks. Any other comments, questions? All right, all those in favor of approval signify by saying aye.

Alderspersons Siebers, Schultz, and Fenton 28:10

Aye.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 28:10

All opposed?

Aldersperson Chad Doran (District 15) 28:11

Nay.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 28:11

All right. Four one.