

STATE OF MINNESOTA)  
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COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

Shawn McDonald, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, he served the attached **NOTICE OF VIOLATION AND REQUEST FOR IMPOSITION OF \$1000 MATRIX PENALTY** and a correct copy thereof in an envelope addressed as follows:

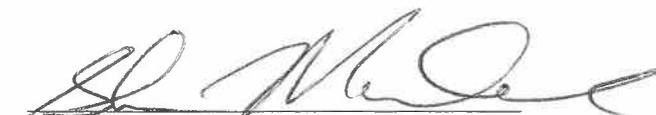
RAS Restaurant & Lounge  
2516 7<sup>th</sup> Street West  
St. Paul, MN 55116

Zinash Amde  
4139 Benjamin Drive  
Woodbury, MN 55129

Ras Ethiopian Bar and Restaurant LLC  
8350 Savanna Oaks LN  
Saint Paul, MN 55125-9575

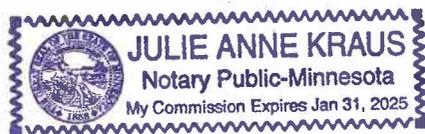
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Highland District Council  
1978 Ford Parkway  
Saint Paul, MN 55116-1922

(which is the last known address of said person) depositing the same, with postage prepaid, in the United States mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

  
Shawn McDonald

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
This 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022

  
Notary Public





January 27, 2022

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION  
AND REQUEST FOR IMPOSITION OF  
\$1000 MATRIX PENALTY**

RAS Restaurant & Lounge  
2516 7<sup>th</sup> Street West  
St. Paul, MN 55116

RE: Liquor on Sale –101-180 seats, Liquor On Sale- 2am, Liquor On Sale-Sunday, Entertainment (B), Liquor Outdoor Service Area- Patio, and Gambling Location licenses held by RAS Ethiopian Bar & Restaurant LLC d/b/a RAS Restaurant & Lounge for the premises located at 2516 7<sup>th</sup> Street West in Saint Paul.

License ID #: 20100000062

Dear Licensee:

The Department of Safety and Inspections (“Department”) has recommended adverse action against the Liquor on Sale –101-180 seats, Liquor On Sale- 2am, Liquor On Sale-Sunday, Entertainment (B), Liquor Outdoor Service Area- Patio, and Gambling Location Licenses held by RAS Ethiopian Bar & Restaurant LLC (“Licensee”) herein for the premises known as located at 2516 7<sup>th</sup> Street West (“Licensed Premises”) based on violations of your license conditions.

Records at the Department show that this is your second violation within one year. On April 12, 2021 you paid a \$500 matrix penalty after inspectors documented violations of your license condition #11 and #12.

Saint Paul Legislative Code Section 310.05 (m)(2) sets the presumptive penalty for a second violation of provisions of the legislative code relating to the licensed activity at a \$1000 matrix penalty for a second violation.

Saint Paul Legislative Code Section 310.06 sets forth a variety of reasons under which adverse actions be based. Section 310.06(b)(5) says that adverse action can be pursued for failure to comply



with a condition set forth in the license. In your case, the license condition that the Department bases its request for adverse action on is license condition #11 and #12.

**Violation #1 - Failure to follow site plan in violation of Condition #11:**

License condition #11 of the License for the Licensed Premises states that:

“Licensee agrees to maintain the off-street plan on file with the Department of Safety and Inspections dated 02/27/2013. This includes maintaining the striping of the parking lot, compact and handicap parking space signage, vehicle curb-stop parking barriers, trash container fencing, and bike rack.”

**Violation #1 Facts:** The Department asserts that the following facts along with attachments herein constitute proof of a violation of License Condition #11 by a preponderance of the evidence for failure to follow original site plan for parking.

On January 15, 2020, the Department of Safety and Inspections sent you a License Enforcement notice at the address of the Licensed premises. The notice stated that after multiple meetings and phone calls discussing a portion of the parking lot behind the building that you should not be using, cars are being allowed to park there and no barriers or chains were installed. This area is not a part of the original site plan. You were to submit a site plan review request so that the portion of the parking lot met the ordinance requirement. You have not submitted your site plan review request and a follow up inspection on September 15, 2021 showed that cars were still parked in the unapproved area of the parking lot.

**-Violation #2 - Failure to set up barriers to prohibit parking in area in violation of Condition #12**

License condition #12 of the License for the Licensed Premises states that:

Licensee agrees to maintain a barrier sufficient to prevent customer and/or employee vehicles from parking and/or driving on the separate parcel of vacant land with property identification number 212823140004 (located immediately behind this property). The current approved barrier is the curb-stop parking barriers as shown on the approved site plan on file with DSI dated February 02/27/2013. Further, licensee agrees to obtain prior written site plan approval from DSI, and to make all necessary



improvements to this vacant parcel of land as required under this approval process, before using this property in any manner (e.g., parking of customer and/or employee vehicles, allowing access to this vacant parcel of land from their property, placement of trash/recycling containers, etc.).

### **Violation #2 Facts:**

On September 15, 2021 an inspector from the Department of Safety and Inspections went to the licensed premises to do an inspection and documented with photographs 10 cars parked in the unapproved area of the parking lot and no required chains or concrete stops present to prohibit parking in the area.

You have four (4) options to proceed:

1. If you do not contest the imposition of the proposed adverse action, you may do nothing. If I have not heard from you by **February 10, 2022**, I will presume that you have chosen not to contest the proposed adverse action and the matter will be placed on the City Council Consent agenda for approval of the proposed remedy.
2. You can pay the \$1000 matrix penalty. If this is your choice, you should make payment directly to the Department of Safety and Inspections, at 375 Jackson Street, Ste. 220, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1806 no later than **February 10, 2022**. A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Payment of the \$1000.00 matrix penalty will be considered a waiver of the hearing to which you are entitled.
3. If you wish to admit the facts but you contest the \$1000 matrix penalty, you may have a public hearing before the Saint Paul City Council. You will need to send me a letter with a statement admitting to the facts and requesting a public hearing no later than **February 10, 2022**. The matter will then be scheduled before the City Council to determine whether to impose the \$500 matrix penalty. You will have an opportunity to appear before the Council and make a statement on your own behalf.
4. If you dispute the facts outlined above, you may request a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). You will need to send me a letter disputing the facts and requesting an administrative hearing no later than **February 10, 2022**. At that hearing both you and the City will appear and present witnesses, evidence and cross-examine each other's witnesses.



After receipt of the ALJ's report (usually within 30 days), a public hearing will need to be scheduled. At that time, the City Council will decide whether to adopt, modify or reject the ALJ's report and recommendation.

Please note: If you choose an administrative hearing, the Department of Safety and Inspections reserves the right to request that City Council impose the costs of the administrative hearing per Saint Paul Legislative Code § 310.05 (k).

**If you have not contacted me by February 10, 2022, I will assume that you do not contest the imposition of the \$1000 matrix penalty. In that case, the matter will be placed on the City Council Consent Agenda for approval of the recommended penalty.**

If you have questions about these options, please contact my Legal Assistant Shawn McDonald at (651) 266-8729.

Sincerely,

Therese Skarda  
Assistant City Attorney  
License No. 0240989

Cc: Zinash Amde, 4139 Benjamin Drive, Woodbury, MN 55129  
Ras Ethiopian Bar and Restaurant LLC, 8350 Savanna Oaks Ln, Saint Paul, MN 55125-9575  
Kathy Carruth, Executive Director, Highland District Council, 1978 Ford Parkway, Saint Paul, MN 55116-1922

Attachments: Inspectors Report from Inspector Ross Hadow  
Screenshots from Eclips system  
License Group Comments Text



**SAINT PAUL**  
CITY ATTORNEY

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LYNDSEY M. OLSON, CITY ATTORNEY

Civil Division, 15 Kellogg Blvd. West, 400 City Hall  
Saint Paul, MN 55102  
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License Group Conditions Text  
STAMP Ownership/Zoning Information  
Copy of the January 15, 2020 License Enforcement Notice  
Copy of 2/27/2013 Site Plan  
Photos of violations in parking lot

CITY OF SAINT PAUL  
MELVIN CARTER, MAYOR

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Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101-1806

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Facsimile: 651-266-9124  
Web: [www.stpaul.gov/dsi](http://www.stpaul.gov/dsi)

## Inspector's Report

Inspectors Name: Ross Haddow

Time & Date: 9/15/2021

Business/Property Name: RAS Ethiopian Bar & Restaurant

Property Address: 2516 7th Street West - Saint Paul, MN 55116

Reason for Visit: Follow up to a letter sent about using the back parcel of land as parking when conditions state that it is not to be used.

Observations: Back parcel of land is still being used. There were 10 cars parked in the area and there were no required chains or parking concrete stops to prohibit the usage of the parcel as required by Condition 12 of their license conditions.

Photos Taken:  Yes  No – Area(s) of where the Photo(s) where taken:

License condition Violation - Parking in back area that is not authorized on the approved site plan dated 2/27/2013

Action Taken:  Education / warning

Request for Adverse Action

Other: -

Details of Conversations (Statements to and by Person Responsible for Property):



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**LICENSE ENFORCEMENT NOTICE**

January 15, 2020

Ras Ethiopian Bar & Restaurant  
2516 7<sup>th</sup> St. W  
Saint Paul, MN 55116

Re: License # 20100000062  
Liquor On-Sale

Dear Licensee,

Recently there was a meeting to discuss the portion of parking lot behind the building that has been used to park vehicles but is not part of the original site plan. It was decided at the end of that meeting that you would submit a site plan review request so that you can get that portion of the parking lot up ordinance requirements.

The City of Saint Paul still has not received a Site Plan Review Application. Because a Site Plan Review application has not been submitted we must now put a deadline to receive an application. You have until January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to turn in a completed site plan review or adverse action may be taken against your licenses.

If you have questions regarding this notice, or with the process for Site Plan Review, please contact me between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 651-266-9143 or you may e-mail me at [ross.haddow@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:ross.haddow@ci.stpaul.mn.us).

Respectfully,

Ross Haddow  
DSI Inspector III

Properties For License 2516 7TH ST W



Licensee: RAS ETHIOPIAN BAR & RESTAURANT LLC  
 DBA: RAS RESTAURANT & LOUNGE

License	Licensee	Lic. Types	Insurance	Bond	Requirements
Licensee Name:	RAS ETHIOPIAN BAR & RESTAURANT LLC				Browse
DBA:	RAS RESTAURANT & LOUNGE				
Sales Tax Id:	*****	Non-Profit:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Worker's Comp:	08/14/2022
AA Contract Rec'd:	00/00/0000	AA Training Rec'd:	00/00/0000		
AA Fee Collected:	00/00/0000	Discount Rec'd:	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Other Agency Licenses				Financial Hold Reasons		
Other Licensing Agency Name / License Type	License #	Expiration	Reason	Active	Date	
State of Minnesota / Optional 2AM Closing Lice	29728	01/01/2022				

Contacts for this Licensee						Mail License To:
Last Name	First Name	Title	Bus. Phone	Home Phone	Contact Address	<input type="radio"/> Mail To Contact <input type="radio"/> License Address
AMDE	ZINASH	BUSINESS ADI	(651) 698-6407	(651) 278-0383	2516 7TH ST W	
BEDASSO	DJ	MANAGER	(651) 698-6407		8350 SAVANNA O,	
AMDE	ZINASH	MAILING ADDF	(651) 698-6407	(651) 578-0152	4139 BENJAMINE C	
AMDE	ZINASH	FORMER MAIL	(651) 698-6407	(651) 578-0152	80 S 8TH ST STE 9	

Background Check Required  Contact Properties...

License # 10000062 Save Changes to History  OK Cancel Help

Properties For License 2516 7TH ST W



Licensee: RAS ETHIOPIAN BAR & RESTAURANT LLC  
 DBA: RAS RESTAURANT & LOUNGE

License	Licensee	Lic. Types	Insurance	Bond	Requirements
Licensee Name:	RAS ETHIOPIAN BAR & RESTAURANT LLC				Browse
DBA:	RAS RESTAURANT & LOUNGE				
Sales Tax Id:	*****	Non-Profit:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Worker's Comp:	08/14/2022
AA Contract Rec'd:	00/00/0000	AA Training Rec'd:	00/00/0000		
AA Fee Collected:	00/00/0000	Discount Rec'd:	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Other Agency Licenses				Financial Hold Reasons		
Other Licensing Agency Name / License Type	License #	Expiration	Reason	Active	Date	
State of Minnesota / Optional 2AM Closing Lice	29728	01/01/2022				

Contacts for this Licensee						Mail License To:
Contact Address	City	Zip	DOB	Last Check		<input type="radio"/> Mail To Contact <input type="radio"/> License Address
2516 7TH ST W	ST PAUL	55116	03/09/1965	00/00/0000	J871	
8350 SAVANNA OAKS LANE	WOODBURY	55125	10/21/1964	00/00/0000		
4139 BENJAMINE DRIVE	WOODBURY	55129	03/09/1965	00/00/0000	J871	
80 S 8TH ST STE 900	MINNEAPOLIS	55402	03/09/1965	00/00/0000	J871	

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# STAMP - Ownership / Zoning Information

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**Run Date:** 01/14/22 01:54 PM

**House#:**

**Last updated from Ramsey County data on:**

**Street Name:**

Click on "Other Application" links below to access GISmo, MapIT, and Ramsey County Info

2516 7th St W - Starting Gate Pub - 55116-2817 - [Other Applications](#)

**PIN: 212823140003**

**Census Tract:** 37602 **Census Block:** 3005

**Council Ward:** 3 **District Council:** 15

**Year Built:**

**Foundation Sq Feet:** **Loan Company:**

**Land**

**Building**

**Value:** 228000

**Value:** 272000

**Existing Primary Use:** C- **Legality of Use:**  
Restaurant/Bar

**Occupancy**  
**Group**  
**Type:** A-2

**Units:** 0

**Zoning:** T3

**Legal Desc:** SNELLING OUT LOTS SUBJ TO ST LOT 8

**Owner:**

Ras Ethiopian Bar And Restaurant Llc  
2516 7th St W  
St Paul MN 55116-2817  
651-278-0383

**Certificate of Occupancy Responsible Party:**

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Licensee: RAS ETHIOPIAN BAR &amp; RESTAURANT LLC

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License #: 20100000062

07/13/2021 Delinquent letter sent for 2nd half. Response deadline date August 3, 2021. SLH  
04/12/2021 \$600.00 fine paid. LKK  
02/09/2021 Ltr. sent renewal invoice incorrectly had a 2nd 25% reduction of \$1,437. Total renewal fees owed are \$8,075 (not \$4,638 as orig. invoice) with 2nd half amount owed now \$3,488. JWF  
1/5/2021 Sent to the CAO for AA \$500 fine JNV  
12/30/2020 Check was short. Paid 1st half liquor fee, but needs to pay supporting license fees. LAB  
11/18/2020 Reinspection completed. Property still in violation. Cars are parked on the back parcel and there are sno barriers up. RJH  
11/05/2020 Dlnqt. 2nd half 2020 liq. letter sent, response date 11/28/2020. JWF  
08/03/2020 COVID 90-day liq. 2nd half invoice mailed payment due date 10/03/2020. JWF  
3/10/2020 Upon inspection found 4 cars in violation of licensee site plan. No fence and trash on the premise. ARM  
1/15/2020 Letter sent requesting Site Plan Review application be submitted no later than 1/24/2020 or Adverse Action may be taken. RJH  
10/30/2019 Received \$600 fine payment for first violation of not providing video upon request. MN  
8/14/19 To CAO for adverse action violation of conditions. KS  
8/6/19 Recd. email from Dee Jay that he got the 8/2/19 letter but he was not able to provide the video. Explained that I had sent a new letter and 9/12/19 date to respond.KS  
8/6/19 New letter sent requesting video.Home address for licensee came back.Given until 8/12/19 to respond.KS  
7/30/19Letter sent requesting video for CN 19160830.Given to 8/6/19.KS  
04/06/2018 \$500.00 fine payment received. LKK  
03/07/2018 CF #18-306 \$500 matrix penalty (due w/in 30 days) for viol. of cond. # 11 & 12. JWF  
2/8/18 To CAO for adverse action condition violation of Cond. 11 & 12.KS  
2/1/18 KS and Sgt. Starway made a pre-superbowl inspection and noticed several condition violations, brought those violations to the attention of the license manager DJ. He indicated he would correct them. On 2/2/18 and 2/3/18 4am inspection there had been no movement of any of the abandon vehicals and the parking lot and separate parcel were completely parked up and in violation on Cond. 11 & 12.KS  
05/17/2017 Orders issued renew State 2AM lic., response date 05/30/2017. JWF  
11/23/2016 Gambling Control Board site number 008 effective for 12/1/16 per Kim Larsson Licensing Specialist. TPF  
11/22/2016 City endorsed LG214 emailed to GCB & org for UNICO to conduct charitable gambling at establishment. TPF  
11/09/2016 CF #16-1884 approves Gam. Loc. lic. JWF  
10/03/2016 Per EM from Tom Ferrara to Nhia Vang no need to renotify for pending Gam. Loc. lic. if organization changes before lic. issuance. Needs CC approval based on LH recommendation. App. on hold pending review of CC, 11/02/2016 rok. JWF  
08/04/2016 Leg. hearing results/recommendation on hold pending further review and investigation by Leg. Hearing Officer. 10/04/2016 rok. (gray file) JWF  
07/29/2016 Orders issued repair fence and remove debris, response date 08/28/2016. JWF  
07/27/2016 Site inspection observed violation of lic. cond. #10 & 11 (debris under deck, and req. fence around dumpster in disrepair). KS-EH/jwf  
07/21/2016 Objection to Gamb. loc. lic. notification, LH scheduled for 08/04/2016 @ 2:00 p.m. JWF  
06/03/2016 License notification sent to add Gambling Location license, 19M/35EM, response date 06/24/2016. JWF  
01/20/2016 State form in cart file for KS. rd.  
01/13/2016 Still need worker's Comp form- sent letter. rd.  
12/31/2015 Sent email asking for a copy of the company's Worker's Comp Form for the year. rd.  
12/01/2015 Orders issued renew State 2AM lic., response date 12/14/2015. JWF  
07/27/2015 Received \$1,000 fine for violation. MN  
7/18/15 supp. report from Sgt. Graupman to CAO.KS  
7/14/2015 - Given to CAO for adverse action. Licensee refused to provide SPPD with access to video in relation to an assault that took place on the licensed premises on 7/9/2015. DSI will recommend a \$1,000 fine and licensee needs to upgrade cameras with approval from SPPD within 30 days. JAK  
12/04/2014 Recvd \$1500 for fine. AMW  
11/12/2014 Council file #14-1984 adopts Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, & Recommendation of the Admin. Law Judge imposing a \$1,500 penalty against all licenses. JWF  
10/15/14 CC hearing CF 14-15 KS  
08/29/14 Recd. ALJ reportKS  
08/25/14 ALJ hearing held KS  
06/23 OAH hearing set for 08/25/14 Judge Barbara NeilsonKS  
06/10/14 DN checking with video comp. on when notified by customer that video not working.KS  
06/03/14 hold on hearing DSI to investigate video issueKS  
05/27/14 Letter recd back from SSPS on letter sent to establishment "return to sender not deliverable"KS  
05/22/14 letter recd. from licensee disputing the facts and requesting a hearing.KS  
05/14/14 Form A Sent with 5/23/14 to respond.KS  
04/28/14 To COA for adversed action multiple violation \$1500.00 fine.KS/DN  
04/29/14 Letters sent to revise conditions returned from both bar and home address resent to PO Box with request for legal home address.KS  
04/28/14 Inspection indicated a violation of cond. 10,11 and 12.pictures taken. KS  
4/25/14 letter sent revising condition to include security on Thur.nights given until May 12,2014 to respond KS  
4/8/14 SPPD request video in connection with CN14068943.Not available for few days. His wife would have to make it.KS  
03/25/2014 Recvd \$500 fine paymnt. NH  
03/03/014 Letter of Imposition of Fine mailed. \$500.00 Fine due 3/21/2014. KKO  
02/19/2014 Council file #14-254 imposes \$500 matrix penalty for failure to provide video surveillance recording (violation of license condition #1). JWF  
1/30/14 No response from licensee.KS  
1/14/14 Notice of violation sent by CAO with a 1/24/14 date to respond.KS  
1/8/14 To CAO for adverse action.KS  
1/8/14 No response to letter requesting video KS  
12/30/13 letter requesting video for 12/28/13 from 11pm to close sent with deadline to respond of 1/8/14 KS  
12/20/2013 Recvd rpt. from AGED showing payment for two years (7/8/2012 to 7/8/2014) 2AM renewal at AGED. Recvd. payment for City 2AM renewal for same period of time. Will process City 2AM for issuance once State issues their 2AM license. Entertainment B license approved for issuance with a request sent for modification of \$238 fee balance owed by applying previous payment of \$238 Ent. A license fee towards balance owed on Ent. B license. JWF  
12/18/2013 Council file #13-2003 approved Entertainment B license with 12 conditions. JWF  
12/04/2013 Per Nhia Vand's office. Leg. Hearing Officer. no objections to license notification for addition of Ent. B lic. File to CAR for CC resolution. JWF

Licensee: RAS ETHIOPIAN BAR &amp; RESTAURANT LLC

DBA: RAS RESTAURANT &amp; LOUNGE

License #: 20100000062

12/03/2013 Per site inspection veh. barriers and signage installed. JWF  
 10/29/2013 Orders issued comply with site plan and new lic. cond. #12 (install veh. barrier to prevent access to property in rear, and HC parking signage), response date 11/08/2013. JWF  
 10/28/2013 Rcvd. signed revised lic. cond. affidavit. JWF  
 10/16/2013 License notification sent to add Entertainment B license, 24M/35EM, response date 11/29/2013. JWF  
 10/09/2013 Verified petition of support obtained 9 out of 11 possible signatures (82% support). Received business plan and floor plan. JWF  
 10/08/2013 Rcvd. petition of support. Told need business plan and floor plan showing entertainment location to continue processing application, and to comply with zoning site plan. JWF  
 09/24/2013 Reviewed petition form and list of property owners over counter. Recheck 10/15/2013. JWF  
 09/24/2013 Rcvd \$500.00 for fine. AMW  
 09/23/2013 Met with licensee regarding entertainment issue (Kris Schweinler and Christine Rozek present). Explained they do not have any entertainment license at this time, and cannot provide entertainment. Reviewed requirements for obtaining Entertainment B license. Licensee stated they will attempt to obtain petition of support and apply for an Entertainment B license. Current pending Entertainment A license application on hold pending outcome of petition of support attempt. JWF  
 09/12/2013 Notice of violation sent by CAO given until 09/23/13 to respond. CAR  
 09/04/2013 To CAO for adverse action. \$500 matrix penalty for violating a license condition (310.05(m)(1)). CAR  
 08/23/2013 In response to a flyer advertising entertainment at Ras, the SPPD did a proactive visit on the evening of August 23 at the request of DSI. Ras was providing entertainment, a violation of license condition #1. Police officers wrote CN13180869. CAR  
 08/30/2013 Orders issued to make corrections to site improvements to bring property into compliance with the approved site plan dated 02/27/2013 and license condition #2, response date for compliance is 09/27/2013. JWF  
 08/29/2013 Per site inspection by Mike Palm (building inspector) and Corinne Tiley (DSI Zoning) site not in accordance with approved site plan. JWF  
 08/28/2013 New building permit (#13-228115) obtained by different contractor to make improvements to parking lot. JWF  
 04/30/2013 Obtained building permit #13-179583 to make improvements to parking lot. JWF  
 04/02/2013 Parking variance approved. Need to complete site plan improvements to comply with license condition #2 (NOTE: the number of required off-street parking spaces that must be provided has been reduced to twenty (20) provided improvements are made in compliance with the approved site plan dated 02/27/2013. This is a requirement that must be complied with to maintain the liquor on sale license to close after 12:00 a.m. midnight). JWF  
 02/27/2013 Obtained DSI Zoning Section site plan approval of parking lot. Applied for Zoning Parking Variance with hearing scheduled 03/18/2013. JWF  
 01/26/2013 Per email from Corinne Tiley, DSI Zoning Section, have submitted site plan and are working towards resolving issues found on plan. Recheck in 15 days. JWF  
 12/28/2012 Orders issued apply for site plan review by 01/25/2013 (including submission of a site plan). No fee required for site plan r

**Adverse Action Comments Text**

Licensee: RAS ETHIOPIAN BAR &amp; RESTAURANT LLC

DBA: RAS RESTAURANT &amp; LOUNGE

License #: 20100000062

03/08/2021 Notice of Council Hearing for 03/10/2021 sent out. SM  
 2/3/2021- Notice of Violation sent with an 02/17/2021 deadline to respond. SM  
 10/16/2019- Notice of Violation sent with an 10/29/2019 deadline to respond. SM  
 2/27/2018 - Entered resolution and attachments into Legistar (RES #18-396) for 3/7/2018 Consent Agenda. JAK  
 2/9/2018 - Sent Notice of Violation with a 2/19/2018 deadline to respond. JAK  
 7/16/2015 - Sent Notice of Violation with a 7/27/2015 deadline to respond. JAK  
 11/14/2013 Entertainment (A) license never issued. LAB

Licensee: RAS ETHIOPIAN BAR & RESTAURANT LLC

DBA: RAS RESTAURANT & LOUNGE

License #: 2010000062

1. The licensee shall provide and maintain working video surveillance cameras and recorders on the premises (both inside and outside) in accordance with Saint Paul Police Department (SPPD) recommendations. The number of cameras, their placement and their quality must be approved by SPPD; and there shall be adequate lighting to support the camera placement. This equipment must be in operation during all business hours. Tapes/recordings must be maintained for a minimum of thirty (30) days, and there shall be an employee on-staff at all times with the ability to make them immediately available to the SPPD and/or the Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) upon request. Video surveillance equipment shall be installed prior to the issuance of any license(s).
2. The licensee shall provide an adequate security staff from 9:30 p.m. until 2:30 a.m. (or until all customers/patrons have left the premises, including the parking lot area) every Friday and Saturday night to ensure a safe and secure environment for the public and their employees. Security personnel are in addition to bartenders, servers, and cooks (staff assigned to these duties are not considered part of the security staff), and shall wear clothing that clearly identifies them as security. The licensee and security staff shall be responsible for monitoring both the interior and exterior of the premises, and shall patrol the parking lot area on a regular basis.
3. Last call shall be given no later than 1:30 a.m., and the licensee shall ensure that all patrons have left the premises (including the parking lot area) no later than 2:30 a.m.
4. The license holder or security shall immediately notify police of any individuals engaging in unlawful behavior or suspected unlawful behavior.
5. The food and beverage (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic) service to the patio must stop at 10:00 PM each night of the week. Patrons will be allowed to smoke on the patio until 2:00 AM.
6. The licensee shall post signs in Ethiopian and English in their restaurant and on Sibley Manor property to communicate to their customers that there shall be no parking on Sibley Manor property.
7. The licensee shall keep all windows and doors closed whenever entertainment is provided.
8. No audible entertainment may be provided outside the establishment (e.g., the patio seating area).
9. The licensee shall contract for weekly trash service.
10. The license holder shall make sure that all refuse and trash that is on the premises and/or surrounding sidewalk is removed from the licensed premises, and the surrounding sidewalk by noon on a daily basis.
11. Licensee agrees to maintain the off-street plan on file with the Department of Safety and Inspections dated 02/27/2013. This includes maintaining the striping of the parking lot, compact and handicap parking space signage, vehicle curb-stop parking barriers, trash container fencing, and bike rack.
12. Licensee agrees to maintain a barrier sufficient to prevent customer and/or employee vehicles from parking and/or driving on the separate parcel of vacant land with property identification number 212823140004 (located immediately behind this property). The current approved barrier is the curb-stop parking barriers as shown on the approved site plan on file with DSI dated 02/27/2013. Further, licensee agrees to obtain prior written site plan approval from DSI, and to make all necessary improvements to this vacant parcel of land as required under this approval process, before using this property in any manner (e.g., parking of customer and/or employee vehicles, allowing access to this vacant parcel of land from their property, placement of trash/recycling containers, etc.).



All pictures show a violation of Conditions 11 and 12.

The off-street parking plan that is on file is not being followed. The back portion of the parking lot, starting at the dumpsters and going back to the line of cars parked against the fence is a different parcel number and there should be curb stops or some other barrier in place so that no vehicles can park there.

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