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Dear Resident and/or Neighborhood Organization:

The Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) has received an application for a business license in your area. You are being notified because this request requires neighborhood notification.

Details regarding this matter are given on the reverse side of this letter. You will have 15 days from the date this notice was mailed to submit comments either in support of or objection to issuance of the license(s). The response deadline is given on the reverse side of this document. Any comments involving the application as described on the reverse side, **should be submitted (with your telephone number) in writing to:**

Legislative Hearing Officer  
310 City Hall  
15 West Kellogg Blvd.  
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Or email to: [LH-Licensing@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:LH-Licensing@ci.stpaul.mn.us)

A legislative hearing to review this application will be scheduled before a Legislative Hearing Officer. Anyone submitting comments will receive notice of the time, place and date of the scheduled hearing. At that hearing, the Legislative Hearing Officer will take testimony from all interested persons. At the end of this hearing, the Legislative Hearing Officer will make a recommendation to the City Council as to whether the license request should be approved or be referred to an administrative law judge for further review. The City Council will have the final authority to grant or deny the license.

**If you have any questions regarding this matter,** please contact DSI Inspector Ross Haddow or Jeff Fischbach at 651-266-8989.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JF".

Jeff Fischbach  
DSI Inspector III

## LICENSE APPLICATION NOTIFICATION

License Number: 20230000453  
Application for: Liquor On Sale - 291 or more Seats, Liquor On Sale – Sunday, Liquor-Outdoor Service Area (Patio), Entertainment (B) and Gambling Location  
License at: 857 Grand Ave  
Licensee: DWD Group LLC, doing business as Gather Eatery & Bar  
Wesley Spearman, owner, 651-292-9140

### Recommended License Conditions:

1. Wait staff, security and/or managers will check government-issued photo identification to ensure that customers/patrons under the age of 21 will not be served or consume alcohol.
2. Per Fire Inspection Certificate of Occupancy requirements, total occupancy limit is 297. Any addition of billiard tables or other table games will require license holder to notify the Department of Safety and Inspections for reassessment of the total occupancy limit.
3. Licensee will create a video surveillance camera and lighting placement plan (video surveillance plan) for the interior and exterior of the licensed premises. Licensee will submit the video surveillance plan to the Saint Paul Police Department (SPPD) liaison with the Department of Safety and Inspection (DSI) for review and approval. In accordance with the approved video surveillance plan, licensee will ensure that video surveillance camera system is in good working order, ensure it is recording 24 hours per day, ensure it can produce recorded surveillance video in a commonly used, up-to-date format, and ensure that accurate date and time of day are visible on all recorded video. Licensee will retain surveillance video for a minimum of thirty (30) days. If an incident is deemed serious by SPPD, licensee shall make surveillance video immediately available for viewing by SPPD. If a copy of the surveillance video for a serious incident is requested by SPPD, Licensee shall have the technology, materials and staff available to immediately make the copy. In all other cases, licensee shall provide a copy of the surveillance video to the requestor within 48 hours.
4. License holder shall retain clearly identifiable and appropriately trained security personnel. Clearly identifiable security personnel shall mean a uniform or marked outerwear. Security personnel staffing shall be sufficient to manage each entrance/exit of the licensed liquor service area(s) as well as conduct roving security to appropriately address minor conflicts to prevent escalation. Security personnel shall start at 10:00 p.m. during any day of operation and shall remain until the establishment has closed and all patrons have left the licensed property and parking lot.
5. Security and/or staff will conduct outside sweeps of the building and parking lot at least twice an hour to disperse and discourage loitering from 10:00 p.m. during any day of operation until closing and shall remain at the licensed premises until all patrons have left the property/parking lot. All customers/patrons must be off the property/parking lot within 15 minutes after closing time.
6. License Holder shall ensure no alcoholic beverages leave the licensed liquor service area(s).
7. Whenever the establishment is open past 11:00 p.m. no patrons shall be admitted into the establishment 30 minutes prior to closing time. Last call will be given 30 minutes prior to closing time.
8. License holder understands that Saint Paul Legislative Code sets presumptive penalties for violations under which the City Council could consider adverse action and while these penalties are presumed to be appropriate, the City Council may deviate from the presumptive penalties when City Council finds and determines that there exist substantial and compelling reasons for upward departure. License holder acknowledges that past adverse actions under which the Licensee was managing the Licensed Premises may be considered as a basis for upward departure if new violations occur in the future.
9. License holder will ensure all amplified music and all other establishment generated sounds and/or noises are compliant with all pertinent Saint Paul Legislative Code and Minnesota Statutes.

### Deadline for Response Date: Friday, May 19, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

If you have any comments on the license application, you must respond in writing by Friday, May 19, 2023 to:

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310 City Hall  
15 West Kellogg Blvd.  
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Or email to: [LH-Licensing@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:LH-Licensing@ci.stpaul.mn.us)

If you have any questions, please contact DSI Inspectors Ross Haddow or Jeff Fischbach at 651-266-91899.  
Notice Mailed: Thursday, May 4, 2023

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May 4, 2023

DWD Group LLC  
Attn: Wesley Spearman  
204 N McCarrons Blvd  
Roseville MN 55113

RE: License Application for DWD Group LLC, doing business as Gather Eatery & Bar, ID # 20230000453,  
Located at 857 Grand Ave / **Liquor On Sale - 291 or more Seats, Liquor On Sale – Sunday, Liquor-  
Outdoor Service Area (Patio), Entertainment (B) and Gambling Location**

Dear Applicant:

Our review of your application for a license is in process. Notification has been sent to owners and occupants of nearby properties, community organizations and other interested parties giving them until **Friday, May 19, 2023** to submit comment on your application.

Per City Council Resolution #23-417 (see enclosed copy), a legislative hearing will be scheduled sometime after the date referenced above to review this application. You will receive notice of the time, place and date of the scheduled hearing from the Legislative Hearing Officer. At that hearing, the hearing officer will take testimony from all interested persons and will make a recommendation to the City Council as to whether the license(s) should be approved or be referred to an administrative law judge for further review. The City Council will have the final authority to approve or deny your license application.

Your license will be issued once City Council has approved you application and you have satisfied all applicable requirements. **Requirements including the following must be met prior to license issuance:**

- Provide proof of having obtained a restaurant license from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), who may be contacted at 651-201-4500 for information on their licensing process.
- Contact DSI License Inspector Ross Haddow at 651-266-9143 to schedule the required on-site review of DSI's Liquor License Manual.
- Contact Charles Graupman, Saint Paul Police Department (SPPD), at 651-266-5733 to obtain inspection approval of your security camera/lighting/recording system.

If you have any questions, please contact DSI Inspector Ross Haddow at 651-266-9143 or Jeff Fischbach at 651-266-9106.

Sincerely,

Jeff Fischbach  
DSI Licensing Division  
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**Disclaimer: This letter is not an indication that your application will be granted. This letter is intended simply as notice of the ongoing process of your pending application.**