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Legislative Hearing Officer
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RE: 1091 Rice Street: TK Inspiration Inc DBA Tracks Bar & Grill-Doa Hoang co-owner: License application for Liquor On Sale – 100 seats or less, Liquor On Sale – Sunday, Liquor On Sale - 2 AM Closing, Liquor Outdoor Service Area (Patio), Entertainment (A), Gambling Location Cigarette/Tobacco

The applicant attended the March 27, 2018 Land Use and Housing committee meeting and discussed the proposed license conditions. The applicant expressed concern regarding two current conditions and the committee has recommended modifications:

Current condition #2: *Licensed, bonded and clearly identified uniformed security personnel shall be assigned to each entrance starting at 10PM on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays or whenever entertainment is provided. Security shall remain until all patrons have left the premises.*

Modified condition #2: **Clearly identified uniformed security personnel shall be assigned to each entrance starting at 10PM on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays or whenever entertainment is provided. Security shall remain until all patrons have left the premises.**

Current condition #3: *Security shall wand (using metal detector) each patron and check all handbags and packages carried by patrons. Security shall verify the age of patrons by checking state or federally issued identification cards. (no picture I.D. no entrance) Customers re-entering the establishment shall be subject to the same security measures as customers entering the establishment for the first time.*

Modified condition #3: Remove condition #3 from the license

Current condition #4 *Last call will be given no later than 1:30 AM. License holder shall not allow new patrons to enter the establishment after 1:30 AM., consumption of alcohol to be discontinued before 2:00 AM. The establishment will be closed and all patrons and staff gone by 2:30 AM from the premises (including patio and parking lot areas.)*

Modified condition #4 Last call will be given no later than 12:30 AM. License holder shall not allow new patrons to enter the establishment after 12:30 AM., consumption of alcohol to be discontinued before 1:00 AM. The establishment will be closed and all patrons and staff gone by 1:30 AM from the premises (including patio and parking lot areas.)

Current condition #5: *The food and beverage service to the patio must stop at 10:00PM each night of the week. Patrons will be allowed to smoke on the patio until 2:00 AM*

Modified condition #5: The food and beverage service to the patio must stop at 10:00PM each night of the week. Patrons will be allowed to smoke on the patio until 1:00 AM

The committee recommends denial of the license with the proposed conditions set forth by the Department of Safety and Inspections and recommends the issuance of a license with the suggested modifications. Tracks and the current owner will be held to higher standards than other liquor on sale establishments that operate in the North End. The location of a businesses should not automatically impose conditions of a previous license holder when a new owner has purchased the business, made improvements and plans to open a restaurant instead of having a bar without a restaurant.

Thank-you for your consideration of the recommendation.

Regards,

Rich Holst

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Board Chair

Cc: Ward 5