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RE: Lamplighter Lounge License Conditions

In February 2019 the North End Neighborhood Organization sent the Department of Safety and Inspections a letter requesting that conditions be put on the license held by the Lamplighter Lounge located at 160 Maryland Avenue (letter attached).

The North End Neighborhood Organization supports DSI imposing the following conditions on the license held:

- 1) The licensee shall employ properly trained and clearly identified security personnel who will be on duty starting at 9:00 p.m. any day the business is open and remain until all patrons have left the licensed premises and associated parking lot. Clearly identifiable shall mean a uniform or marked outerwear.
- 2) Security personnel shall ID and wand (or use other Saint Paul Police Department (SPPD) approved metal detection device) each patron and check all handbags and packages carried by patrons. This includes patrons re-entering and/or returning to the establishment.
- 3) Security personnel shall conduct outside sweeps of the building and associated parking lot at least twice per hour to disperse and discourage loitering in the parking lot adjacent to the licensed establishment.
- 4) The licensee shall create and maintain working video surveillance camera and lighting placement plan (video surveillance plan) inside and outside of licensed establishment, including coverage of associated parking lot. Licensee will submit the video surveillance plan to the SPPD liaison with the Department of Safety and Inspections for review and approval. In accordance with the approved video surveillance plan, licensee will ensure that video surveillance system is in good working order, ensure it can produce recorded surveillance video in a commonly used, up-to-date portable format, and ensure that accurate date and time of day are continuously

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.

We would recommend condition 1 which currently reads; *“the licensee shall employ properly trained and clearly identified security personnel who will be on duty starting at 9:00 p.m. any day the business is open and remain until all patrons have left the licensed premises and associated parking lot. Clearly identifiable shall mean a uniform or marked outerwear”* be modified to:

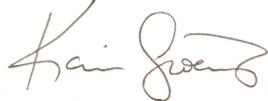
The licensee shall employ properly *licensed*, trained, and clearly identified security personnel who will be on duty starting at 9:00 p.m. any day the business is open and remain until all patrons have left the licensed premises and associated parking lot. Clearly identifiable shall mean a uniform or marked outerwear.

The business has operated in an unacceptable manner. Since 2018 there have been 729 recorded police visits with 562 classified as proactive police visits. We understand proactive police visits are due to complaints regarding the business and officers are directed to visit the establishment. This volume of police calls is unacceptable for any business especially one adjacent to residential areas. Because of the sheer volume of recorded police visits we request the business be required to employ licensed security personnel.

It is hard to believe that DSI is unable to impose conditions on a business tied to multiple homicides and other violent activity that decreases the livability and health of our neighborhood. We are of the opinion that the problems and violence in that area of the North End are directly due to the fact that business is there.

Thank-you for your consideration and if you have questions please contact the office.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karin Groening', written in a cursive style.

Karin Groening  
Board Chair

Included: 2019 Letter

Cc: Ward 5