



CITY OF SAINT PAUL

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Dear Resident and/or Neighborhood Organization:

The Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) has received an application for a license for a business 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 45 days from the date this notice was mailed to express any objections. The response deadline is given on the reverse side of this document. If you have any objections to the application as described on the reverse side, **please send your objection(s) (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

If objections are received, a hearing will be scheduled before a legislative hearing officer. If you have sent in an objection, you 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 Ross Haddow, DSI Inspector III, at 651-266-8989, or me at 651-266-9106.

Sincerely,

Jeff Fischbach
DSI Inspector III

NOTE: Due to the COVID-19 health pandemic it may not be practical, prudent and/or feasible to have an in-person hearing as described above in this letter. If you have responded to this letter you would be informed of any modifications to the hearing process and advised of any alternative methods for you to participate in such hearing.

LICENSE APPLICATION NOTIFICATION

License Number: 20210000176
Application for: Liquor On Sale - 100 seats or less, Liquor On Sale – Sunday, and Entertainment (A)
License at: 879 Rice St
Licensee: Sachoua & Houa LLC, doing business as Smokin Ninjas
Sachoua Vang, co-owner, 651-335-5453

Recommended License Conditions:

1. The liquor service area is restricted to the first floor only. No service, sale, and/or consumption of liquor is permitted on the second floor area.
2. The licensee agrees to obtain prior written approval from the Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) before any occupancy and/or use of the second floor is established.
3. The second floor area shall not be used for the storage of any type materials and/or items which may commonly be associated with the operation of a business. This includes, but is not limited to tables, chairs, furniture, etc.
4. The interior door between the first and second floor must remain locked/secured at all times the establishment is open to the public to prevent use of the second floor.
5. The licensee shall maintain a lease for exclusive use of the parking spaces on the parcels of land with property identification numbers 252923410133, 252923410152, and 252923410151 at all times the business is in operation.
6. 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.

Deadline for Response Date: Friday, April 30, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

If you have any objections to the license application, you must respond in writing by Friday, April 30, 2021 to:

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

Or email to: LH-Licensing@ci.stpaul.mn.us

If you have any questions, please contact DSI Inspectors Ross Haddow or Jeff Fischbach at 651-266-8989.

Notice Mailed: Tuesday, March 16, 2021



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March 16, 2021

Smokin Ninjas
Attn: Sachoua Vang
1841 Kennard St
Maplewood MN 55109

RE: License Application for Sachoua & Houa LLC, doing business as Smokin Ninjas, ID # 20210000176, Located at 879 Rice St / **Liquor On Sale - 100 seats or less, Liquor On Sale – Sunday, and Entertainment (A)**

Dear Applicant:

Our review of your application for a license is in process. Notification has been sent to the community organization and neighbors for the area in which you intend to operate giving them until **Friday, April 30, 2021** to voice concerns to your application. Enclosed find an affidavit listing conditions DSI recommends be placed on this license. If you accept these conditions, please sign and return the affidavit. If you want to oppose placement of any of the conditions on the license, or have any questions, please contact DSI at one of the numbers referenced below so that we may explain your options.

If no objections are received, and you have returned a signed affidavit, your license will be forwarded to the City Council for review and if approved by Council could then be issued (pending any requirements not completely met). If objections are received a hearing will be scheduled before a legislative hearing officer. 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 grant or deny this license application.

Requirements including the following must be met prior to the issuance of your licenses:

- Sign and return one copy of the enclosed license condition affidavit acknowledging the conditions that will be placed on your license(s). A return envelope has been included for your convenience.
- 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 about their licensing process if you have not already done so.
- Contact Rob Stanway, Saint Paul Police Department (SPPD), at 651-266-9065 to obtain approval of your security camera/lighting/recording system. Actions including the following will be necessary to obtain this approval:
 - Prepare and submit for SPPD review a video surveillance camera and lighting placement plan (video surveillance plan) covering the interior and exterior of the premises.
 - Obtain approval of the video surveillance plan from SPPD.
 - Schedule and obtain SPPD inspection approval of the installation of the video surveillance plan and recording equipment.
- Contact DSI Inspector Ross Haddow at 651-266-9143 to schedule the required in-house review of DSI's Liquor License Manual.

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

Sincerely,

Jeff Fischbach
DSI Inspector
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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.