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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 15 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](mailto: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

## LICENSE APPLICATION NOTIFICATION

License Number: 20240000267

Application for: Liquor On Sale - 101-180 Seats, Liquor On Sale – Sunday, Entertainment (B) and Gambling Location

License at: 1625 University Ave W

Licensee: Dilla Sport Bar And Restaurant Inc, doing business as same  
Beku Tufa, owner, 612-298-3803

### Recommended License Conditions:

1. Licensee agrees to operate the establishment in compliance with Section 409.02 of the City of Saint Paul Legislative Code as a “Restaurant”.
2. Licensee agrees to close the establishment at 12:00 a.m. midnight. All patron/customers shall vacate the premises by 12:30 a.m. each day of the week as per Section 409.02 of the City of Saint Paul Legislative Code.

**Deadline for Response Date: Friday, May 24, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.**

If you have any comments on the license application, you must respond in writing by Friday, May 24, 2024 to:

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310 City Hall  
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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 Tom Ferrara or Jeff Fischbach at 651-266-8989.

Notice Mailed: Thursday, May 9, 2024



May 9, 2024

Dilla Sport Bar And Restaurant  
Attn: Beku Tufa  
1625 University Ave W  
St Paul MN 55104

RE: License Application for Dilla Sport Bar And Restaurant Inc, doing business as same, ID # 20240000267, Located at 1625 University Ave W / **Liquor On Sale - 101-180 Seats, Liquor On Sale – Sunday, 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 24, 2024** to submit comment on your application. If no objections are received, and you have returned a signed condition affidavit if applicable, a recommendation for approval of your license(s) will be placed on the City Council consent agenda.

If objections are received a legislative hearing will be scheduled. 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:**

- 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 on their licensing process.
- Contact DSI License Inspector Tom Ferrara at 651-266-9087 to schedule the required on-site review of DSI's Liquor License Manual.
- Obtain all necessary building and/or trade permits for construction work associated with the establishment of the use, and all required inspection approval(s) related to these permit(s). Only licensed trade contractors authorized to perform work in that trade (e.g., plumbing, electrical, ventilation, etc.) may obtain permit(s) and/or perform work in such trade.
- Contact DSI Plan Examiner Kari Hilleson at 651-266-9074 / [kari.hilleson@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:kari.hilleson@ci.stpaul.mn.us) to review the difference between the plans submitted with Building Permits #2021-302979 / #2023-093655 and the plans submitted with your License Application. The License Application showed ninety-nine (99) seats and your Building Permits showed ten (10). This discrepancy will need to be addressed in accordance with applicable code discipline requirements.

If you have any questions, please contact DSI Inspector Tom Ferrara at 651-266-9087 or me 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.**