

# COUNCIL COPY

## PURCHASING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

11-0177R

RESOLUTION ISSUING AN ON SALE 3.2 PERCENT MALT LIQUOR LICENSE AND APPROVING ISSUANCE OF AN ON SALE WINE LICENSE TO VITTA PIZZA, INC. (VITTA PIZZA), 307 CANAL PARK DRIVE.

### CITY PROPOSAL:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the city council of the city of Duluth hereby issues the following 3.2 percent malt liquor license for the period beginning May 1, 2011, and ending April 30, 2012, and approves issuance of the following on sale wine license for the period ending August 31, 2011, subject to departmental approvals and further subject to approval of the liquor control commissioner:

Vitta Pizza, Inc. (Vitta Pizza), 307 Canal Park Drive, license premises main floor and front and rear patios, with Bradley Erickson, president and 50 percent stockholder and Christie Erickson, treasurer and 50 percent stockholder.

Approved as to form:

  
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Attorney

CLERK JJC:mso 4/1/2011

Alcohol, Gambling and Tobacco Commission discussion: 4/6/11

**VITTA PIZZA, INC. (VITTA PIZZA), 307 CANAL PARK DRIVE**, - APPLICATION FOR AN ON SALE WINE LICENSE AND ON SALE 3.2 PERCENT MALT LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 31, 2011, AND BEGINNING MAY 1, 2011, AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2012, RESPECTIVELY, WITH BRADLEY ERICKSON, PRESIDENT AND 50% STOCKHOLDER, AND CHRISTIE ERICKSON, TREASURER, AND 50% STOCKHOLDER.

Brad and Christie Erickson were present on behalf of the application. Mr. Erickson explained that they are opening a neapolitan pizza place in Canal Park and hope to be open by May 1<sup>st</sup>. He continued saying that they will be serving wood fire pizza and would like to serve wine and beer license. To questioning from the commission, Mr. Erickson replied he has been a general manager of other restaurants in Duluth and is familiar with the rules and regulations of selling alcohol. He also stated that he will be putting his staff through alcohol service training and will also have video monitors in his restaurant to monitor the activity. To further questioning, Mr. Erickson explained that he wants to have two outside areas for seating, one on the front sidewalk and one in the back of the restaurant. He further stated he has made application to the planning office to use the front sidewalk as it is public space and will require a permit from that office too. The clerk stated that Officer Vang has approved the application that would include the outside patios, but that there is a concern that the front area does not meet the requirements in the zoning code for public thoroughfare. The clerk further stated that the commission needs to decide to approve the patios as licensed premises along with the main floor of the restaurant. There being no further discussion, Mr. Birchland moved THAT THE APPLICATION OF VITTA PIZZA, INC. (VITTA PIZZA), 307 CANAL PARK DRIVE FOR AN ON SALE WINE LICENSE AND ON SALE 3.2 PERCENT MALT LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 31, 2011, AND BEGINNING MAY 1, 2011, AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2012, RESPECTIVELY, WITH BRADLEY ERICKSON, PRESIDENT AND 50% STOCKHOLDER, AND CHRISTIE ERICKSON, TREASURER, AND 50% STOCKHOLDER BE APPROVED, AND THE SAME BE RECOMMENDED TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL. Mr. Donahue seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.