

PURCHASING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

13-0195R

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PERMANENT EXPANSION OF THE ON SALE INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSE AND ISSUING AN ADDITIONAL BAR LICENSE TO THE FLAME NIGHTCLUB, INC. (FLAME NIGHTCLUB), 28 NORTH FIRST AVENUE WEST.

CITY PROPOSAL:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the city council of the city of Duluth hereby approves the permanent expansion of the designated serving area and issues an additional bar license to the following on sale intoxicating liquor license for the period ending August 31, 2013, and subject to departmental approvals:

Flame Nightclub, Inc. (Flame Nightclub), 28 North First Avenue West, expanding to include first floor.

Approved as to form:

  
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Attorney

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Alcohol, Gambling and Tobacco Commission discussion: 4/3/13

Vince Nelson was present on behalf of the application. He explained that he currently operates a bar on the second floor of the building that is about 1500 square feet, but because of the congestion and safety concerns that are being caused by the people going up and down the stairwell, they have been bringing people into the first floor. Mr. Nelson went on to say that he would like to use the first floor as a lounge with a sit down bar for his patrons and would also include pool tables. Mr. Nelson explained that the lounge area will be used for those who don't want to go up to the second floor or as a waiting area for those who want to get up to the second floor but can't because of the occupancy limit. To questioning by the commission, Officer Vang stated that opening this first floor is a good idea as it will help eliminate the congestion that have been caused by the lines outside on the sidewalk waiting to get into the bar. Officer Vang also suggested that the owners create a list of people not allowed in the bar to prevent disturbances and problems from happening. To Officer Vang's questioning, Mr. Nelson replied that they currently hire five security personnel on the weekends, and that they will be hiring an additional security person for the first floor expansion. The clerk stated if the lounge will include a sit down bar, the code requires an additional license for that second bar. There being no further discussion, Mr. Birchland moved THAT THE APPLICATION OF FLAME NIGHTCLUB, INC. (FLAME NIGHTCLUB), 28 N 1<sup>ST</sup> AVENUE WEST, FOR A PERMANENT EXPANSION OF THE ON SALE INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 31, 2013, AND APPLICATION FOR AN ADDITIONAL BAR LICENSE BE APPROVED, AND THE SAME BE RECOMMENDED TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL. Mr. Braaten seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.