

**LICENSES AND CONSUMER SERVICES  
LICENSE INSPECTOR'S REPORT**

**LICENSE NUMBER:** L245-50064      **POLICE FILE NUMBER:** 13639

**DATE OF APPLICATION:** 2/10/2015

**INSPECTOR:** Mohamed Ismail

**APPLICANT/LEGAL ENTITY:** Mil Amores, LLC.

**DBA/TRADE NAME:** La Ceiba Bistro

**COMPLETE ADDRESS:** 3500 Bloomington Ave S # 1

**LICENSE REQUESTED:** Charter On-Sale Wine/Strong Beer Class C-2

**CURRENT LICENSE:** None

**RESPONSIBLE PERSON WITHIN 75 MILES OF MINNEAPOLIS CITY HALL:**  
Hector Ruiz

**PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENTS:** Required

**LICENSE CONDITIONS:** None

**NEIGHBORHOOD/WARD:** Powderhorn Park Neighborhood/ward 9

**ZONING:** C1/SH

**7 ACRE REQUIREMENT:** This has not been met.

**OFF-STREET PARKING:** The Minneapolis Zoning Department requires four off street parking spaces. The applicant has rights to four non-conforming off-street parking spaces. The net number of on-site parking spaces the applicant is required to provide is zero.

**SCHOOLS WITHIN 300 FEET OF THE PROPOSED PREMISES:** No

**SEATING:** Inside: 57 Seats  
Bar area (stage, dance floor, entertainment area):72 square feet  
Exterior: No exterior seating

**FOOD SERVICE REQUIREMENT:** The applicant meets the minimum food service requirement and will operate as a restaurant.  
Server Training: Alcohol Compliance Services (ACS)  
Health Risk Level: 1

**HOURS OF OPERATION PROPOSED: INSIDE:** The inside hours will be 7:00A.M to 1:30A.M daily.

**METROPOLITAN COUNCIL SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGES:** Four unit SAC charges were paid.

**HISTORY OF LOCATION**

This location previously was a grocery store.

**APPLICANT**

Mil Amores, LLC, dba La Ceiba Bistro was incorporated under Charter 322B, File #73463510027, on February 19, 2014. The corporation minutes contain the necessary restriction of the transfer of shares. The applicant has also provided documentation showing adequate funding for this venture.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Share</b>
Hector Ruiz	Owner/Chief Manager	100%

**MANAGER**

The general manager of the business is Barbara Ann Bullhead.

**POLICE REVIEW**

Police Licensing and this Inspector have reviewed the expenses and source of funds reported in this application. The applicant has provided documentation showing adequate legal and traceable funding for this venture and has passed the criminal background check. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct of the Minneapolis Police Department has discussed security issues with the applicant.

**PREMISES**

La Ceiba Bistro is located at 3500 Bloomington Ave. It is located in a single story building with a ground floor entry. It contains 2058 square feet with interior seating for 57 persons. The location is compact and contiguous as required by city ordinance. There is no outside patio or outside speakers.

**BUSINESS/PLAN/OPERATIONS**

Businesses licensed under Charter Wine Amendment 144 must have a full menu with a minimum of four entrees. The menu provides an experience varying from deep, savory flavors to sweet tangy flavors derived from tropical fruits. La Ceiba will offer the differing food experiences from several Caribbean islands: Puerto Rico will offer homemade, slow cooking flavors from rice dishes; Cuba will offer something bright and tangy; Jamaica showcases vibrant colors and taste sensations from spices. The example of entrees includes apprentices, sandwiches, salads, and main courses dishes. A full

kitchen design was approved in the Environmental Health food plan review. They intend to offer their full menu during virtually all hours of operation, with kitchen operation beginning to scale back approximately 30 minutes prior to closing for the evening.

The applicant is requiring all servers to attend alcohol server training. Their business plan indicates an alcohol policy that requires all patrons who appear to be a minor to be carded. La Ceiba has contracted with Alcohol Compliance Services to conduct the initial alcohol compliance training for staff. All servers and bartenders will be responsible for carding guests, and they will be thoroughly trained to card anyone that appears to be under 35 years of age.

La Ceiba's security plan indicates staff will regularly inform exiting guests to have a safe evening and to respect the surrounding neighborhood. Management and staff will work with Minneapolis police to escort potentially problematic guests away from the area. La Ceiba's noise mitigation includes training their employees to address loud or unruly behavior from patron; removal procedures for unruly or disruptive patrons, and the importance of minimizing noise as patrons depart the premises, with an emphasis on closing.

The license holder is requesting a Class C-2 On-Sale Wine with Strong Beer license, which permits amplified or non-amplified music by three (3) or fewer musicians.

The applicant will not offer mechanical amusement devices or charitable gambling on the premises. At the present time, they have no immediate intent to sponsor competitive sports teams.

### **PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY**

A public hearing is required for this license application. A public hearing will be held on March 24, 2015 at the Community Development & Regulatory Services Committee meeting. On March 5, 2015, 260 notices were mailed to residents and property owners within 600 feet of the premises. An electronic hearing notice was e-mailed to Council Member Alondra Cano, the Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association, the 38th and Chicago Business Association, the Lake Street Council, and the Longfellow Business Association.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Licenses and Consumer Services Division recommends approving this application for an On-Sale Wine/Strong Beer Class C-2.

### **LICENSE CONDITIONS**

There are no license conditions being placed on this license at this time.