

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

**License Number:** L247-50486 / L161-50539

**Police File Number:** F.13693

**Date of Application:** May 22, 2015

**Inspector:** Nicole Anderson

**Applicant/Legal Entity:** El Taco Riendo, LLC

**DBA/Trade Name:** El Taco Riendo

**Complete Address:** 2412 Central Avenue Northeast, Minneapolis, MN 55418

**Licenses Requested:** On-Sale Wine with Strong Beer, Class E

**Current License:** Restaurant

**Responsible person within 75 miles of Minneapolis City Hall:** Miguel Cruz Gomez

**Public Hearing Requirement:** Required

**Neighborhood/Ward:** Holland/01

**License Conditions:** None

**Zoning:** C1/PO: This is a permitted use in the Neighborhood Commercial/Pedestrian Oriented Overlay District.

**7 acre requirement:** Met

**Off-Street Parking:** The Office of the Zoning Administrator has determined that four spaces are required to be provided on site. This requirement has been met.

**Schools within 300 feet of the proposed premises:** No

**Seating:** Inside: 74 Seats                      Outside: 10

**Fire Occupancy:** Inside: 88      Max. Capacity Outside: 10

**Food Service Requirement:** Met

**Hours of operation proposed:** Inside: 6:00am to 10:00pm Sunday-Thursday, 6:00am to 11:00pm Friday and Saturday.  
Outside: 8:00am to 10:00pm Sunday-Thursday, 8:00am to 11:00pm Friday and Saturday.

**Metropolitan Council Service Availability Charges:** One SAC charge. The SAC charge has been paid.

### **HISTORY OF LOCATION**

This location has been operating with a restaurant license since 2013.

### **APPLICANT**

The applicant is El Taco Riendo, LLC, DBA, El Taco Riendo. It was incorporated under File Number 3328826-2 under Chapter 322B on May 5, 2005.

The applicant has provided documentation showing adequate, legal, and traceable funding for this venture. They have the required restriction on the transfer of shares and have the following shareholders and officers:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Ownership (%)</u></b>
Miguel Cruz Gomez	Governor	80%
Pedro Mijangos Carrasco	Governor	20%

### **MANAGER**

El Taco Riendo will be managed by one of the owners, Miguel Gomez. Mr. Gomez has 15 years' experience in the food service industry.

### **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 Second Precinct of the Minneapolis Police Department has discussed security issues with the applicant.

### **PREMISES**

The entire premises occupy approximately 2,440 square feet. The first floor consists of approximately 1,050 square feet for customer use and the remaining space consists of kitchen, prep space, stock room, office, and restrooms. The fire code occupancy is 88 people on the first floor. The interior seating will consist of 74 seats for patrons at tables and chairs and booths. There will also be a sidewalk café in front of the establishment consisting of 10 seats at five two-top tables for patron use. The licensed premises space is compact and contiguous and there are no undefined spaces.

### **BUSINESS PLAN/OPERATIONS**

All alcohol servers will complete alcohol compliance training through one of the owners, Miguel Gomez, who is well versed in TIPS procedures from his 10 years of being employed at Oceanaire Restaurant in Minneapolis. Their alcohol policy will be simple in that patrons will only be served alcoholic beverages as a compliment to a meal and everyone must present a valid ID that will be electronically swiped, in order to be served. They will also limit alcoholic beverages to two per person. Patrons will order their food and beverages at a point of sale system and must go through the line to receive another beverage. Staff will be trained on an annual basis. Employees who fail to comply with the rules and regulations or are caught serving to a minor will be reprimanded and will no longer have the authority to sell alcohol. Verbal acknowledgement and a bonus every six months will be given to those passing a sting or refusing service to minors or obviously intoxicated persons that may enter the establishment.

The businesses proposed hours of operation will be 6:00am until 10:00pm Sunday through Thursday and 6:00am to 11:00pm Friday and Saturday.

El Taco Riendo does not foresee any issues with unruly patrons, due to their alcohol service policy of a two beer/wine limit and the necessity of food in order to receive a beverage; however staff will be trained to deal with any problematic patrons in an appropriate manner.

Entertainment will consist of background music played at a low level. Speakers on the interior of the building will be directed inward away from doors and windows. Any complaints resulting from sound will be dealt with immediately.

Dedicated staff will be responsible for litter removal daily within 100 feet of the premises prior to opening and just before employees leave for the evening.

There will be no charitable gambling, or team sponsorships.

### **SIDEWALK CAFÉ**

The Sidewalk Café will be located in front of the establishment on Central Avenue Northeast and is approximately 576 square feet. It will have table and chair seating for 10 patrons at five two-top tables. The hours of operation will be the same as the interior hours which are 6:00am until 10:00pm Sunday to Thursday and 6:00am to 11:00pm Friday and Saturday. There will be no entertainment or speakers in the outdoor area. Staff will monitor the sound in the outdoor area and will ask customers to lower their voices and respect the neighborhood or be requested to sit inside if there are issues.

### **PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY**

187 notices were mailed to property owners and residents within 600 feet of the main door of the establishment on June 11, 2015 and emailed to Council Member Reich, the Holland Neighborhood Association and the Northeast Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce. 23 multi-residential buildings were posted as well. The public hearing is scheduled at the Community Development & Regulatory Services Committee on June 23, 2015.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Licenses and Consumer Services Division recommends approving this application for an On-Sale Wine with Strong Beer, Class E license and Sidewalk Café license.

### **LICENSE CONDITIONS**

None

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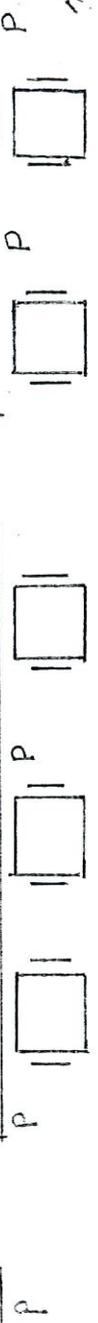
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Sidewalk



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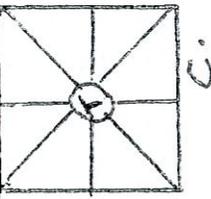
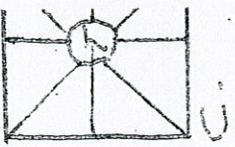
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PLANTS: P  
 TREE: T  
 LIGHTING: L. LIGHT POLE

SIDEWALK SURFACE:

- A. 7' X 43' CEMENT SURFACE
- B. 8' X 43' DECORATIVE BRICK
- C. TREE GRATE

CENTRAL AVENUE N. E. →

3/16" = 1 foot

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