

Metropolitan Council Service Availability Charges: One SAC charge was paid.

History of Location

This location was previously a food restaurant (Baja Sol)

Applicant

The applicant is Twin Cities Hospitality, Inc. They are registered under chapter 302A of the Minnesota Statutes.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Shares</u>
Diljit Khosa	President	50%
Balbir Singh	Vice President	50%

Manager

Diljit Khosa will be the general manager.

Police Review

Minneapolis Police License Division has reviewed the applicant's financial and criminal histories. They have determined the application meets code.

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 5th Precinct of the Minneapolis Police Department has discussed security issues with the applicant

Premises

The premise is located at 2546 Hennepin Avenue. It is approximately 2200 square feet with interior seating for 32 persons. The location is compact and contiguous as required by city ordinance. There is no outside patio or outside speakers.

Business Plan/Operations

India Palace will be a sit down restaurant. They currently operate at different locations in the Twin Cities. The menu is extensive, including chicken curry, beef curry, rice biryani dishes and salads. There will be no outdoor patio or outdoor speakers. Their hours of operation will be 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. seven days a week.

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. India Palace will conduct in-house alcohol compliance training. All servers and bartenders will be responsible for carding guests, and they will be thoroughly trained to card anyone that appears to be under 30 years of age.

India Palace 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.

India Palace noise mitigation includes training their employees to address loud or unruly behavior from patrons; 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 E Entertainment license which allows the use of radio and television. No live entertainment is permitted.

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 results

A public hearing is required for this license application. On July 9, 2015, 176 notices were mailed to residents and property owners within 600 feet of the premises. An electronic hearing notice was e-mailed to Council Member Lisa Goodman, the East Isles Residents Association, South Hennepin Business Association, Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Business Association, and Loring Business Association. The public hearing will be conducted in the community on July 22, 2015.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Licenses and Consumer Services Division recommends approval of an On Sale Wine/Strong Beer, Class E.