

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

License Number: L244-50042 **Police File Number:** F13743

Date of Application: August 26, 2015

Inspector: Julie Casey

Applicant/Legal Entity: Kazama, LLC

DBA/Trade Name: Ramen Kazama

Complete Address: 3400 Nicollet Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55408

License Requested: On Sale Wine with Strong Beer, Class E

Current License: Restaurant

Purpose of Application: The applicant is applying for a full service restaurant with service of wine and strong beer.

Neighborhood/Ward: Lyndale / Ward 10

Zoning: C1

7 Acre Requirement: Not met. Charter wine only.

Off-Street Parking: Off street parking requirements were reduced to zero via a parking variance.

Seating:

Interior:	46
Total Square feet:	1844 square feet
Bar area (stage, dance floor, entertainment area):	0
Exterior:	0

Food Service Requirement:

Restaurant with Charter Wine	
Server Training:	ALE Training
Health Risk:	Risk 1

Hours of Operation Proposed:

Interior: Monday-Closed
Tuesday to Thursday: 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Friday to Sunday: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.
Exterior: No exterior seating.

Hours of Food Service: During all hours of operation. No reduced menu.

Reduced menu hours: Reduced menus are not allowed in a charter wine business.

Metropolitan Council Service Availability Charges: One SAC charge.

History of the Location

This location has had five different restaurants in recent years. Those restaurants include Lula's, Goda, Banaadir, Joy's Kitchen and Mama's Pizza.

Applicant

The applicant is Kazama, LLC. They are a registered corporation under Minn. Stat. 322B.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Shares</u>
Yuishiro Matthew Kazama	Chef/Owner	30%
Omar Sabri	Owner	60%
Josh Floring	Managing Partner/Owner	10%

Mr. Kazama has restaurant experience at Fuji Ya, located at 600 West Lake Street.

Police review

Minneapolis Police Licenses and 5th Precinct have reviewed the financial, criminal histories and security plan for the applicant. They have determined that the applicants meet all minimum ordinance requirements.

Premises

The premise is a one story building with 1844 square feet of floor space located at the corner of Nicollet and 34th Avenues. They will have seating for 46 at several booths and a communal table and four seats at a food service bar. There will be no outdoor seating at this time.

Business/Plan/Operations

The business is a full service restaurant serving ramen. They do not plan to have any entertainment at this time but have applied for a Class E license and understand they must submit a new business plan prior to allowing entertainment beyond a Class E level of entertainment. They are currently setting up for background music only. They have server training planned with ALE.

Public hearing results

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 29, 2015 at CDRS committee. 417 notices were sent to owners and residents within 600 feet of the premises on September 17, 2015. Notices were also sent to Council Member Elizabeth Glidden, the Lyndale Neighborhood group and Lyndale Neighborhood Business Association.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Licenses and Consumer Services Division recommends approval of a Charter On Sale Wine with Strong Beer, Class E.