

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

License Number: L192-50075

Police File Number: F. 13801

Date of Application: February 11, 2016

Inspector: Greg Buenning

Applicant/Legal Entity: La Borrega Negra, Inc.

DBA/Trade Name: Costa Blanca Bistro

Complete Address: 2416 Central Avenue NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

License(s) Requested: On-Sale Liquor with Sunday Sales Class "C-2"

Current License at Location: Pico De Gallo holds a food restaurant license at this location

License History of Location: This location has had several food restaurants licenses since 1996

Purpose of Application: To obtain a new On-Sale Liquor with Sunday Sales Class "C-2" License

Responsible person within 75 miles of Minneapolis City Hall: Barbara Bullhead

Public Hearing Required: A public hearing is required

Neighborhood/Ward: Holland Neighborhood/Ward 1

Zoning: C1/PO

7 Acre Requirement: Met

Off-Street Parking: The office of the City of Minneapolis Zoning Administrator has determined that four off-street parking spaces are required. This has been met.

Seating: Interior: 44 8 stools will be at the food service counter.

Total Square Feet: 2,200
Food Service Counter is 24 square feet

Fire Occupancy: Interior: 50

Hours of Operation Proposed: Interior: 7:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m. Daily
Hours of Food Service: During all hours of operation

Food Service Requirement: Met
Health Risk: 1

Alcohol Server Training: Costa Blanca Bistro staff will be trained by Alcohol Compliance Services. The training will be completed within 30 days of opening. All employees who will be serving alcohol will have initial training and on-going training thereafter. Staff will check everyone for a legal I.D. if they appear to be under 35 years of age. Intoxicated patrons will not be served alcohol.

Metropolitan Council Service Availability Charges: None

Applicant

The applicant is La Borrega, Inc., a Minnesota company formed on September 14, 2011. They are registered under chapter 322B, File #44714700026 of the Minnesota statutes. The applicant has provided documentation showing adequate, legal, and traceable funding for this venture. They have the required stock restriction on the transfer of shares and have the following shareholders and officers:

Name	Title	Shares
Hector R. Ruiz	Member/Chief Officer	100%

Manager

Barbara Bullhead will be the manager of Costa Blanco Bistro. She has worked as manager of Café Ena, La Fresca, and Rincon since July of 2014, all of which are owned by Mr. Ruiz. She is responsible for payroll, cost analysis, accounts payable/receivable, hiring, training, and other duties. She will be performing the same duties she has at the other restaurants.

Premises

The premises will be located at 2416 Central Avenue Northeast. It is a two-story building. The business will operate in 2,200 square feet of space. They will have 44 indoor seats for patrons including 8 stools at the food service counter. There will not be any outdoor seating.

Business Plan/Operations

Costa Blanca Bistro is named after the white sands of the Mediterranean Sea. They will represent something common from the Mediterranean into northeast Minneapolis. They will create dishes derived from local fruits and vegetables of the Mediterranean coasts. The meals will be made from recipes from different countries such as, Italy, Morocco, Spain, and France. The focus will be on the traditional flavors from the Spanish and Mediterranean regions. The staff of Costa Blanca Bistro will be trained to observe all types of behavior. They will expect their clientele to be civil, mature, and generally well-mannered. Unruly and disruptive patrons will be asked to leave the business, and if necessary physically escorted off premises. The on-duty manager will be responsible for occupancy levels to avoid overcrowding issues. Security cameras will be utilized both inside the business and outside the business. The cameras can be monitored remotely by management and owner. Video will be available for Business Licensing and the Minneapolis Police Department. All amplified music performed at Costa Blanca Bistro will be held at a medium range level to mitigate noise leaving the premises. Ownership anticipates any noise will be absorbed by the internal features, such as wood floors, upholstery, and soft seating.

License Conditions

None

Public Hearing Summary

A public hearing for this license application will be held on March 22, 2016, in City Council chambers, Room 317, 350 S. 5th Street. On March 7, 2016, 239 notices were mailed to residents and property owners within 600 feet of the premises. An electronic hearing notice was e-mailed to Council Member Kevin Reich, The Holland Neighborhood Association, and the Northeast Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce.

Police review

The Minneapolis Police Licensing Division has reviewed the applicant's financial and criminal history. They have determined the application meets the necessary requirements.

Recommendation

Licenses and Consumer Services Division recommends the approval of an On-Sale Liquor with Sunday Sales, Class "C-2" license.