

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

License Number: L202-50058

Police File Number: 13869

Date of Application: August 1, 2016

Inspector: Michele Harvet, 612-673-5484

Applicant/Legal Entity: Blarney II, Inc.

DBA/Trade Name: Blarney Pub & Grill

Complete Address: 903 Washington Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55415

License Requested: On-Sale Liquor with Sunday Sales, Class C-2

Current License at Location: None

License History of Location: There have been On-Sale Liquor licenses and an On-Sale Wine license in the same building for several years.

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: Michael Mulrooney

Public Hearing Required: Required

Neighborhood/Ward: Downtown East / 3

Zoning: B4N/DP - This is a permitted use in the Downtown Neighborhood and Downtown Parking Overlay Districts.

7 acre requirement: Met

Off-Street Parking: The Office of the Zoning Administrator has determined that zero spaces are required to be provided on site.

Seating: Inside: 102 Outside: None

Fire Occupancy: Inside: 204

Hours of Operation: 11:00 AM - 2:00 AM Monday through Saturday

8:00 AM - 2:00 AM Sundays

Food Service Requirement: This establishment meets the minimum food service requirements set forth in MCO 360.65.

Alcohol Server Training: Training will be provided by Alcohol Compliance Services.

Metropolitan Council Service Availability Charges: In a SAC determination letter dated May 27, 2016, it was determined that fourteen SAC units are required for this project. This has not been paid by the applicant yet. It will need to be resolved before the applicant can start operating with this license.

Applicant

The applicant is Blarney II, Inc., a Minnesota corporation, formed on May 13, 2016, under Chapter 302A (File Number 888258400022), having the required restriction on the transfer of shares, and has the following owner:

<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Shares</u>
Michael Mulrooney	8/22/1962	Owner	100%

The applicant has extensive experience in owning and operating restaurants and liquor establishments, including Blarney Pub & Grill in Dinkytown since 2004. He meets all minimum requirements including criminal background check.

Manager

The manager will be Michael Mulrooney. Mr. Mulrooney has had at least 12 years of experience in the food and alcohol service industry.

Premises

The proposed premises contain 3277 gross square feet on a portion of the first floor of the building at 903 Washington Avenue South. There will be interior seating for 102 patrons at tables, booths and a bar. There is a kitchen and there are restrooms on the same floor. The space is compact and contiguous. There is no outdoor area.

Business Plan/Operations

Blarney Pub & Grill plans to operate primarily as a food service establishment offering alcoholic beverages, as well.

Prior to working and or serving any alcohol at Blarney Pub & Grill, all staff will attend an alcohol server training class. This class will also be held each year by a certified trainer. Currently, the trainer that Blarney plans to use is Alcohol Compliance Services. Blarney has a written policy that explains to all managers and employees that their establishment will not sell or provide alcohol to anyone who is under 21 years of age, explaining that they are required to obey federal, state and local laws. Each employee will receive a summary of the laws regarding alcohol service. Blarney will require employees to sign an alcohol sales and service employee agreement stating that they understand the

law regarding alcohol sales to minors and the establishment's policy. Employees are informed that any alcohol sale to minors will result in disciplinary action and penalties, up to and including termination.

Every customer that appears under 40 years of age must present a legal photo identification card to prevent service to person under 21 years of age. Self-audits may be done from time to time. Rewards will be provided to employees who show exceptional performance as responsible alcohol beverage sellers.

Trained security personnel will oversee the security of the premises. They will regularly monitor and walk the premises, both inside and outside as a part of general business. They will be easily identified by bright orange t-shirts. Blarney will not allow or welcome pedal pubs or party buses.

Although noise is not anticipated to be a problem because of their business model (only background music played), all noise complaints will be followed up by management.

Menu items include soups, salads, chorizo poutine, deep fried cheese curds, blackberry burgers, garlic bacon gruyere, pot roast burger, philly cheese steak sandwich, cranberry chicken salad sandwich, French onion chicken sandwich, walleye fish and chips, steak, lemon glazed chicken and Guinness beef stew.

Entertainment will be provided in the form of prerecorded background music with occasional live, acoustical, music up to what is authorized by Class C-2.

Litter will be removed at all hours they are open on a daily basis on and within 100 feet of the premises.

There will be no sports sponsorships or charitable gambling.

License Conditions

None at this time.

Public Hearing Summary

A public hearing is required for this license application. 45 notices were mailed to residents and property owners within 450 feet of the premises on August 11, 2016. A public hearing notice was emailed to Council Member Frey, the Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association and the East Downtown Council, and the Warehouse District Business Association on August 10, 2016. The public hearing will be held on August 23, 2016, at the Community Development & Regulatory Services Committee meeting.

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 criminal background check. The applicant has also undergone a security review with the First Precinct of the Minneapolis Police Department.

Recommendation

The Licenses and Consumer Services Division recommends approving this application for an On-Sale Liquor with Sunday Sales, Class C-2 license.