

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

**FILE:** 13172

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**NEIGHBORHOOD:** Loring Park

**APPLICANT:** Asian Taste, Inc.  
**DBA:** Asian Taste  
**ADDRESS:** 1400 Nicollet Avenue  
**LICENSE APPLICATION TYPE:** On Sale Liquor Class E with Sunday Sales  
**DATE OF APPLICATION:** September 6, 2011  
**INSPECTOR:** Phil Schliesman

**BASIC LICENSE INFORMATION**

**Zoning District:** C-2. This zoning designation allows an alcohol establishment.

**Church or School:** N/A

**Premises History:** This location has been licensed with a variety of beverage alcohol licenses since 1991. The most recent tenant was Great Sun Buffet and Bar, the holder of an On Sale Liquor, Class B with Sunday Sales license. Other former tenants include India House, New Delhi Bar and Restaurant, Nic's of MPLS, Paul's Brasserie, Snoodles Restaurant, and Chez Paul.

**Public Hearing:** Because this location has been previously licensed a public hearing is not required.

**PREMISES**

There are no changes to the premises since the previous tenant was approved.

The licensed premise will occupy a street level area in the building located on the 1400 block of Nicollet Avenue South. The entrance to the business will be located on Nicollet Avenue. The premises will be designed as an authentic Asian Restaurant with seating at tables and booths, and a bar seating area. The bar will seat 12 persons with additional seating near the bar at tables and chairs for 14 persons. The main dining area will seat 76 persons at booths, tables and chairs. There is a small sushi bar that will seat up to 7. A private dining area will be made available upon request and will be able to seat 18. Total inside seating will be 109. The previous tenant had an outdoor seating area that sat up to 28 people. The applicant does not plan to use the outdoor seating area at this time. The Plan Review Section of the Department of Inspections has certified that the entire premises will be accessible to the disabled. The Fire Department has calculated a total occupant load of 145 persons for this establishment.

**APPLICANT**

The applicant is Asian Taste, Inc., a Minnesota corporation lawfully organized and registered with the MN Secretary of State's office on February 24, 2011 (charter #4194448-2). Asian Taste is owned 100% by Guai Liang Lin. The named ownership structure and sole officer is as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title(s)</u>	<u>Interest</u>
Guai Liang Lin	Sole Owner	100%

Company documents include the proper restrictive legend on the transfer of member interests as required by Minneapolis Code.

### **BUSINESS PLAN AND OPERATIONS**

The applicant indicates that Asian Taste will be open Monday-Saturday from 11:00 AM to 2:00 AM and on Sunday from 11:00 am to Midnight. The restaurant will serve a wide variety of authentic Asian appetizers, salads, soups, entrees and beverages. The premises is subject to and meets the minimum kitchen equipment/food service requirement. The applicant is applying for a Class E license, which allows entertainment in the form of radio, television, juke box and pre-recorded music. The applicant indicates it plans to offer radio, television, jukebox and electronically prerecorded music on a regular basis. The nature of the background music will typically be soft instrumental music. Any non-trained staff will undergo alcohol server training prior to or within 30 days of licensure and annually provided by Alcohol Compliance Services. All customers who appear to be under 45 years of age will be carded by bartenders and servers prior to processing orders. All staff will be informed of the policy that termination will occur if any alcohol service or consumption policy is violated by the employee. The applicant indicates that at the present time it has no intent to offer charitable gambling activities or sponsor competitive sports teams.

### **POLICE REVIEW**

Sgt. Markstrom completed background and financial reviews on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and has recommended approval of the application.