

**LICENSES AND CONSUMER SERVICES
LICENSE INSPECTOR'S REPORT
Extended Hours License
L317-50015**

Purpose of Application: Mesa Pizza is requesting to extend their business's hours of operation to the following:

Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, no earlier than 6:00 a.m. to operate until 3:00 a.m.

Applicant's Name (Legal Entity): Mesa Pizza Uptown, LLC

DBA/Trade Name: Mesa Pizza

Complete Address: 1440 West Lake Street, Minneapolis, MN 55408

Telephone Number: 608-469-5114

Current License: None

Zoning: C3A/PO Community Activity Center and Pedestrian Oriented Overlay Districts

Current Authorized Hours: Sunday - Thursday, from 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Friday - Saturday, from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.

Neighborhood/Ward: East Isles / 10

Date of Application: August 1, 2011

Inspector: Michele Olds, 612-673-5484

Public Hearing Requirement: A public hearing is required for this license application. 89 notices were mailed to residents and property owners within 300 feet of the premises, and emailed to the East Isles Neighborhood Association, East Calhoun Community Organization, Calhoun Area Residents Action Group, Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association and the Lyn-Lake Business Association on September 22, 2011. Sixteen multi-residential buildings were posted. The public hearing will be held on October 13, 2011 at the Regulatory, Energy and Environment Committee meeting.

Background: The applicant proposes to extend the hours of operation for their Food Restaurant for dining room and delivery service to 3:00am on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The restaurant does not serve alcoholic beverages, nor does it provide entertainment (only background music). Licensing performed a late night inspection in the near vicinity (since this business is not operational yet) recently and observed no violations.

Findings as Required by the Minneapolis Licensing Code:

The Licenses and Consumer Services Division has analyzed the application and concludes that the application has answered the following:

A security plan that describes the security features, including personnel and equipment, that the applicant will employ and how they will be utilized:

Mesa Pizza has designed their space so that there is room for a queue line to be inside. If the queue line is so long that it stretches outside, they will have crowd control personnel watching it. They will have employees or an employee specifically designated to crowd control during their busiest times (Friday and Saturday nights) as well as any other time that it is needed.

The 5th Police Precinct has discussed security issues with the applicant.

Description of how the applicant will maintain the orderly appearance and operation of the premises with respect to litter and noise:

Staff will remove litter twice daily, once at 5:00pm and at closing time. They will pick up litter more than twice a day if it becomes necessary.

Description of how the business will have people exit the establishment at closing time and during an emergency that requires all people to exit the establishment quickly:

Mesa Pizza will make sure that dining-in customers know that they need to be out of the establishment at closing before they place their order if it's within 15 minutes of closing time.

Such other reasonable and pertinent information as the city council may require:

Upon request, the licensee shall meet representatives of the City of Minneapolis to discuss any safety, security or operational concerns.

Proximity to permitted or conditional residential uses.

Nature of the business and its impacts of noise, light and traffic.

This restaurant is adjacent to residential uses.

Conformance with applicable zoning regulations, including but not limited to use, yards, gross floor area and specific development standards.

The business is categorized as a food restaurant which is a permitted use in the C3A/PO district.

History of complaints related to the use.

There are no significant police calls for service at this location. Mesa Pizza operates a restaurant in Dinkytown with extended hours. That location had complaints about crowds in front late at night, but the complaints were addressed by Mesa Pizza by enhancing their security and crowd control.

RECOMMENDATIONS (pending public hearing):

The Licenses and Consumer Services Division make the following recommendation regarding this application to extend hours:

Recommendation will be made after the closing of the public hearing on October 13, 2011.