



Office of the City Administrator

To: Mayor Welch, Common Council Members
From: Al Hulick, City Administrator
Date: July 5, 2016
Subject: Discussion and Possible Action on an Amendment to the Class B Beer and Class B Liquor License Junction Pub, Kimori Inc.

Summary

Mike and Lori Jacobson, Kimori Inc., own and operate the Junction Pub on Merchant Row. They also are part owners in Fredericks Supper Club, and recently purchased the property at 106 Merchant Row. Additionally, they would like to make improvements to the vacant lot they own located between Fredericks Supper Club and 106 Merchant Row to create an outdoor patio/dining area for their Junction Pub patrons. As part of this, they would like to amend their existing Class B Beer and Class B Liquor license for Junction Pub to include the new patio area.

Background

At the June 7, 2016 Plan Commission meeting, the Commission approved the site plan for the outdoor seating area (see attached site plan). Originally, the Jacobson's were planning to utilize the patio area for the new business located at 106 Merchant Row and include the patio area as part of a new license for that establishment. However, their plans have changed, and they would now like to amend their existing Class B Beer and Class B Liquor License for Junction Pub to include the patio area as part of that licensed establishment. They are no longer requesting a new liquor license for 106 Merchant Row.

Under this new arrangement, patrons from all three businesses (106 Merchant Row, Fredericks Supper Club, and Junction Pub) would all still be able to utilize the patio for seating and dining, but only those patrons from Junction Pub would be allowed to consume alcohol purchased at Junction Pub on the patio area.

To ensure this area is only used by Junction Pub patrons for alcohol consumption, a new corridor will be constructed to connect Junction Pub directly to the patio, which will be separate from Fredericks Supper Club. Additionally, signage will indicated "no alcohol beyond this point" will be posted in both Fredericks Supper Club and the business at 106 Merchant Row.



Recommendation

The Jacobsen's have made substantial investments along Merchant Row and continue to improve the area both esthetically and economically. This new arrangement is a suitable compromise to allow all three businesses under the same ownership to take advantage of this new amenity, while still ensuring the alcohol license is being properly managed.

Therefore, the City Administration recommends the City Council approve the amendment to the Class B Beer and Class B Liquor license for Junction Pub, Kimori Inc. to include the outdoor patio/dining area as part of the licensed establishment for the subject business.