

Legislation Text

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Item Title:

Correspondence to Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners: Hyattsville Fine Wine & Spirits

Suggested Action:

I move the City Council to authorize the Mayor to send correspondence to the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners (BLC) regarding violations of the license held by Hyattsville Fine Wine & Spirits, Hyattsville

The correspondence shall state that the City requests the Board suspend the liquor license of Hyattsville Fine Wine & Spirits, as the Board has determined that the license holder was knowingly operating outside of the restrictions of its license which requires the establishment to operate as a restaurant with food service.

The City's requests that the applicant's license be suspended, until such time that the applicant has (1) been permitted and has constructed a commercial kitchen (2) the commercial kitchen is inspected and approved by Prince George's County for legal operation and (3) the applicant shall demonstrate to the Board that the commercial kitchen is operating and serving food to the general public.

Summary Background:

In a letter addressed to the City of Hyattsville on January 17th, 2020, the attorneys representing the owners of Lee's Liquor and Restaurant/Liquor Hut/Hyattsville Fine Wine and Spirts, Messrs. Sharma and Mr. Bharat expressed a commitment "to improving and serving members of the community." Unfortunately, these words have not been met with action but with attempt to renege on operational compliance requirements.

The establishment has not constructed a commercial kitchen as would be required to serve food to the public.

Next Steps:

The Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners is scheduled to conduct a public hearing on October 15, 2021 to consider this matter.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

City Administrator Comments: N/A

Community Engagement: N/A

Strategic Goals:

Goal 3 - Promote a Safe and Vibrant Community

Legal Review Required? N/A