Police Department Liquor License Disapproval Recommendation

Application Information	
Business Name The Grow Room	District 4
Business Location 1827-1829 E. Indian School Road	
Applicant Name Matthew Davidson	Series Type 14

The Police Department recommends denial of this liquor license application as the applicant has not proven to be qualified to hold a Series 14 liquor license.

The Police Department recommends disapproval of this liquor license application for the following reasons:

ARS 4-101.8(e) states "A social club that has more than one hundred bona fide members who are actual residents of the county in which it is located, that owns, maintains or operates club quarters, that is authorized and incorporated to operate as a nonprofit club under the laws of this state, and that has been continuously incorporated and operating for a period of at least one year. The club shall have had, during this one-year period, a bona fide membership with regular meetings conducted at least once each month, and the membership shall be and shall have been actively engaged in carrying out the objects of the club. The club's membership shall consist of bona fide dues-paying members paying dues of at least \$6 per year, payable monthly, quarterly or annually, which have been recorded by the secretary of the club, and the members at the time of application for a club license shall be in good standing having for at least one full year paid dues. At least fiftyone percent of the members shall have signified their intention to secure a social club license by personally signing a petition, on a form prescribed by the board, which shall also include the correct mailing address of each signer. The petition shall not have been signed by a member at a date earlier than one hundred eighty days before the filing of the application. The club shall qualify for exemption from the payment of state income taxes under title 43. It is the intent of this subdivision that a license shall not be granted to a club that is, or has been, primarily formed or activated to obtain a license to sell liquor, but solely to a bona fide club, where the sale of liquor is incidental to the main purposes of the club".

After review of the petition provided by the applicant, Mr. Davidson did not meet the fifty one percent threshold as prescribed above. Furthermore, Detective Augustine is unable to ascertain the date of the signatures provided.

ADDITIONAL CONCERNS:

ARS 4-244.24 states it is unlawful... "For a licensee or employee to knowingly allow the unlawful possession, use, sale or offer for sale of narcotics, dangerous drugs or marijuana on the premises. For the purposes of this paragraph, "dangerous drug" has the same meaning prescribed in section 13-3401". During the interview with Detective Augustine, Mr. Davidson advised that members would be allowed to consume marijuana in multiple forms while inside the club. While recreational marijuana is legal in Arizona, it remains illegal in public spaces per ARS 36-2851.8a.

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Based on the aforementioned reasons the applicant has failed to show that they are reliable, capable or qualified and issuance of a liquor license for this establishment would not be in the best interest of the community.

This recommendation for disapproval is submitted by: Det. T. AUGUSTINE #10117

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