

**Police Department Liquor License Disapproval Recommendation**

**Application Information**

<b>Business Name</b>	<b>Tennessee Grill</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Business Location</b>	<b>4220 W. Summit Walk Court, Suite 1202</b>		
<b>Applicant Name</b>	<b>Philip Ladiser</b>	<b>Series Type</b>	<b>12</b>

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

A.R.S. 4-203.A states "A spirituous liquor license shall be issued only after satisfactory showing of the capability, qualification and reliability of the applicant"

This application is the first submitted by the applicant, Philip Ladiser. He is attempting to purchase the already operational business known as the Tennessee Grill and Bar. Mr. Ladiser is currently employed by Shamrock Foods Company as a salesman. He has held that position for 12 years now and per his own admission does not have personal experience operating a restaurant/bar.

On November 24, 2020, Detective Hurt #7109 went to the Tennessee Grill and Bar and met with Mr. Philip Ladiser in person. During this meeting Mr. Ladiser walked Det. Hurt through the business while discussing desired changes to the layout. In doing so he stated that he would be moving the bar area from one side of the business to the other to expand it. The current layout of the business is approximately 25-30% bar area and 70-75% restaurant. There is a small cashier/accessories area which separates the two spaces.

Mr. Ladiser has already started construction on the interior. Mr. Ladiser advised of having the newly constructed bar in a position which would access an outdoor patio area he planned on building, thus changing the layout to be approximately 70-75% bar area and only 25-30% restaurant. Mr. Ladiser was questioned about turning the place into a bar which he denied after stating "I can see why you'd think that". He mentioned that he did not want to be like "Rosati's" or any other places on the other side of the freeway. It should be noted that on Mr. Ladiser's city application he answered "no" to question #21 which specifically ask if any construction or remodeling will be done to the business. His statements provided during the interview clearly indicate he is attempting to turn the business into more of a bar atmosphere.

During the conversation with Mr. Ladiser he was questioned about the operation of the business as he was listed as the sole applicant. Mr. Ladiser admitted that he would only be working there on Mondays and Tuesdays due to having to work for Shamrock on Wednesday and Thursday. When queried on question #12 of the Arizona liquor license application, which he replied "yes" to being physically present and operating the licensed premises, he stated that he had "two managers", one for the bar and another for the restaurant who would be running things. He then stated that although he would only be there on Mondays and Tuesdays, he would most likely be there more since he just lives in the Desert Hills area. This statement did not coincide with either his City of Phoenix or Arizona State paperwork where he listed a home address on the opposite side of town. Additionally, neither of the managers mentioned by Mr. Ladiser are listed anywhere in the applications he submitted.

The applicant's financial information as provided also appears incomplete or insufficient. Mr. Ladiser claimed to have paid \$25,000 for the business with money obtained from a

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mutual fund. In addition to this he is claiming a debt of \$100,000 still to be paid to the previous owner Robert Adler. Per the lease agreement provided by Mr. Ladiser, he is also to pay \$8,273.74 for the previous owner's unpaid rent. The previous owner's security deposit of \$4,000 is also to be forfeited. Mr. Ladiser is then to pay a \$6,000 security deposit for the lease agreement on the business space with a monthly rent payment of \$4,500 plus taxes. Additionally, Mr. Ladiser is incurring the expenses of remodeling, funds for which have not been noted or disclosed within the city questionnaire as required.

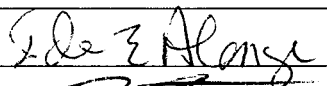
On November 30, 2020, Det. Hurt phoned Mr. Ladiser to speak with him about the discrepancies found between his interview and applications. While doing so Mr. Ladiser stated that he is between homes and living with a roommate at the moment. When referring to the financial questions, he mentioned that he was paying for the remodel out of money he had saved up and from what he made "last week" from his other job. He stated that he did not know he had to provide a floorplan of his future changes to the business and then made a statement about being upset with his consultant who filled out his paperwork.

This secondary conversation, via telephone, provided Det. Hurt with further doubt about Mr. Ladiser's capabilities to own and/or operate an establishment which serves spirituous liquors. His inattention to details and lack of candor suggest he would not provide capable or sufficient monitoring to ensure compliance measures were followed regarding such services under legal requirements.

This process and investigation found Mr. Ladiser to be less than truthful which goes directly towards his reliability. He has no actual previous or current experience in the ownership or operation of an establishment which serves spirituous liquors which puts into question his qualifications. This coupled with the actions or appearance of trying to circumvent a Series 6 – Bar liquor license shows he is not able to satisfy the requirements or meet the standards of being capable, qualified, or reliant as an applicant.

Due to the aforementioned information, Mr. Ladiser has not proven to be reliable, capable or qualified to hold a liquor license. It is recommended that the license be denied because it is not in the best interest of the surrounding community and businesses.

**This recommendation for disapproval is submitted by: Detective D. Hurt #7109**

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