

Police Department Liquor License Disapproval Recommendation

Application Information

Business Name	Island Vybz Bar & Grill, LLC	District	7
Business Location	220 E. Southern Avenue, Suite 1 & 2		
Applicant Name	Charmaine Anderson	Series Type	12

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...”

Upon review of the liquor application and questionnaire for Island Vybz Bar & Grill, discrepancies were found which needed to be investigated further.

The discrepancies were as follows:

Ms. Charmaine Anderson completed the state liquor application and listed herself as the controlling person, no other applicants were identified. During an interview with her, she stated that her brothers, Robert and Radcliff Stewart, own the restaurant. Ms. Charmaine Anderson failed to disclose Mr. Robert Stewart and Mr. Radcliff Stewart on her state application and admitted that she was given partial ownership to apply for their liquor license. It should be noted that Mr. Radcliff Stewart completed a previous liquor application and the police department recommended denial based on multiple issues that have not been resolved.

During the prior interview with Mr. Robert Stewart he provided his biographical information. During a background investigation into Robert Stewart it was found that he has a felony conviction out of the Maricopa County Superior Court, with a conviction date of 10/01/19 (case #CR2014-1156080-001). Per A.R.S. 4-202.D Robert Stewart would be ineligible to own a liquor license due to his felony conviction.

Upon a visual review of the restaurant, it was found that six of the seventeen tables are hi-top bar tables and there are thirteen bar stools around the bar. This type of seating is more consistent with a bar than a restaurant.

Ms. Charmaine Anderson submitted the requisite Restaurant Operation plan with her state liquor application. Question 6 on this plan asks, “Does your restaurant have a bar area that is distinct and separate from the dining area?” She marked, “yes”. The question continues and asked for a percentage of “public floor space” and she wrote “90%”. Question 7 asks, “What percentage of your public premises is used for restaurant dining? (Do not include kitchen, bar, hi-top tables or game area)” and she wrote “10%”. Question 8 asks, “Does your restaurant contain any games, televisions, or any other entertainment? If yes, specify what types and how many (examples 4-TV’s, 2 Pool Tables, 1 video Game etc.)”. Ms. Charmaine Anderson checked the box marked, “Yes”, and clarified that there will be 6-TV’s.

For live entertainment, she indicated that a DJ would be used twice a month. Upon review of the restaurant’s social media, several posts and videos were found for their “DJ” nights. The posts show that a cover charge was needed to gain entry. The videos showed that the tables for the restaurant are moved out of the restaurant space. The patrons are seen dancing to the music, and it appears to be a music concert. There are no patrons seated at tables having a meal. The videos show the restaurant has a “nightclub” type atmosphere. These activities describe a bar not a restaurant.

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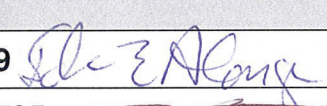
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The name of the establishment Island Vybz Bar & Grill promotes the restaurant as a bar and not as a restaurant. There are alcohol advertisements on the windows next to the front door, which is consistent with a bar, not a restaurant.

Upon review, the Series 12 Restaurant license is not the appropriate license type. Based on responses, the establishment more closely reflects a bar which requires a Series 6 Bar license. In addition, Ms. Charmaine Anderson, the only person listed shows no experience owning or operating a business as described.

Due to the incomplete application, undisclosed owners and general lack of experience managing or owning a restaurant or bar, Ms. Charmaine Anderson has not proven to be reliable, capable, or qualified to hold a liquor license. The Police Department recommends the license be denied because it is not in the best interest of the surrounding community or the City of Phoenix.

This recommendation for disapproval is submitted by: Det. Jared Smart

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