

Police Department Liquor License Disapproval Recommendation

Application Information

Business Name	Rocky Point Restaurant & Bar	District	2
Business Location	5310 E. High Street, Suite 100		
Applicant Name	Alexandra Morales	Series Type	12

Alexandra Morales as the sole applicant applied for a Series 12 liquor license for the Rocky Point Restaurant & Bar located at 5310 E. High Street, Suite 100.

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 second submitted for this business. On December 26, 2019, Officer Tewers met with Ms. Alexandra Morales and a gentleman later identified by the applicant as Mr. Frank Power at the restaurant, to interview her about the first application. It should be noted the entire interview was captured on Officer Tewer's City issued body worn camera.

During the interview both Ms. Morales and Mr. Power began answering all of Officer Tewers' questions about the business. When asked if they had any experience in the restaurant industry they both said that they had worked at a Sushi restaurant. Neither Ms. Morales nor Mr. Power have any experience owning or managing a restaurant or bar.

Being that Mr. Power was answering some of the questions, Officer Tewers explained to them both, anyone who would be in control of the business or has 10 percent or more financial interest in the business needs to be listed on the application. Mr. Power told Officer Tewers that he is using money from a separate business he owns to support this restaurant. Officer Tewers then asked Mr. Power for his personal information as he was going to be involved in the operation of the restaurant. Mr. Power told Officer Tewers that his last name was Power and provided his date of birth.

Mr. Power explained that he was the owner of the restaurant and Ms. Morales was the applicant for the license. Ms. Morales and Mr. Power also explained that one of them would always be on sight during business hours when alcohol could be served at the establishment.

After the interview, Officer Tewers researched the information Mr. Power provided at the time. Officer Tewers was unable to find any information on Frank Powers with the date of birth provided. Officer Tewers then made a phone call to Ms. Morales to verify the information given by Mr. Power during the interview. She gave the last name of Abbasi for Mr. Power which differed from the information given during the original interview.

After doing some research with the new last name given Officer Tewers was able to find a Fariborz Abbasi (Frank) with the date of birth provided. Officer Tewers verified Fariborz Abbasi was the true name of Frank Power by the picture given on his driver's license through the Motor Vehicle Department.

Due to the deception of both parties involved in this restaurant, the incomplete application, and general lack of experience managing or owning a restaurant or bar the Police Department recommended denial on the first application.

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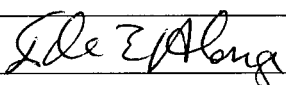
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Ms. Morales withdrew the original application. She then submitted a new application for a license as the sole owner and controlling person. No manager was submitted. She subsequently listed Mr. Abbasi on the city questionnaire as an investor for the restaurant. At no point did she list Mr. Abbasi as an owner or a manager of this business as required even though he introduces himself as such in a community publication and to police officers assigned to work the area.

During this time, the restaurant has been open and operating on an interim permit. All advertisements for the restaurant have listed Mr. Abbasi aka Power and Ms. Morales as the owners.

During this process Ms. Morales and Mr. Power have 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: Officer Tim Tewers #8698

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