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February 6, 2014

Mr. Joe Monsour
c/o The Real Pickle
855 Peirremont Suite 149
Shreveport, LA 71106

Re: Denial of Application of Joe Monsour for Alcohol permit for The Real Pickle, 855 Peirremont Suite 149, Shreveport, La 71106

Dear Mr. Hussain:

The Shreveport City Council will consider the appeal of the denial of Joe Monsour's application for a permit (liquor) to sell alcoholic beverages at **The Real Pickle, 855 Peirremont, Shreveport, Louisiana**. The meeting will be held in the **Governmental Chambers, 505 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana, February 24, 2014, at 3:00p.m.** Your case will be heard near the end of the meeting.

The reason cited by the Police Department for denying the application is that Mr. Monsour does not meet all of the qualifications outlined in Section 10-44 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport, specifically as follows:

Sec 10-44. Qualifications of applicant.

- (a) (7) Has not been adjudged by the city council or convicted by any court in the last two years, of violating any two or more municipal or parish ordinances adopted pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

Sec. 10-45. Approval or disapproval of application.

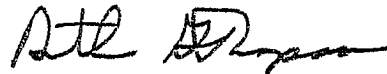
No alcoholic beverage permit shall be issued or renewed until the application therefore has been approved in the manner provided in this section. The chief of police is authorized to approve, without delay, any such application when he determines, in his discretion, that the applicant has the prescribed qualifications for such permit and has complied with all applicable provisions of this chapter. If the chief of police disapproves such an application, he shall notify the applicant in writing and state the reasons for such disapproval. Any applicant aggrieved by the decision of the chief of police may, within ten days from the date such decision is rendered, appeal to the city council by filing a written request with the office of the clerk of council for a review of such decision. The city council shall thereafter hold a hearing thereon in accordance with section 10-133 of this chapter.

Questions may be directed to the Clerk of Council or the City Attorney at the following addresses and telephone numbers.

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Post Office Box 31109
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Sincerely,



Arthur G. Thompson
Clerk of Council

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E-COPY: Members of the Shreveport City Council
Chief Shaw
Cpl. Collins
Terri Scott
Julie Glass

January 30, 2014

City of Shreveport City Council

505 Travis Street

Suite 410

Shreveport LA 71101

I recently received a letter from the Shreveport Chief of Police stating that he would not be approving my 2014 Liquor license due to excessive violations of city code. The letter stated that, should I decide to appeal this ruling, I would have to write a letter of explanation to the Shreveport City Council and you would review the circumstances.- And, hopefully, renew my license in good standing.

All of the violations occurred on the same day. Four (4) of my servers were cited for no ABO card. They did, in fact, have cards, just not on their person. And 2 were expired. Heather Griffin was subsequently cited for serving alcohol to a minor.

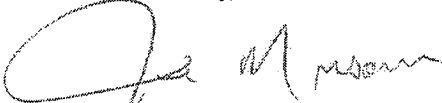
I was cited for allowing my employees to sell alcohol without ABO's. While technically correct, I had no idea they did not have their cards. That is my responsibility and I accept that.

The Real Pickle has been in business for nearly 27 years in the same location. I acquired the business 16 years ago. To my knowledge, we have never been cited for any liquor violation. NEVER!

I have corrected the problem and do not anticipate this ever happening again. With that said, I humbly request that you authorize the renewal of my license.

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss this matter, please call me on my cell phone number 318-4690-5949.

Sincerely,



Joe Monsour, Owner

The Real Pickle

cc. Willie L Shaw, Jr. Chief of Police



Cedric B. Glover
Mayor

Shreveport Police Department

1234 Texas Avenue
Shreveport, Louisiana 71101
web site: www.ci.shreveport.la.us/dept/police



Willie L. Shaw, Jr.
Chief of Police

January 15, 2014

Joseph Monsour
C/O The Real Pickle
855 Peirremont Suite 149
Shreveport, LA 71106

Dear Mr. Monsour:

On October 21, 2013 the ABO Office received the alcohol renewal application for The Real Pickle. This correspondence is to inform you the application has been denied. The denial is because the excessive number of alcohol ordinance violations at the business as stated below in Section 10-44 (Please see attachment for details)

- (7) Has not been adjudged by the city council or convicted by any court in the last two years, of violating any two or more municipal or parish ordinances adopted pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

Section 10-45 of the City Ordinance does, however provide for an appeal to the City Council for approval or disapproval.

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Should you desire to appeal this decision, you must file a written appeal in the office of the Clerk of Council, 505 Travis Street, Suite 410. The telephone number is 318-673-5262. Your current alcohol permit will be valid until the appeal is heard and a decision is rendered by the city council.

Sincerely,

WILLIE L. SHAW, JR.
Chief of Police

Cpl Russell J. Collins
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ABO Issuing Agent

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Attachment: 01

"To Serve and Protect"

Attachment

Alcohol Offense Convictions

Offense Date	Employee	Charge	Case Disposition/Date
02/01/2013	Jena Bain	No ABO card on Person	Plead Guilty-03/26/2013
02/01/2013	Heather Griffin	No ABO card on Person	Plead Guilty-03/26/2013
02/01/2013	Jamie Villarreal	No ABO card on Person	Plead Guilty-03/26/2013
02/14/2013	Heather Griffin	Underage Sales	Plead Guilty-07/31/2013
03/22/2013	Joseph Monsour	All Employee to Work With No ABO Card	Plead No Contest-04/23/2013
03/22/2013	Julian Middleton	No ABO Card	Plead Guilty-11-22-2013