



CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS
MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 11, 2024

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Frank Schulte

SUBJECT: Issuance recommendation of the city's remaining Class C liquor license to Daily Jam GP, LLC and Memorandum of Understanding between BCM Restaurants, LLC aka Lola's Taco (20195 Mack Avenue) and Daily Jam GP, LLC

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Daily Jam GP, LLC and BCM Restaurants, LLC aka Lola Taco's Bar are new restaurants seeking the city's last available Class C liquor license in Grosse Pointe Woods. At the September 9, 2024 city council meeting, the item was tabled until they both perused a site plan review and a special land use recommendation from the planning commission.

Instead of allowing only one restaurant to secure the remaining city license, administration reached out to both owners to discuss the possibility of negotiating and sharing the cost of securing a second license. This way, neither would be left without a license nor have to pay full price for one. After several discussions, they came to a mutual understanding.


As outlined in the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), Daily Jam GP, LLC will share the expense of obtaining a Class C Liquor License for BCM Restaurants, LLC on the premise that city council agrees to grant its last quota license to Daily Jam GP, LLC.

In addition, the MOU states that BCM Restaurants, LLC "*shall withdraw its application for the city License.*"

In addition, it is understood that the city's recommendation to the MLCC is conditioned upon Daily Jam GP, LLC signing an agreement which provides that if or when Daily Jam GP, LLC no longer needs the city's quota license that it will be returned to the city. This agreement and the MOU will allow both restaurants to move forward with their business plans at a lower cost. In this scenario, everyone wins and both can proceed with their plans.

It is my recommendation that city council agree to submit the Local Government Approval Resolution to the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Liquor Control Commission for consideration of issuance of the city's last Class C liquor license be given to the Daily Jam GP, LLC (20710 Mack Avenue), conditioned upon and subject to Daily Jam GP, LLC signing an Agreement Restricting Transfer of the Class C Liquor License.

Recommended for Approval:


Frank Schulte, City Administrator