

December 27, 2023 Long Lake City Council

To Whom it May Concern:

I recently submitted a Building Permit Application for a new restaurant in Long Lake, Bucks Pub, to move into the Liquor Barn strip mall located at 2067 Wayzata Boulevard W (a land use application was previously approved for my parking configuration). As part of that application process, I submitted to the Metropolitan Council for the required SAC determination based on the floor plan of the new restaurant. On November 29, the Metropolitan Council issued their determination and found that 2.84 (3) SAC units would be due for my project and Building Permit to proceed - at \$2,485.00 per unit, that adds \$7,455.00 to the cost of my Building Permit.

I'm aware that typically the City charges 1 SAC unit fee and 1 WAC unit fee per each Metropolitan Council SAC fee found to be due. In this case, that would mean 3 City SAC and 3 City WAC charges in addition to the Metropolitan Council SAC fees - thereby adding another \$18,255.00 to my Building Permit cost.

Recognizing there has already been a restaurant occupying space, the City of Long Lake staff

advised me to submit a petition to ask the City Council for a reduction in the City SAC and WAC

units due to 1 of each unit.

My restaurant will have a little additional seating than prior restaurants in the space, and I'd

absolutely agree that Bucks Pub will have somewhat of an increased water/sewer use over

previous restaurants. However, the seating won't be increased to 3 times what's occupied the

previous space; therefore, the impact is extremely unlikely to do the same.

I'm excited for this opportunity and am enthusiastically looking forward to opening Bucks Pub

and to becoming a part of the Long Lake business community. I respectfully (and hopefully) ask

that the City Council please consider a reduction in the City SAC and WAC units to be applied to

my Building Permit to 1 of each unit.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or

concerns.

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