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DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY / CHIEF
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SUBJECT: CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION
THE DANCING PINE
DATE: DECEMBER 2, 2024

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Mayor and Council –

A VERY preemptive FYI on a request for one (1) of your three (3) remaining quota liquor licenses. The request is a bit pre-mature as the building has yet to be constructed. Nonetheless I wanted it to be on your radar.

- Victor

Liquor License Request:

Seven York Incorporated is requesting a Class C license for a new business operating as The Dancing Pine, which will be located in the Sakura complex, near Grand River Avenue and Town Center Drive.

Applicant/Background Information:

This application is being sought by Min Kyu Kim, who owns and operates 11 restaurants in Michigan, two of which serve alcohol/liquor (Kimchi Box Plus in Northville and Azalea in Ann Arbor). Both of these restaurants serve a wide variety of wines as well as cocktails that pair with their respective menus. Because of the variety and quantity of the restaurants that the applicant operates, he has been able to develop and maintain a strong team that ensures the quality and efficiencies of the restaurants.

Dancing Pine is set to serve Korean steakhouse foods and Asian classics such as hot pot, poke, steak, sushi, and a selection of baked goods. The Dancing Pine will be in a stand alone building in the middle of the development, facing the lake.

Criminal History/Police Contacts:

The applicant was arrested for "Disorderly Conduct" in Ann Arbor on 07-31-22. Court records from the 15th District Court (Ann Arbor) revealed that the applicant was charged with "Urinate or Defecate in Public-Disorderly", however, this case was ultimately dismissed "order of nolle prosequi" on 10-28-22.

Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC):

There were no violations found for the applicant's two current restaurants in which alcohol is served.

Financial Review:

Based upon the financial data provided by the corporation, no issues were found to prevent the liquor license application process from proceeding.

Summary:

Based on the information provided and the subsequent liquor investigation, I find no reason to deny the applicant's request. This request requires the approval of the Novi City Council.

C: Victor Cardenas, City Manager