

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Clerk
FROM: Daniel A. Meyer, Chief of Police
SUBJECT: Disapproval of Beverage Operator's License Application for **Chelsea Jordan Baker**
DATE: June 4, 2024

On May 31, 2024, Chelsea J Baker, 130 S Prairie St Apt 9, Whitewater, WI 53190, applied for a beverage operator's license to work, without supervision, at Rick's Eastside, 561 E Milwaukee St., Whitewater, WI 53190. At that time the usual background investigation was conducted.

Effective June 4, 2024, the following information is being supplied on an official basis concerning the beverage operator's license application of Chelsea J Baker. Pertinent records of the local and state agencies have been searched as of this date with the following results: (Only that information which would bear upon this application is recorded. Traffic violations are excluded.)

WHITEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT

07/12/2022: RETAIL THEFT \$50<\$200 (1ST)

04/22/2023: POSSESSION OF THC (1ST OFFENSE)

Chelsea J Baker failed to list all of her convictions for offenses she had been charged with on her application.

An operator at an alcohol establishment has an obligation to reasonably deal with various rules and regulations regarding alcohol. These arrests show that Chelsea J Baker has displayed an inability to abide by these laws. We therefore do not believe that she has the appropriate ability to handle the responsibility that the license requires.

Qualifications for license in accordance with Wisconsin State Statute 125.04(5)(a) as affected by Chapter 79 and 391, Laws of '81 effective 1/1/82 which states in part: "Natural persons. Licenses and permits related to alcohol beverages, issued to natural persons under this chapter, may be issued only to persons who: 1. Do not have an arrest or conviction record, subject to s. 111.321, 111.322, and 111.335: . . ." Statute 111.335---Arrest or conviction record: Exceptions and special cases---reads in part: "(c) Notwithstanding s. 111.322 it is not employment discrimination because of conviction record to refuse to employ or license, or to bar or terminate from employment or licensing any individual who: 1. Has been convicted of any felony, misdemeanor or other offense the circumstances of which substantially relate to the circumstances of the particular job or licensed activity; ..."

Based on the above information, I recommend that this applicant be denied her beverage operator's license application. These offenses she has been arrested for DO substantially relate to the circumstances of the particular job or licensed activity as required under Chapter 125.

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