

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Date: April 15, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Troy City Council Members

From: Frank A. Nastasi, City Manager

Lori Grigg Bluhm, City Attorney

Josh Jones, Police Chief

Nicole MacMillan, Assistant City Attorney

Subject: The Melting Pot Liquor License Violation (Introduced by: Nicole MacMillan, Assistant

City Attorney and Lynn Giorgi, Police Staffing and Standards Specialist)

The Troy Police Department annually performs undercover checks on licensed liquor establishments within the City to determine if they unlawfully sell alcohol to underage persons. The Directed Patrol Unit conducts these sting operations with the assistance of temporary employees under 21 years of age, who are sent into licensed establishments under police direction and try to purchase liquor. The Directed Patrol Unit documents each visit, and sends the information to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC). If the decoy is sold alcohol by a licensee's employee or agent, the MLCC adjudicates the matter, providing the licensees with appropriate due process. The City also separately cites the employee who sold the alcohol to the minor.

In addition to these sanctions, the state statute also grants local municipalities the authority to object to an otherwise automatic renewal of an on-premises liquor license (restaurants, etc., where the alcohol is consumed on location). Because liquor licenses are considered property, the City needs to give each licensee notice and an opportunity to contest the allegations before taking any adverse action. Troy's due process requirements are set forth in Chapter 101 of the Troy City Ordinances. Notice is also provided to neighboring property owners.

On August 28, 2024, a server at The Melting Pot Babylon Restaurant Group, Inc., located at 888 W. Big Beaver Road, failed an undercover sting operation. Pursuant to Troy's process, a public hearing notice was published and sent to the licensee. General Manager Matthew Carlotta sent a letter acknowledging the violation, and detailing The Melting Pot's actions after the violation. His letter is attached, as well as the redacted violation report, police report, MLCC history, and the ticket issued to the server. The server pled responsible to the violation and was fined \$200.

Based on The Melting Pot's record, City Administration recommends that Council pass a resolution requiring responsible alcohol service training for all of licensee's serving employees. Mr. Carlotta has indicated that there was ServSafe training, which the Troy Police Department can vet to make sure that it complies with the proposed resolution.

It is likely that someone from The Melting Pot will be present at the City Council meeting, and can answer any additional Council questions or address any of your concerns. Other persons may also want to provide public comment as to this liquor licensee.



Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs MICHIGAN LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION (MLCC)

525 W. Allegan St., P.O. Box 30005 Lansing, MI 48909-7505

Phone 866-813-0011 - Fax 517-763-0053

www.michigan.gov/lcc

VIOLATION REPORT

EMAIL COMPLETED REPORT TO LARA-MLCC-ViolSubmit@michigan.gov

(Authorized by P.A. 58 of 1998)

		usiness ID (BID) number directly from the liquor license** Business ID (BID) No.:						
1. Name of Licensee:	he Melting Pot		(BID) No.:					
2. Doing Business As (D/B/A): The Melting Pot Babylon F	Restaurant Gr	oup Inc					
3. Licensed Address (S	treet, City, Zip Code):	Beaver Rd Tı	roy MI 48084					
4. Township:		5. County:	Dakland					
	Permit(s): SDM & Class C							
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8. Violation Type(s):	■ Sale to Minor □ Intoxicated Person □ Gambling □ Controlled Substances □ Prohibited Conduct	☐ Afterhours Sales/Consumption ☐ Fighting (must be inside licensed premises) ☐ Failure to Cooperate ☐ Other:						
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Officer Signature: Office	er Chris O'Brien		Date Signed: 8/28/24					
Officer Name & Title (p	rint): Officer Chris O'Brien							
Officer Email Address:	cḥristopher.obrien@troymi.gov							
Department Name: Troy	/ Police Department		Phone No.: 248-524-3477					
Date Report Completed	//Submitted: 8/28/24		EMAIL COMPLETED REPORT TO LARA-MLCC-ViolSubmit@michigan.gov					

WITNESSES

1. Name	Address 500 W Big Beaver Rd Troy MI 48084
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Provide List of Evidence:

LCC Checklist Citation Report Photo of Alcohol Decoy witness statement

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CR No: 240025427

TROY POLICE DEPARTMENT

500 W BIG BEAVER RD TROY MI 48084 248-524-3477



Case Report

Administrative Details: CR No Subject C4604 - Liquor/Alcohol - Furnish/Sell - Civil Infraction 240025427 Occurrence Date/Time Report Date/Time 08/28/2024 12:51 08/28/2024 12:51 Call Source 888 W BIG BEAVER RD **FOP** Dispatched Offense Verified Offense 4199 Liquor Violations (Other) C4604 Liquor/Alcohol - Furnish/Sell - Civil Infraction City/Twp/Village 63 - Oakland 84 - Troy Division Patrol DPU

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[] Search warrant	[] Forfeiture
[] Juvenile petition	[] Other

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CR No: 240025427-001 Written By: TROBRIENC (150430) Date: 08/28/2024 01:06 PM

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Information:

On August 28, 2024 Sgt. Parker and I (O'Brien) conducted underage alcohol inspections with Decoy K.K. K.K. entered The Melting Pot located at 888 W Big Beaver Rd. Troy and ordered a Two Hearted IPA at the bar. Server Annabelle Hoover W/F 11/19/99 served K.K the beer without asking for ID or proof of age.

I issued Hoover citation number 24TR06732 for Furnishing, sale to persons under 21 and/or failure to inquire as to age during enforcement action. She was advised to contact the 52-4 DC within 14 days. Hoover declined to complete a written statement.

A LCC checklist was completed and K.K. completed a written statement. No further action.

CR No: 240025427-002 Written By: TRKOWALSKIR (100957) ATTACHMENT ONLY REPORT - No

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MLCC AIMS - Active/Escrow License Search

Violation #	Date Violation Occured	Status	Violation Description	Event/Decision
CV- 00110750		Closed		2/23/2007 01-24-07 PASSED CONTROLLED BUY OPERATION (TROY POLICE DEPARTMENT)
CV- 00117982		Closed		9/5/2007 05-10-07 PASSED CONTROLLED BUY OPERATION (TROY POLICE DEPARTMENT)
CV- 00119973		Closed		11/19/2007 10-18-07 Passed controlled buy operation (TROY P.D.)
CV- 00121069		Closed		12/28/2007 12-06-07 PASSED CONTROLLED BUY OPERATION (TROY POLICE DEPARTMENT)
CV- 00123350		Closed		3/25/2008 PASSED CONTROL BUY OPERATION ON 2-21-08 (TROY P.D.)
CV- 00126537		Closed		6/18/2008 PASSED CONTROLLED BUY OPERATION ON 05-21- 08(TROY PD)
CV- 00131324		Closed		1/23/2009 PASSED CONTROLLED BUY OPERATION ON 12/30/08(CITY OF TROY POLICE DEPARTMENT)
CV- 00137558		Closed		10/23/2009 PASSED CONTROLLED BUY OPERATION ON 10-2-08 (TROY P.D.)
CV- 00137797		Closed		11/13/2009 PASSED CONTROLLED BUY OPERATION ON 5-7-07 (TROY P.D.)

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CV- 00140114		Closed		4/13/2010 PASSED CONTROLLED BUY OPERATION ON 10/28/09 (TROY POLICE DEPT)
CV- 00140116		Closed		4/13/2010 PASSED CONTROLLED BUY OPERATION ON 12/17/09 (TROY POLICE DEPT)
CV- 00140117		Closed		4/13/2010 PASSED CONTROLLED BUY OPERATION ON 10/28/09 (TROY POLICE DEPT)
CV- 00142314		Closed		8/24/2010 PASSED CONTROLLED BUY OPERATION ON 7/19/10 (TROY POLICE DEPT)
CV- 00150499	12/16/2011	Closed	SALE TO MINOR DECOY BRENNAN (18): (TROY PD OFCS P. MINTON, K. RACZKA AND G. STOPCZYNSKI/CLERK LEANN BJORNRUD/ID NOT CHECKED)	6/5/2012 HEARING HELD SOUTHFIELD GAFFNEY/MOODY- FREEZA/GIBSON NEG SETTLEMENT COST \$28.206/5/2012 \$500 WAIVE \$100 \$400 OR 20 DAY SUSP & \$28.20 W/FEES TOTAL \$428.20 801(2) NEG SET

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CV- 00170519		Closed	SALE TO MINOR DECOY JH #2 (18): TROY PD OFC'S GOBLER, BORDO, STOPCZYNSKI & MCWILLIAMS\DECOY\CK BRANDON BENSON\NO ID)	6/3/2015 HEARING HELD STERLING HEIGHTS MOURNING/MOODY- FREEZA/GIBSON NEG SETTLEMENT COST \$7.876/25/2015 THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE FINDS THAT, WHILE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, DECOY JH #2, WHO WAS EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT, ENTERED THE ABOVE- NAMED LICENSED ESTABLISHMENT ON FEBRUARY 20, 2015 AND PURCHASED ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR FROM AN EMPLOYEE OF THE LICENSEE. THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE FURTHER FINDS THAT THE EMPLOYEE OF THIE LICENSEE NEITHER DEMANDED NOR WAS SHOWN PROPER IDENTIFICATION SHOWING THAT THE DECOY WAS AT LEAST TWENTY-ONE (21) YEARS OLD; HOWEVER, THE EMPLOYEE STILL SOLD ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR TO THE DECOY. THE EMPLOYEE DID NOT MAKE A DILIGENT INQUIRY TO DETERMINE THE TRUE AGE OF THE PURCHASER. AS A PENALTY, THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE ORDERS A FINE OF \$600 FOR THE ONE CHARGE IN THIS MATTER. FURTHER, THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE ORDERS THAT A SUSPENSION OF THIRTY (30) CONTINUOUS DAYS SHALL BE IMPOSED IF THE FINE IS NOT PAID,
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Date Violation Occured

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CONSECUTIVELY AND NOT CONCURRENTLY WITH ANY OTHER SUSPENSION ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION, IF THE FINE IS NOT PAID WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS ORDER. FURTHER, THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE ORDERS THAT THIS NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IS A FULL AND FINAL DISPOSITION OF THIS MATTER BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THAT THERE IS NO FURTHER RIGHT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OR JUDICIAL APPEAL, EITHER TO THE COMMISSION OR ANY COURT OF LAW, THAT THE PLEA IN THIS CASE HAS BEEN ENTERED VOLUNTARILY AND WITH THE FULL UNDERSTANDING OF ALL CONSEQUENCES, THAT THERE ARE NO PROMISES, STIPULATIONS, UNDERSTANDINGS OR AGREEMENTS OTHER THAN THOSE STATED AS PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD HEREIN, AND THAT THIS NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT REPRESENTS THE FINAL AGREED SETTLEMENT. FURTHER, THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE ORDERS THE LICENSEE TO PAY TOTAL COST OF \$7.87 FOR WITNESS FEES INVOLVED IN CONNECTION WITH THE HEARING.6/25/2015 IN **DETERMINING WHETHER TO** APPROVE THE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT AS PROPOSED ABOVE, THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

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JUDGE CONSIDERED THE STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED SETTLEMENT BY SERGEANT NATHAN GOBLER ON BEHALF OF THE TROY POLICE DEPARTMENT. IN DETERMINING WHETHER TO APPROVE THE **NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT AS** PROPOSED ABOVE, THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE CONSIDERED THE LICENSEE'S TOTAL RECORD, WHICH SHOWS ONE (1) PREVIOUS VIOLATION SINCE BEING LICENSED ON NOVEMBER 19, 2004, AT THE ABOVE-NAMED LOCATION UNDER THE CURRENT OWNERSHIP.IN DETERMINING WHETHER TO APPROVE THE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT AS PROPOSED ABOVE, THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE FURTHER TOOK INTO CONSIDERATION, AS MITIGATIVE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE STATEMENTS MADE BY THE PARTIES, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE AFOREMENTIONED CIRCUMSTANCES AND STATEMENTS, THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE ACCEPTS THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PROPOSED NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS: THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE ACCEPTS THE LICENSEE'S PLEA OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO ONE CHARGE IN CASE NO. 5-170519. THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

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CV-518112	8/28/2024	Closed	Sold or furnished alcoholic liquor to minor decoy K.K. date of birth July 28, 2005, (19) who was less than twenty-one (21) years old: (Troy PD, Sgt. Brandon Parker, Ofc. Chris O'Brien/Clerk Annabelle Rose Hoover/ID not checked)	9/24/2024 Lic Ack Gonzales10/29/2024 Therefore, the Commissioner Orders a penalty fine of \$700 for the charge in this matter. The Commissioner further Orders the Licensee to serve a suspension of thirty-five (35) continuous days, to run consecutively and not concurrently with any other suspension Ordered by the MLCC, if the fine is not paid within forty-five (45) days from the date of this Order.

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CITY OF TROY

NOTICE OF LIQUOR VIOLATIONS

TROY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A Public Hearing will be held by and before the Council of the City of Troy at City Hall, 500 W. Big Beaver, Troy, Michigan on Monday, April 21, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. and notice is given for the following 2024 Liquor Violations:

a) Name: Maple Gas Mart, LLC

(dba Sunoco Gas)

Address:

1490 E. Maple Rd, Troy, MI 48083

License No:

SDM (L-000400089)

SALE TO MINOR (Compliance Test) on April 15, 2024

b) Name: John R Petro Mart, Inc.

(dba John R Petro Mart)

Address:

1980 E. Maple Rd., Troy, MI 48083

License No:

SDM (L-000274041)

SALE TO MINOR (Compliance Test) on April 15, 2024

c) Name: Polish Market II, Inc.

(dba Polish Market)

Address:

2938 E. Maple Rd., Troy, MI 48083

License No:

SDM (L-000271701)

SALE TO MINOR (Compliance Test) on April 15, 2024

d) Name: 7-Eleven Inc. and MCME Investment Inc.

Address:

5020 John R, Troy, MI 48085

License No:

SDM (L-000013474)

SALE TO MINOR (Compliance Test) on April 22, 2024

Name: e)

Granite City Food and Brewery Inc.

(dba Granite City)

Address:

699 W. Big Beaver Rd., Troy, MI 48084

License No:

Class C (L-000435060), SDM (L-000435061), and Brewpub (L-000435062)

SALE TO MINOR (Compliance Test) on April 25, 2024

Name: f)

Babylon Restaurant Group, Inc.

(dba The Melting Pot)

Address:

888 W. Big Beaver Rd. Ste. 120, Troy, MI 48084)

License No:

Class C (L-000132488), SDM (L-000132489)

SALE TO MINOR (Compliance Test) on August 28, 2024

g) Name: S&S Michigan I, LLC

(dba SPORTS & SOCIAL)

Address:

2850 Coolidge Hwy., Troy, MI 48084

License No:

Class C (L-000454473), SDM (L-000454475)

SALE TO MINOR (Compliance Test) on August 28, 2024

h) Name: 7-Eleven Inc.

(dba 7-Eleven Store #17313M)

Address:

2910 John R, Troy, MI 48083

License No: SDM (L-000480986), SDD (L-000480987)

SALE TO MINOR (Tip Investigation) on May 22, 2024

M. Aileen Dickson, MMC, MiPMC3 City Clerk

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Re: **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - Liquor License Violation**

To whom it may concern:

A Public Hearing will be held by and before the City of Troy City Council on April 21, 2025 at 7:30 PM in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 500 W Big Beaver, Troy, Michigan. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether the City Council should recommend to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission the renewal or non-renewal of licenses allowed for the sale and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages. The following licensees and violations will be discussed:

Licensee: Babylon Restaurant Group, Inc.

DBA: The Melting Pot

Public Hearing Date: April 21, 2025 at 7:30 PM

License Type: Class C, SDM (L-000132488, L-000132489)

Violation: SALE TO MINOR (COMPLIANCE CHECK)

Violation Date: August 28, 2024

This notice is sent pursuant to Section 12b of Chapter 101 – Liquor Licenses of the City of Troy Code of Ordinances.

Sincerely,

M. Aileen Dickson, MMC, MiPMC3

City Clerk

04/07/2025 Matthew Carlotta The Melting Pot Troy 888 W. Big Beaver Road Troy, Michigan 48084

To the City of Troy,

I am writing to you to let you know about the process that was taken after a minor was served in our restaurant in August of last year. This was a very serious matter for our restaurant, and we did what we believed would show the importance to our staff in this situation. We scheduled two Alcohol Service training sessions with a local Serv Safe instructor to come into the restaurant and train all service staff.

All the servers on the staff received an Alcohol Service certification from Serv Safe. This is also a topic that is brought up very frequently prior to the start of the shift for my staff so we won't have these kinds of errors in our service.

Thank you,

Matthew Carlotta

General Manager

248-362-2221