

**City of Northville  
Liquor License Review Committee  
December 19, 2016**

**Call to Order**

A meeting of the Liquor License Review Committee was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, City Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167.

It was noted that Mayor Pro Tem James Allen, Councilmember Marilyn Price, and Member John Buckland were present.

Also present were City Manager Pat Sullivan, Deputy City Clerk Michelle Massel, Police Chief Michael Carlson, and representatives for Browndog North, LLC. No citizens were present.

**Public Comments**

None

**Approval of Agenda**

**Motion Price seconded by Buckland to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Approval of Minutes**

None

**Request to Transfer Class C and SDM Liquor License Browndog North, LLC**

Browndog North, LLC, D/B/A Browndog Creamery, is currently located at 118 E. Main Street. Browndog is owned by Paul Gabriel and Brian Scherle. Browndog Creamery is currently renovating 120 E. Main Street in preparation to move their business. Browndog Creamery is requesting ownership transfer of an escrowed Class C Liquor License with Sunday Sales (PM) permit from Doja, Inc. (located in Detroit, Business ID 2045), into the City and add a Specially Designated Merchant (SDM) and Sunday Sales (AM) permit.

The applicants have completed the Liquor License Review Committee Application indicating they intend to operate as a unique small batch homemade ice cream dessert bar specializing in custom cakes, ice cream, and desserts infused with alcohol. In addition, they will be selling carry-out beer and wine. The proposed interior will accommodate 43 patrons, which includes

seven seats at the bar area. The ratio of food sales to alcohol sales is 85% food / 15% alcohol. The hours of operation will be as follows:

- Monday - Thursday 12:00pm - 11:00pm
- Friday & Saturday 11:00am - 12:00am
- Sunday 10:00am - 10:00pm

Notice of this public hearing has been provided in accordance to the City's Liquor Management Ordinance. The applicants have experience at their existing Browndog business in Northville (without liquor sales) and at Browndog in Farmington City with a Class C liquor license. A background check has been conducted and there have been no negative contacts with the applicants or their business. There are no MLCC violations at the Farmington City Browndog location.

All fees and costs have been paid by the applicants. Staff can find no reason to object to the approval of this request subject to final inspections and code compliance.

Public hearing opened at 7:02 p.m.

In response to a question from the LLRC, the applicant stated that the menu will be the same as their Farmington location which has been open since June. The applicant also stated that alcohol available for carry out will only include capped and sealed beer growlers, and wine, which will be situated separately at the front of the store. Alcohol infused drinks and desserts served in glass or on china will only be available in a sit down service area. Employees will ID patrons ordering alcohol.

Being no further comments, the public hearing closed at 7:05 p.m.

**Motion Buckland, seconded by Price** that City Council take no action to object to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission approving the request by Browndog North, LLC to transfer a Class C & SDM license with Sunday sales AM and PM permits. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Massel  
Deputy City Clerk

Approved as submitted: 5/15/17