

June. 26, 2015

City of Madison Zoning Administrator
Madison Municipal Building
210 Martin Luther King Blvd.
Madison, WI

To whom it may concern:

We are opening a new restaurant, Buraka, in the space operated by 'Jolly Bobs' until November of last year. The entire rear yard is currently granted a conditional use as outdoor seating (40 seats) which we would like to continue with the addition of 12 seats at the front. Capacity of seating inside the restaurant is 74 and capacity of the outdoor space would be a maximum of 52 front and back. The approvals granted by the Alcohol License Review Committee stated that the seating at the rear would be closed at 10:00 PM and 11:00 PM at the front. All outside seating will voluntarily be designated 'non smoking'. In addition we would agree not to have outside amplified music and per the alder's request the french doors in the back will be used for access and egress only. Three meetings with community groups identified concerns about having any outdoor seating at elevated levels which we agreed to honor.

We are leasing the entire building which consists of a main floor with 1968 square feet a basement storage area of 936 square feet. In order to make the building usable for us we are adding a 24 square foot area to the entrance and an outside landing area in the back for exiting purposes. These improvements required a public hearing to determine adherence to design principals and a Certificate of Appropriateness was granted.

At our business we are anticipating 4 full time employees and up to 13 part time employees. We were displaced from the location we operated for twelve years on State Street and hope to carry on our tradition of serving fine African food to our many loyal patrons and our new community customers many of which have already expressed enthusiasm for our decision to come here.

Thank you for your consideration,

Markos Ragassa, and employees