

May 12, 2008

Alcohol License Review Committee  
City of Madison  
210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Madison WI. 53703

RE: Quinton's Disciplinary Matter

Dear Commissioners,

I have attended all the ALRC meetings regarding Quinton's. I would like to give you a concerned citizen's thoughts on what I believe may be a proper discipline.

For the following reasons I strongly urge the ALRC to suspend Quinton's license for one (1) month during the period August 15, 2008 to September 15, 2008:

The owners are experienced businessmen. They owned similar establishments in three other cities, none of them in Wisconsin. Because they operated in other states they should have known that liquor license conditions and regulations vary from state to state.

Because they are experienced in the restaurant/bar business it was incumbent on them to be aware of the meaning of all the conditions placed on their license by the City of Madison, and to ascertain exactly how to fulfill those conditions. The burden of proof is on them.

The failure to initially generate detailed financial or cash register records was a careless business practice. As you know because of this careless bookkeeping the City was not able to do a 12 month audit.

I feel that the City thru ALRC and Common Council actions or sanctions must send a message to all bar/restaurant owners that a liquor license is a privilege, not a right and all license conditions must be met. Those that do not adhere to license conditions have only themselves to blame.

Please give your serious consideration to the one (1) month suspension for the period August 15, 2008 to September 15, 2008.

Thank you for your consideration of my thoughts

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cc: Quinton's Bar & Deli