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September 25, 2018

Mr. Brian Mason
The New Mr. Roberts
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RE: The New Mr. Roberts ALERT Meeting

Dear Mr. Mason:

I thought I had drafted and sent a summary of our July 17, 2018 ALERT meeting, but I discovered I had only sent a summary email. My apologies for the tardiness of this communication.

At our July meeting, we discussed the historical neighbor complaints regarding Mr. Roberts in terms of noise from bands and noise in the parking lot, and your promise last year to "turn things around" at the establishment. You were very forthright and told us that you did not do what you said you were going to do in terms of making changes at Mr. Roberts. You also indicated that part of the reason for that was because you were sharing ownership of Mr. Roberts and you and your partner had different opinions in terms of implementing change. You informed us that you are now 100% owner of Mr. Roberts after buying out your partner in March.

We discussed the existing license conditions and you acknowledged you were aware of them and that you would operate within their bounds. You stated that you were interested in "low-volume" bands and that your plan was for Friday and Saturday night bands that would end performances by 10:30.

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You informed us that in addition to operational changes with Mr. Roberts, you renovated the interior and you were re-doing the façade for a total new look, which you hoped would help change the dynamic at the New Mr. Roberts.

At the time of our meeting, you were not sure if you had an established capacity for the basement area of the establishment. After the meeting, you sent me the sign you found that does establish capacity for the entire bar: 160 total capacity with 49 allowed in the basement. We discussed use of the basement area and you agreed that if you are using that area you would have a licensed bartender in the basement at all times it is in use.

The most persistent issue with Mr. Roberts has been the back door noise. Since we met in July, I am aware of one complaint of noise due to the back door being open. Officers responded to the complaint and found six patrons in the bar and no music on. The bartender told the officer that she had taken boxes out to the dumpster. Since there have not been subsequent complaints regarding the back door and noise, I am hopeful that you have made operational changes to permanently address that issue.

Thank you for working cooperatively with the City.

Sincerely,



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