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Title: Resolution to Recommend Approval of Issuance of a Downtown Development District Liquor License to The Lunch Room, LLC

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Resolution to Recommend Approval of Issuance of a Downtown Development District Liquor License to The Lunch Room, LLC
The attached resolution will approve the recommendation of The Lunch Room, LLC to the MLCC for issuance of a downtown Development District Liquor License to be sited at 407 N. Fifth Avenue, Ann Arbor.

The City Council of Ann Arbor adopted Resolution R-08-024 on February 4, 2008 establishing the Ann Arbor Downtown Development District as a development district for liquor licensing in accordance with the requirements of Public Act 501 (MCL 436.1521A(1)B of 2006 and the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (“MLCC”). To receive a Development District Liquor License, an applicant must be approved by the City and the MLCC. An application for a license will not be authorized for investigation until the MLCC has received a City resolution which approves the applicant at a specific location “above all others.”

The Lunch Room, LLC has submitted the City license application with all requested supplemental documentation to the City Clerk. The restaurant has been inspected by the City Service Units and its taxes are current. The Council Liquor License Review Committee has recommended approval.

A determination that the applicant is approved “above all others” at the designated premises is recommended on the basis of the unique character of the proposed restaurant and the services it will offer to the downtown community and the general public.

If approved by City Council, the applicant will still be required to demonstrate to the MLCC that it meets all statutory licensing requirements to be issued a downtown development district liquor

license.
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Reviewed by: Jacqueline Beaudry, City Clerk
Sponsored by: Council Liquor License Review Committee
Whereas, In 2006 in an effort to promote economic development in qualifying communities, the Michigan Legislature passed Act 501 (MCL 436.152A(1)B) of the Public Acts of 2006 (“Act”) which Act established the criteria for development area liquor licenses;

Whereas, Pursuant to the Act, the City of Ann Arbor may authorize the approval of certain on-premises liquor licenses, irrespective of the availability of on-premises licenses from quota to applicants within a designated development project area meeting certain established criteria;

Whereas, The Act requires a resolution from the governing body of the community that establishes and certifies certain criteria, including a certification that the community has created a qualifying development area, and approving an applicant at a location within a development area before that applicant may apply to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission for a development area liquor license;

Whereas, The City Council of Ann Arbor adopted Resolution R-08-024 on February 4, 2008 establishing the Ann Arbor Downtown Development District as a development district for liquor licensing in accordance with the requirements of Public Act 501 (MCL 436.1521A(1)B) of 2006 and the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (“MLCC”);

Whereas, The Lunch Room, LLC has submitted an application to the City requesting City approval and recommendation to the MLCC of issuance of a downtown development district liquor license;

Whereas, The Lunch Room, LLC meets the statutory requirements for a development area liquor license as it has proposed a business of dining, entertainment or recreation, will be open to the general public and will have a seating capacity of not less than 50 persons;

Whereas, The Lunch Room, LLC has provided evidence with its application that it can document the expenditure to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, of not less than $75,000.00 in the rehabilitation or restoration of the building that houses the licensed premises over the preceding 5 years as required by the Act;

Whereas, The designated premises, 407 N. Fifth Avenue is within the established boundaries of the development district and the type and character of the dining establishment and the service it will provide to the downtown community and the general public qualify it as appropriate for designation “above all others” at that specific location;

Whereas, The Council Liquor Committee having been fully advised of the application of The Lunch Room, LLC and having made the following findings:

- That The Lunch Room, LLC proposes a restaurant business within the development area which meets the criteria for issuance of a license as of the effective date of the Act;
- That The Lunch Room, LLC will provide a new/unique contribution to the mix of establishments within the development area;
- That the designated premises, 407 N. Fifth Avenue, is an appropriate location for a liquor license under applicable planning and development plans of the City; and

- That based on the applicant's statement as to how the issuance of a license will benefit the development district and the City, including its anticipated business plan, it is appropriate on the facts presented and for this location and this business only, to recommend the issuance of a license for beer, wine and spirits (consistent with the MLCC terminology "Class C" license) and to make no specific restriction on the hours of operation;

does recommend to City Council the application of The Lunch Room, LLC for recommendation to the MLCC for approval "above all others"; and

Whereas, The Lunch Room, LLC has been informed that final approval of a license at 407 N. Fifth Avenue will be subject to approval by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission and a background investigation and approval by this body;

RESOLVED, That City Council recommend for the reasons stated above that the Michigan Liquor Control Commission consider the request from The Lunch Room, LLC, 407 N. Fifth Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, for Approval for the issuance of a beer, wine and spirit license (consistent with the MLCC terminology "Class C" license) "**Above All Others"** and that the application be recommended for issuance of a Development District Liquor License under MCL 436.1521A(1)B;

RESOLVED, That City Council affirms that The Lunch Room, LLC, 407 N. Fifth Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, is within the established boundaries of the development district (City of Ann Arbor Downtown Development District boundary) and the type and character of the dining establishment and the service it will provide to the downtown community and the general public qualify it as appropriate for designation "above all others" at that specific location; and

RESOLVED, That the City Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to The Lunch Room, LLC and the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

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