

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF DEARBORN

October 30, 2019

The Council convened at 6:11P.M., President of the Council Susan Dabaja presiding. Present at roll call were Councilmembers Abraham, Bazy, Herrick, O'Donnell, Sareini and President of the Council Dabaja. Absent: Byrnes. A quorum being present, the Council was declared in session.

DATE : October 4, 2019
TO : City Clerk
FROM : City Council
SUBJECT : Special Council Meeting

You are hereby requested to call a Special Meeting of the City Council to be held on Wednesday, October 30, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Dearborn Administrative Center for the following purposes:

1. To conduct a Public Hearing to consider and take action concerning the non-renewal of the smoking lounge business license for the following establishment:

ROMANTICA LOUNGE
5125 SCHAEFER RD.
DEARBORN, MICHIGAN 48126

PROPERTY OWNER: HOME DREAM INVESTMENT LLC
(RESIDENT AGENT ALI
ABOUKHODR)

BUSINESS OWNER: JALILA ELHAYANI

BUSINESS MANAGER: SAFA AL-TWAIJ

2. Sec. 12-1200, *et seq.*, of the Dearborn Code of Ordinances provides for the issuance of smoking lounge business licenses.

3. Sec. 12-1209(d) of the Dearborn Code of Ordinances provides as follows: "The city hereby reserves the right to determine who, if anyone, shall be entitled to the issuance of such a license, based on the objective criteria listed in this article which relate to concerns for public health, safety, and welfare..."
4. Sec. 12-1223(b)(2) provides that a smoking lounge business license may be revoked or not renewed if "the licensee has knowingly or recklessly allowed two or more violations of the regulations of this article in the preceding 12-month period and the violations have been adjudicated."
5. Sec. 12-1223(b)(5) provides that a smoking lounge business license may be revoked or not renewed if "the operation of the licensed establishment has resulted in a pattern of patron conduct in the neighborhood of the establishment that substantially disturbs the peace, order, and tranquility of the neighborhood."
6. Pursuant to Sec. 12-1209(d), the City Council may request the revocation of a smoking lounge business license based on the following:

SEE ATTACHMENTS A (DEARBORN POLICE REPORTS) AND B (REGISTER OF ACTIONS).

AT THE HEARING, THE BUSINESS OWNER AND/OR MANAGER MAY PRESENT WITNESSES, EVIDENCE AND ARGUMENTS ON THEIR BEHALF; THE BUSINESS OWNER AND/OR MANAGER MAY CONFRONT ADVERSE WITNESSES; AND, THE BUSINESS OWNER AND/OR MANAGER HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL.

7. To consider such other items of business that may properly come before the City Council in relation to this matter.

S/Leslie Herrick
Councilmember

S/Robert A. Abraham
Councilmember

Attorney Ali Makled withdrew the appeal on behalf of Romantica Lounge. The lounge is closed for business.

There being no further business, upon a motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the Council then adjourned at 6:14 P.M.

APPROVED:

President of the Council

ATTESTED:

City Clerk