

City of Palmer
Action Memorandum No. 23-062

Subject: Directing the City Manager to Notify the State of Alaska of the City Council's Statement of Non-Objection of the Connoisseur Lounge, LLC Located at 226 West Evergreen Avenue, Suite 2 Marijuana License #27522

Agenda of: October 24, 2023

Council Action: **Approved** **Amended:** _____
 Defeated

Originator Information:

Originator: John Moosey, City Manager

Department Review:

Route to:	Department Director:	Signature:	Date:
_____	Community Development	_____	_____
_____	Finance	_____	_____
_____	Fire	_____	_____
_____	Police	_____	_____
_____	Public Works	_____	_____

Certification of Funds:

Total amount of funds listed in this legislation: \$ _____

This legislation (√):

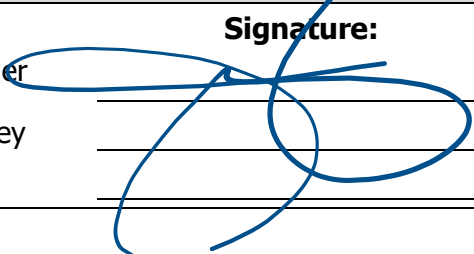
- Creates revenue in the amount of: \$ _____
- Creates expenditure in the amount of: \$ _____
- Creates a saving in the amount of: \$ _____
- Has no fiscal impact

Funds are (√):

- Budgeted Line item(s): _____
- Not budgeted _____

Director of Finance Signature: 

Approved for Presentation By:

Signature:	Remarks:
City Manager <u></u>	_____
City Attorney _____	_____
City Clerk _____	_____

Attachment(s):

1. Connoisseur Lounge License Renewal Packet

Summary Statement/Background:

Per State law, a local governing body may protest the approval of an application pursuant to AS 04.11.480 by providing the applicant with a clear and concise written statement of the reason for the protest or may voice a non-objection to a request.

Administration's Recommendation:

Approve Action Memorandum No. 23-062.

City of Palmer • Liquor License Review Form

BUSINESS NAME: The Connoisseur Lounge **OWNER:** Mathew Chambers

LICENSE TYPE: Retail Marijuana Store

LOCATION: 226 W Evergreen Ave Palmer, Al ska 99645

Route to: Department of Finance

Department of Finance

Business License/Sales Tax/
Utilities/Assessments Current: Yes No

If no, explain: _____

Other Comments:



Finance Director

09/26/2023

Date

Route to: Department of Community Development

Department of Community Development

Code (PMC/Bldg/Fire) Compliant: Yes No

If no, explain: _____

Other Comments:



Brad Hanson (Sep 26, 2023 14:49 AKDT)

Community Development Director

Date

Route to: Police Department

Police Department

Excessive Calls: Yes No

If yes, explain: _____

Other Comments:



Chief of Police

9-26-23

Date

TO COUNCIL FOR AGENDA OF: October 24, 2023



THE STATE
of **ALASKA**
GOVERNOR MIKE DUNLEAVY

Department of Commerce, Community,
and Economic Development

ALCOHOL & MARIJUANA CONTROL OFFICE
550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1600
Anchorage, AK 99501
Main: 907.269.0350

September 26, 2023

From: marijuana.licensing@alaska.gov ; amco.localgovernmentonly@alaska.gov

Licensee: **The Connoisseur Lounge, LLC**

DBA: **The Connoisseur Lounge**

VIA email: mattchambers907@gmail.com

CC: n/a

Local Government 1: Palmer

Local Government 2: Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Via Email: kelieff@palmerak.org; bahanson@palmerak.org; alex.strawn@matsugov.us;

license.reviews@matsugov.us

Community Council: n/a

Via Email

CC: n/a

BCC: amco.admin@alaska.gov

Re: Retail Marijuana Store #27522 Combined Renewal Notice

License Number:	#27522
License Type:	Retail Marijuana Store
Licensee:	The Connoisseur Lounge, LLC
Doing Business As:	The Connoisseur Lounge
Physical Address:	226 W. Evergreen Ave Palmer, AK 99645
Designated Licensee:	Mathew Chambers
Phone Number:	907-244-8329
Email Address:	mattchambers907@gmail.com

License Renewal Application

Endorsement Renewal Application

Dear Licensee:

After reviewing your renewal documents, AMCO staff has deemed the application complete for the purposes of 3 AAC 306.035(c).

Your application will now be sent electronically, in its entirety, to your local government, your community council (if your proposed premises is in Anchorage or certain locations in the Mat-Su Borough), and to any non-profit agencies who have requested notification of applications. The local government has 60 days to protest your application per 3 AAC 306.060.

At the May 15, 2017 Marijuana Control Board meeting, the board delegated to AMCO Director the authority to approve renewal applications. However, the board is required to consider this application independently if you have been issued any notices of violation for this license, if your local government protests this application, or if a public objection to this application is received within 30 days of this notice under 3 AAC 306.065.

If AMCO staff determines that your application requires independent board consideration for any reason, you will be sent an email notification regarding your mandatory board appearance. Upon final approval, your 2023/2024 license will be provided to you during your annual inspection. If our office determines that an inspection is not necessary, the license will be mailed to you at the mailing address on file for your establishment.

Please feel free to contact us through the marijuana.licensing@alaska.gov email address if you have any questions.

Dear Local Government:

AMCO has received a complete renewal application and/or endorsement renewal application for a marijuana establishment within your jurisdiction. This notice is required under 3 AAC 306.035(c)(2). Application documents will be sent to you separately via ZendTo.

To protest the approval of this application pursuant to 3 AAC 306.060, you must furnish the director **and** the applicant with a clear and concise written statement of reasons for the protest within 60 days of the date of this notice, and provide AMCO proof of service of the protest upon the applicant.

3 AAC 306.060 states that the board will uphold a local government protest and deny an application for a marijuana establishment license unless the board finds that a protest by a local government is arbitrary, capricious, and unreasonable. If the protest is a “conditional protest” as defined in 3 AAC 306.060(d)(2) and the application otherwise meets all the criteria set forth by the regulations, the Marijuana Control Board may approve the license renewal, but require the applicant to show to the board’s satisfaction that the requirements of the local government have been met before the director issues the license.

At the May 15, 2017, Marijuana Control Board meeting, the board delegated to AMCO Director the authority to approve renewal applications with no protests, objections, or notices of violation. However, if a timely protest or objection is filed for this application, or if any notices of violation have been issued for this license, the board will consider the application. In those situations, a temporary license will be issued pending board consideration.

If you have any questions, please email amco.localgovernmentonly@alaska.gov.

Dear Community Council (Municipality of Anchorage and Mat-Su Borough only)

AMCO has received a complete renewal application for the above listed license within your jurisdiction. This notice is required under 3 AAC 306.035(c)(2). Application documents will be sent to you separately via ZendTo.

To object to the approval of this application pursuant to 3 AAC 306.065, you must furnish the director **and** the applicant with a clear and concise written statement of reasons for the objection within 30 days of the date of this notice. We recommend that you contact the local government with jurisdiction over the proposed premises to share objections you may have about the application.

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If you have any questions, please email marijuana.licensing@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joan M. Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joan M. Wilson, Director
907-269-0350

Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office**License Number:** 27522**License Status:** Active-Operating**License Type:** Retail Marijuana Store**Doing Business As:** The Connoisseur Lounge**Business License Number:** 2116208**Designated Licensee:** Mathew Chambers**Email Address:** mattchambers907@gmail.com**Local Government:** Palmer**Local Government 2:** Matanuska-Susitna Borough**Community Council:****Latitude, Longitude:** 61.599430, -149.117660**Physical Address:** 226 W. Evergreen Ave
Palmer, AK 99645
UNITED STATES**Licensee #1****Type:** Entity**Alaska Entity Number:** 10145944**Alaska Entity Name:** The Connoisseur Lounge, LLC**Phone Number:** 907-244-8329**Email Address:** mattchambers907@gmail.com**Mailing Address:** 10400 E. Bradley Lake Avenue
Palmer, AK 99645
UNITED STATES**Entity Official #1****Type:** Individual**Name:** Trisha Torborg
[REDACTED]**Phone Number:** 907-841-7773**Email Address:** trish__9@hotmail.com**Mailing Address:** 10400 E. Bradley Lake Avenue
Palmer, AK 99645
UNITED STATES**Entity Official #2****Type:** Individual**Name:** Sara Jean Berberich
[REDACTED]**Phone Number:** 907-841-1005**Email Address:** sbeairsto@live.com**Mailing Address:** PO Box 733
Palmer, AK 99645
UNITED STATES**Entity Official #3****Type:** Individual**Name:** Mathew Chambers
[REDACTED]**Phone Number:** 907-244-8329**Email Address:** mattchambers907@gmail.com**Mailing Address:** 10400 E. Bradley Lake Avenue
Palmer, AK 99645
UNITED STATES**Note:** No affiliates entered for this license.



Alaska Marijuana Control Board

Form MJ-20: 2023-2024 Renewal Application Certifications

Why is this form needed?

This renewal application certifications form is required for all marijuana establishment license renewal applications. Each person signing an application for a marijuana establishment license must declare that he/she has read and is familiar with AS 17.38 and 3 AAC 306. A person other than a licensee may not have direct or indirect financial interest (as defined in 3 AAC 306.015(e)(1)) in the business for which a marijuana establishment license is issued, per 3 AAC 306.015(a).

This form must be completed and submitted to AMCO's Anchorage office by each licensee (as defined in 3 AAC 306.020(b)(2)) before any license renewal application will be considered complete.

Section 1 – Establishment Information

Enter information for the licensed establishment, as identified on the license application.

Licensee:	The Connoisseur Lounge, LLC	License Number:	27522		
License Type:	Retail Marijuana Store				
Doing Business As:	The Connoisseur Lounge				
Premises Address:	226 W. Evergreen Avenue				
City:	Palmer	State:	Alaska	ZIP:	99645

Section 2 – Individual Information

Enter information for the individual licensee who is completing this form.

Name:	Trisha Torborg
Title:	Member

Section 3 – Violations & Charges

Read each line below, and then sign your initials in the box to the right of any applicable statements:

Initials

I certify that I have **not** been convicted of any criminal charge in the previous two calendar years.

DS	
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I certify that I have **not** committed any civil violation of AS 04, AS 17.38, or 3 AAC 306 in the previous two calendar years.

DS	
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I certify that a notice of violation has **not** been issued for this license between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023.

DS	
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Sign your initials to the following statement only if you are unable to certify one or more of the above statements:

Initials

I have attached a written explanation for why I cannot certify one or more of the above statements, which includes the type of violation or offense, as required under 3 AAC 306.035(b).

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Section 5 – Certifications

Read each line below, and then sign your initials in the box to the right of each statement:

Initials

I certify that no person other than a licensee listed on my marijuana establishment license renewal application has a direct or indirect financial interest, as defined in 3 AAC 306.015(e){1}, in the business for which the marijuana establishment license has been issued.

DS

I certify that I meet the residency requirement under AS 43.23 or I have submitted a residency exception affidavit (MJ-20a) along with this application.

DS

I certify that this establishment complies with any applicable health, fire, safety, or tax statute, ordinance, regulation, or other law in the state.

DS

I certify that the license is operated in accordance with the operating plan currently approved by the Marijuana Control Board.

DS

I certify that I am operating in compliance with the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development's laws and requirements pertaining to employees.

DS

I certify that I have not violated any restrictions pertaining to this particular license type, and that this license has not been operated in violation of a condition or restriction imposed by the Marijuana Control Board.

DS

Initial this box if you are submitting an original fingerprint card and the applicable fees to AMCO for AMCO to obtain criminal justice information and a national criminal history record required by AS 17.38.200 and 3 AAC 306.035(d). If I have multiple marijuana licenses being renewed, I understand one fingerprint card and fee will suffice for all marijuana licenses being renewed.

If multiple licenses are held, list all license numbers below:

N/A

I hereby certify that I am the person herein named and subscribing to this application and that I have read the complete application, and I know the full content thereof. I declare that all of the information contained herein, and evidence or other documents submitted are true and correct. I understand that any falsification or misrepresentation of any item or response in this application, or any attachment, or documents to support this application, is sufficient grounds for denying or revoking a license/permit. I further understand that it is a Class A misdemeanor under Alaska Statute 11.56.210 to falsify an application and commit the crime of unsworn falsification.

DS

Trisha Torborg

Printed name of licensee

DocuSigned by:

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Signature of licensee



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Enter information for the individual licensee who is completing this form.

Name:	Sara Berberich
Title:	Member

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Sara Berberich

Printed name of licensee

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Signature of licensee



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City:	Palmer	State:	Alaska	ZIP:	99645

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Enter information for the individual licensee who is completing this form.

Name:	Mathew Chambers				
Title:	Manager, Member				

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DS
MC

Mathew Chambers

Printed name of licensee

DocuSigned by:

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Signature of licensee












Review for Connoisseur Lounge

Final Audit Report

2023-09-26

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