



Hermosa Beach Police Department



540 Pier Avenue
Hermosa Beach, CA 90254

Memorandum

Date: June 14, 2023
To: Carrie Tao, Community Development Director
From: Paul LeBaron, Police Chief
Subject: AKA Ramen and Sushi
1121 Aviation Boulevard, Hermosa Beach

Background

AKA Ramen and Sushi is a restaurant located at 1121 Aviation Boulevard, Hermosa Beach in the shopping center complex of Aviation Boulevard and Prospect Avenue. The business received a transferred ABC license Type 41 (On-Sale Beer and Wine – Eating Place) in October of 2018. On May 16, 2023, the Planning Commission voted to request a public hearing to modify/revoke the Conditional Use Permit for AKA Ramen and Sushi's alcohol service.

Recommendations

The Police Department is making recommendations to modify the CUP as a reasonable approach to include conditions of approval that address the violations and curb the incidents. HBPD is recommending the following inclusions:

- The following signs shall be posted in a conspicuous location in a readily visible manner, warning patrons of the illegality of selling alcoholic beverages to persons under twenty-one years of age, loitering and drinking within the public realm, and removing alcoholic beverages from the premises, and carrying:
 - a. "California State Law prohibits the sale of alcoholic beverages to persons under twenty-one years of age."
 - b. "No Loitering or Public Drinking"

- c. "It is illegal to possess an open container of alcohol in the vicinity of this establishment"
- Management shall successfully complete ABC Licensee Education on Alcohol and Drugs (LEAD) training and Responsible Beverage Servers Training, or equivalent as determined by Chief of Police. All employees engaged in the sale or service of alcoholic beverages shall complete Responsible Beverage Service Training, or equivalent as determined by the Chief of Police. The business shall maintain records that management and employees have participated in the required trainings. Records shall be maintained for two years after training and be available for review by city personnel.
- A manager who is aware of the conditions of this Conditional Use Permit shall be on the premises during business hours. The Conditional Use Permit shall be maintained on the premise in a location where employees can easily read the conditions.
- The business shall install and maintain a video surveillance system that monitors within the interior of the business and the immediate area. The video system must be capable of delineating on playback the activity and physical features of persons and areas within the premises and immediate area. Recordings shall be retained for a minimum of sixty (60) days and video will be available to Police Department upon request. All video security cameras shall be installed to the satisfaction of the Chief of Police. At the discretion of the Chief of Police, Licensee may be required to add additional video cameras.
- In addition to any other remedy provided by law, if the business operating pursuant to this CUP violates any condition of this CUP, the Police Chief or designee may meet and confer with the business to clarify the reason for the violation and to formulate a course of action to vitiate the risk for any future violation. If the business operating pursuant to this CUP continues to violate this CUP (*i.e.*, either a repeat violation or another violation) within any six (6) month period following a meet and confer with the Police Chief, then, at the sole discretion of the Police Chief, modified or additional operational requirements may be imposed by the Police Chief to curtail the violations. These modified or additional operational requirements include, but are not limited to, a reduction in operating hours, required number of staff members during operating hours, additional training for existing staff, and/or any other measures deemed appropriate by the Police Chief. An appeal may be filed to the Planning Commission for any modification or additional operational requirement(s) imposed by the Police Chief. However, the Police Chief's determination will not be stayed during the pendency of the appeal.