



City of Hermosa Beach

Civic Center, 1315 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254-3885

April 24, 2023

Jung Jun Lee and Edward Song
AKA Sushi
1121 Aviation
Hermosa Beach, CA 90254

Subject: Report of Alcohol Violations to Planning Commission – May 16, 2023

Dear Jung and Edward,

The Community Development Department has received communication from the Police Department indicating that alcohol-related violations at your business, AKA Sushi, on 1121 Aviation Boulevard, constitute a continuing policing problem. Specifically, there have been three alcohol-related violations in the past six months, as follows:

- September 26, 2022 – Code Enforcement received a complaint that the establishment was routinely serving beer to several underage kids. Police Department provided this information to ABC [Alcohol and Beverage Control].
- January 13, 2023 – Reporting party claimed at least 15 high school aged subjects inside drinking alcohol. Reporting party claimed that she sees underage drinking at location nightly. Officers arrived and approximately 20-25 juveniles all fled the location. Business employee identified, advised regarding underage service and ABC was notified.
- March 24, 2023 – Alcohol Beverage Control at location requesting police assistance. ABC issued citations to 9 juveniles for underage drinking.

Your business operates under Condition Use Permit (CUP) detailed in Resolution #11-6776. The CUP includes conditions of approval which must be adhered to in order to maintain your CUP. Among these conditions:

- **Condition of Approval 9.** The Police Chief may determine that a continuing police problem exists, and may authorize the presence of a police approved doorman and/or security personnel to eliminate the problem, and then shall submit a report to the Planning Commission, which will automatically initiate a review of this Conditional Use Permit by the Planning Commission.
- **Condition of Approval 27.** The project shall maintain in conformance with all other applicable City of Hermosa Beach and regulatory agency requirements and standards, including but not limited to: California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, Los Angeles County Health Department, California Disabled Access



Standards (Government Code Title 24), and Los Angeles County National Pollutant Discharge 10 11-6776 Elimination System Permit (NPDES).

- **Condition of Approval 29.** The Planning Commission may review this Conditional Use Permit and/or Parking Plan and may amend the subject conditions or impose any new conditions if deemed necessary to mitigate detrimental effects on the neighborhood resulting from the subject use.

At this time, the Police Department has determined a continuing policing problem exists. Staff will be reporting these violations to the Planning Commission at their regularly-scheduled meeting on May 16, 2023. You are invited and encouraged to attend. An agenda and the report will be transmitted to you by May 12, 2023.

As indicated in Condition of Approval 29, the Planning Commission may deem it necessary to modify or add conditions of approval. Additionally, Section 17.70.010 of the Municipal Code indicates that the Planning Commission may also request a public hearing to revoke all or portions of the CUP. If the CUP is revoked, the restaurant may no longer be permitted to serve alcohol. For your reference, we have attached the CUP for your business, and the referenced section of the Municipal Code.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (310) 318-0231. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Carrie Tai', written over a horizontal line.

Carrie Tai, AICP
Community Development Director
City of Hermosa Beach

Cc: Paul LeBaron, Police Chief
Dorothy Scheid, Police Captain
Landon Phillips, Police Captain
Pat Donegan, City Attorney
File: AKA Sushi

Attachments:

Conditional Use Permit (Resolution #11-6776)
Municipal Code Section 17.70.010