

NOTICE OF INTENT NOT TO RENEW LICENSE

Dear Bijan Jidali, d/b/a Aroma Holdings, L.L.C:

Basis for Intent to Not Renew

This letter is to notify you that the City of La Crosse intends not to renew your alcohol license.

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 125.12(3), a municipality may refuse to renew a license for certain enumerated violations listed in § 125.12(2)(ag), which includes certain violations of municipal code. The City alleges that you have violated La Crosse Municipal Code 4-44 and 115-359.

Municipal Code requires that no retail "Class B" licensee shall discontinue the sale of intoxicating liquor for a period of 90 days during the license year.

Further, the provision of the Zoning Code states that "If a combination "Class B" beer and liquor license for a premises within the district is not actively utilized for a 90-day period a conditional use permit shall be required prior to utilization of such license."

You were granted a Conditional Use Permit by the Common Council in May 2014. You were initially granted a "Class B" license in August 2014, and have renewed said license annually to date. Evidence of "Class B" license inactivity began in 2014 and the pattern has continued. As of today's date, your business is closed. The City bases this assertion on the fact that you filed a 2018 Prepared Statement of Personal Property with the Assessor on March 5, 2018 with a notation that the "Restaurant is closed" and further notified the Assessor that the business was closed in November of 2017.

Your Rights as License Holder

You do have the right to request a hearing to contest the nonrenewal of your license. Additionally, you have the right to be represented by an attorney at your own expense, the right to present evidence and testimony, and cross examine any witnesses produced by the City.

If you would like to request a hearing you must do so **in writing by noon on Thursday, May 31, 2018**. Please submit any request to the La Crosse City Clerk's Office, 400 La Crosse Street, La Crosse, WI 54601. Please include your name, contact information, and explanation why you believe the City should renew your license.

As an alternative, you may also voluntarily surrender your license(s) and reapply in the future. Please contact the City Clerk's Office on how to do this.

Thank you for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely,


Andrea Richmond
Judiciary and Administration Chair

Cc: Teri Lehrke, City Clerk
City Attorney Stephen F. Matty
Eric Coaty, Wisconsin Department of Revenue