

**In the Matter of the  
Restaurant License  
Held by Sharing and Caring Hands, Inc.  
d/b/a Sharing and Caring Hands  
525 7<sup>th</sup> St. N.  
Minneapolis, MN 55405**

**Findings of Fact,  
Conclusions and  
Recommendations**

**License L159-40020 - Food – Restaurant**

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This matter came before the Department at a License Settlement Conference on Friday, April 25, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 315, Minneapolis City Hall. Appearing on behalf of the licensee were Mary Jo Copeland, President; Richard Copeland, Vice-President; David Marshall, Fredrikson & Byron P.A.; Roderick Gholston, security manager, and Fr. Joseph Johnson. Appearing for the City were: Ricardo Cervantes, Deputy Director of Licenses and Consumer Services; Grant Wilson, Licensing Manager; Leanne Selander, License Inspector; Jance Harteau, Minneapolis Police 1<sup>st</sup> Precinct Inspector; Lts. Travis Glampe and Kathy Waite; Crime Prevention Specialist Luther Krueger; and Joel Fussy, Minneapolis City Attorney. Based on information presented at the hearing, the Department makes the following findings of fact, conclusions, and recommendations:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Sharing and Caring Hands, Inc. operates a licensed restaurant facility as part of their shelter operations located at 525 7<sup>th</sup> St N.
2. Restaurants are required to meet minimum standards of operation to hold a license in the City, including providing adequate security and taking appropriate action to prevent criminal activity on the premises.
3. Representatives of Sharing and Caring Hands and the Minneapolis Police Department met multiple times over several years to address criminal activity occurring in and around the premises, including drug dealing, loitering, disorderly conduct, and public intoxication.
4. In 2007 Sharing and Caring implemented an enhanced security plan which included the hiring of additional security guards, the installation of additional security cameras, and increased interior and exterior patrols.
5. Sharing and Caring Hands took many of the recommended steps to combat criminal and nuisance behaviors in and around the premises, but illegal activities continued to be documented through January 2008.
6. Since February 2008 there has been a significant and noticeable decrease in the amount of documented criminal and nuisance behavior in and around the premises.

## **CONCLUSIONS**

1. Continued preventative action by the licensee is required to combat potential criminal activity and to meet the minimum standards required to hold a license.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Department acknowledges the licensee's interest in resolving the issues at its licensed establishment. Due to the expressed willingness of all parties to bring the property into compliance with all applicable ordinances, statutes and regulations, the Department makes the following recommendations:

1. That the licensee and the Minneapolis Police Department shall continue to work collaboratively to develop and implement an effective, enduring, and mutually agreed upon strategy to prevent criminal activity on the business premises; and reduce nuisance crimes in the area immediately surrounding the business premises.
2. That the aforementioned strategy shall be memorialized in a comprehensive security plan which shall incorporate, and expand upon, both the licensee's current written plan and the Minneapolis Police Department's Proposed Security Measures. The plan shall specifically and thoroughly address: the designation of a primary security liaison; security camera monitoring; audio speaker procedures; employee criminal history background checks; the number and type of security personnel; scope of interior and exterior patrols; increased safety measures at entrances and exits; utilization of volunteers; employee attendance at security seminars and trainings; trespass enforcement; and the timely response to Community Impact statements and MPD bulletin requests.
3. The licensee shall submit its finalized security plan to the Department of Licensing and the Minneapolis Police Department prior to the signing of this document.
4. Following the adaptation of the security plan, the licensee or designee shall continue to meet with the Minneapolis Police at regular intervals, at the direction of, and with the dates set forth, by the First Precinct liaison. These meetings shall take place no less than once every eight weeks for a period of one year, and quarterly thereafter, with the stated goal to assess the effectiveness of the newly developed crime prevention strategy, and to revise the plan as needed.

Sharing and Caring Hands, Inc. understands that the holding of a business or liquor license in the City of Minneapolis is both a privilege and a responsibility, and, as such, it is understood that there is a minimum standard that shall be met in order to hold such a license. Furthermore, it is understood that a license holder is responsible to ensure that its business operates in compliance with all applicable laws, ordinances and regulations. It is further understood that compliance with the above Recommendations is a requirement for continuing to hold a license and that failure to comply with any of these conditions may result in additional adverse license action.

I have read and understand the above findings of fact, conclusions, and recommendations. I agree with their contents and I agree with the above noted Recommendations. I understand that this report must be accepted and approved by the Minneapolis City Council and Mayor.

Based upon the foregoing, this agreement is FREELY & VOLUNTARILY ENTERED INTO IN GOOD FAITH:

For Sharing and Caring Hands, Inc.

For the City of Minneapolis:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

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Ricardo Cervantes  
Deputy Director of Licenses

Its: \_\_\_\_\_  
(title)

**Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

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