

RESOLUTION NO. 79-2017

To File with the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control an Objection to the Renewal of the Liquor Permits for C & B Machinery Inc. dba Monkeys Bar & Grill at 6116 Huntley Road.

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2017 the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control notified the City Clerk that all liquor permits in the City of Worthington will expire on February 1, 2018 and that Ohio Revised Code Section 4303.271(B) provides City Council the right to object to the renewal of liquor permits; and,

WHEREAS, C & B Machinery Inc. is the holder of various liquor permits for the Monkeys Bar & Grill located at 6116 Huntley Road; and,

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2017 Worthington and Columbus police officers responded to a shooting at the Monkeys Bar & Grill in which two people were killed and a third person was injured; and,

WHEREAS, during the past two years the Worthington Police Division has responded to 16 calls for service at the Monkeys Bar & Grill including 10 involving violence; and,

WHEREAS, the Worthington Police Division has expended considerable resources, including conducting over 150 business checks, in an effort to discourage criminal activity from occurring at the Monkeys Bar & Grill; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to ORC 4303.292 (A)(2)(c) the Division of Liquor Control can refuse the renewal of a permit if it finds that the establishment: "Is so located with respect to the neighborhood that substantial interference with public decency, sobriety, peace, or good order would result from the issuance, renewal, transfer of location, or transfer of ownership of the permit and operation under it by the applicant"; and,

WHEREAS, staff has recommended that Council object to the renewal of the Monkey Bar & Grill liquor permits on the basis that the establishment presents a significant risk to the safety of the residents and the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Municipality of Worthington, County of Franklin, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That City Council hereby objects to the renewal of the liquor permits for C & B Machinery Inc. dba Monkeys Bar & Grill located at 6116 Huntley Road on the grounds that the location of the establishment substantially and adversely interferes with the public decency, sobriety, peace, or good order of the neighborhood, or the normal, orderly conduct of a public institution and requests a hearing at the earliest date possible.

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SECTION 2. That the Law Director is hereby directed to file this resolution and the statement required by Section 4303.292 of the Ohio Revised Code with the Ohio Division of Liquor Control in a timely fashion requesting a hearing on the proposed renewal of the D1; D2; D3; D3A and D6 Liquor Permits to C & B Machinery Inc. dba Monkeys Bar & Grill located at 6116 Huntley Road, Worthington, Ohio 43229.

SECTION 3. That the Law Director and other City officials are hereby authorized and directed to present evidence at the Ohio Division of Liquor Control hearing regarding the negative impact of the Monkeys Bar & Grill on the neighborhood and community.

SECTION 4. That the Clerk of Council be and hereby is instructed to record this Resolution in the appropriate record book.

Adopted December 11, 2017

/s/ Bonnie D. Michael
President of Council

Attest:

/s/ D. Kay Thress
Clerk of Council