



City of Grand Forks
Staff Report
Committee of the Whole – February 10, 2020
City Council – February 18, 2020

APPROVED & ACCEPTED
by City Council

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Agenda Item: Request from BGF, Inc. (dba Vinyl Taco, located at 1970 S Columbia Rd Suite 101) to change the class of Alcoholic Beverage License that they hold from a Class 1 (General On & Off Sale) to a Class 4 (Food & Beverage) Alcoholic Beverage License

Submitted by: Maureen Storstad, Finance Director

Staff Recommended Action: Review the request and if approved, approval should be subject to final review and approval of various city departments, along with payment of applicable fees.

Committee Recommended Action: Referred to City Council with recommendation to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Action: Approved on Consent Agenda

BACKGROUND: BGF, Inc., (dba Vinyl Taco) currently holds a Class 1 (General On & Off Sale) Alcoholic Beverage License, which prohibits minors on their premise. They will be expanding their current location to add 58 seats. With the expansion, they have requested to change their license to a Class 4 (Food & Beverage) License, which would allow them to serve families. The change would require that their sales maintain a food/alcohol ratio of at least 60% food to no more than 40% alcohol.

ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS OF FACT:

- Finance Department has received a request from BGF, Inc. to restructure the liquor license that they currently hold.
- BGF, Inc. would like to change their class of license from a Class 1 (General On and Off Sale) License to a Class 4 (Food & Beverage) License for their currently operating business Vinyl Taco.
- They are expanding this location to add a new dining area with 58 seats and would like to be able to serve families in that new area.
- They will be subject to the requirements of a Class 4 license which requires at least 60% of sales be from food and they will not be able to have off-sale or gaming on their premise.
- City Council approval is required for a change in license class.
- No fees would apply for this change as the fees are the same for a Class 1 and a Class 4 license with more than 100 seats.

SUPPORT MATERIALS:

- Letter and map from BGF, Inc.



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February 7, 2020

Howard Swanson
City of Grand Forks
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Grand Forks, ND 58206-5200

RE: Request for Change in Liquor License

Dear Mr. Swanson:

BGF, Inc. dba Vinyl Taco, located at 1970 South Columbia Road, Suite 101, in Grand Forks, would like to request a change in the liquor license from its existing Class 1 license to a Class 4 license in order that we can serve families and people of all ages.

Vinyl Taco is planning an expansion of the premises to include a separate seating area, with its own separate restrooms, that can accommodate families. This area will share the kitchen and vestibule with the existing restaurant. Attached please find a drawing that depicts the new seating area for all ages, as well as the existing restaurant, which will remain as adults only, serving only those 21 and older.

Currently, the food to alcohol ratio at Vinyl Taco is 62% to 38%, which will fit into the requirements of the Class 4 license. It is expected that with the additional seating area for all ages, the ratio would certainly move in the direction of higher food sales. There is no concern on our part that we would not be able to keep within the requirements of the food to alcohol ratio.

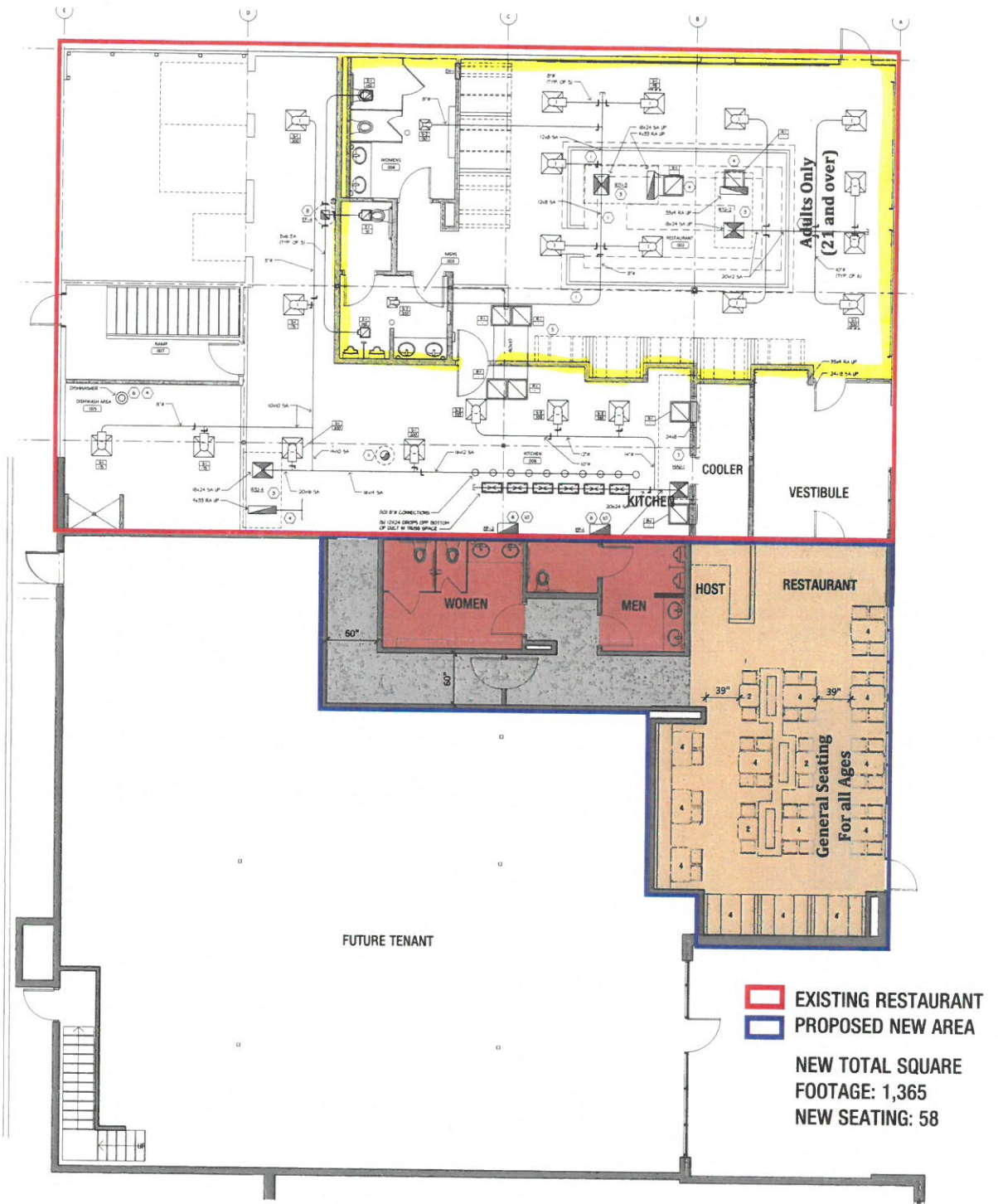
The ownership and operation of Vinyl Taco will otherwise remain the same.

BGF, Inc. respectfully requests that the liquor license be changed from a Class 1 to a Class 4, effective April 1, 2020. If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randy Thorson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Randy Thorson
PRESIDENT



VINYL TACO GRAND FORKS

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