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To: Joseph Gacioch, City Manager
From: Karly Renaud, Lieutenant
CC: Michael Moore, Chief of Police
Date: March 26, 2025
Re: **Request to review a new proposed plan of operation from Blue Goat Royal Oak, LLC, d/b/a Blue Goat, to be located at 321 S. Main Street, Royal Oak, Michigan. The Class C and SDM liquor license with Sunday Sales (AM and PM) is being purchased from Redsmoke Royal Oak, LLC, currently in escrow at 218 S Main Street, Royal Oak, Michigan.**

The Royal Oak Police Department has received a request from Blue Goat Royal Oak, LLC, to review a new proposed plan of operation to be located at 321 S. Main Street, Royal Oak, Michigan (formerly City Ramen). The Class C and SDM liquor license with Sunday Sales (AM and PM) is being purchased from Redsmoke Royal Oak, LLC, currently in escrow at 218 S. Main Street, Royal Oak, Michigan. They will be doing business as Blue Goat.

Redsmoke Royal Oak, LLC is currently owned by Anestis Teftsis, Michael Teftsis and Rosalva Teftsis. Blue Goat Royal Oak, LLC, is owned by father and son, Anestis Teftsis (50%) and Georgios Teftsis (50%). Anestis will be serving as a silent partner in Blue Goat Royal Oak, LLC. The liquor license associated with City Ramen previously sold to another LLC. This prompted Georgios and Anestis to purchase the liquor license from Redsmoke Royal Oak, LLC and transfer it to 321 S. Main Street.

The applicants have purchased the liquor license for \$81,000. The applicants will spend approximately \$319,000 on furniture, fixtures, equipment, inventory and renovations. Renovations will include a remodel of the kitchen, bathrooms, and a downstairs preparation area. The applicants also plan to build their own bar and tables. The applicants have funded the project from their personal savings. The applicants will lease the building from Frank Dejulius for \$4981.50 per month. These funds will come from ongoing business sales.

Mr. Anestis Teftsis has been actively involved in the restaurant business since 2009. He currently owns and operates Redsmoke Barbeque in Greektown, as well as Astoria Pastry Shops in both Detroit and Royal Oak. A MLCC Check of Redsmoke Barbeque in Detroit operated by Mr. Anestis Teftsis revealed a violation in 2018 for selling alcohol to a minor and not having a City of Detroit business license. Mr. Anestis Teftsis paid a fine for the violation.

On March 6, 2025, I spoke with Captain Nathan Duda of the Detroit Police Department Downtown Services and Gaming Operations. He stated they have had no problems with Redsmoke Barbeque and characterized it as a well-run establishment.

Mr. Georgios Teftsis has worked in liquor licensed establishments for six years, starting as a server and working his way to the General Manager of Redsmoke Barbeque in Greektown. Mr. Georgios Teftsis is currently unemployed, leaving his job as a civil engineer to dedicate his time and effort to open Blue Goat. Mr. Georgios Teftsis intends to serve as the General Manager and run the day-to-day operations in Royal Oak.

If approved, Blue Goat will operate as an upscale Mediterranean restaurant and full-service bar. The Blue Goat menu will feature Saganaki, Gyros, Salads, Ribeye, Lamb Chops, and an assortment of side dishes. The requested hours of operation are 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Monday through Sunday. The kitchen will be open until closing each night. Last call for alcohol will be thirty minutes before closing with last service twenty minutes before closing. Blue Goat also requests to open earlier on special occasions such as holidays and during festivals, with the prior approval of the chief of police. The applicants anticipate the food to alcohol ratio to be 80% food to 20% alcohol.

Blue Goat is approximately 2,100 square feet, with approximately 1,100 usable square feet for customers. The total proposed interior seating is for 50 patrons, including 10 seats at the bar. Final capacities will be set by the police department after recommendations from both the building and fire departments. Blue Goat is not requesting an Entertainment Permit nor Dance Permit and will not feature an Outdoor Service Area.

An SDM license was included as part of the purchase agreement for the class C license from Redsmoke Royal Oak, LLC. The applicants are not going to sell off-site liquor, but plan to retain the SDM license.

On March 17, 2025 I spoke with MLCC investigator Marcia Webster. Ms. Webster did not find any issues with the application or license transfer.

My findings indicate the applicants meet the requirements necessary to be granted this request. The police department does not anticipate this request to cause any additional strain on police resources. Therefore, the police department does not object to this request.

If approved, the applicants will have to comply with all planning, zoning and building requirements and restrictions.

Respectfully,

Karly Renaud, Lieutenant
Royal Oak Police Department