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Via FedEx

Amy Molitor  
City of Appleton  
100 N. Appleton St.  
Appleton, WI 54911

Re: Our ref: 11520  
Contest of Recommendation of Denial of License

Dear Ms. Molitor,

Our firm represents Santino, LLC (planning to d/b/a Houdini's Escape Gastropub) ("Houdini's"), located at 1216 South Oneida Street in Appleton. We are in receipt of a letter from you to Katelyn James, dated September 19, 2025.

In your letter, you indicate that "[t]he Police & Inspections Departments have recommended that [Houdini's] application for a Mechanical Amusement Device License be **denied**." (Emphasis in original.) You further invited Katelyn to contact the City Clerk's Office within 30 days of receipt of the letter to be placed on the agenda of the Safety and Licensing Committee, if Houdini's wished to appear and contest the recommendation.

By this letter, Houdini's is contacting you within 30 days of your letter date to be placed on the Agenda of the Appleton Safety and Licensing Committee. We understand that committee meets regularly on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. We are, on even date herewith, sending a public records request to the Appleton Police Department, because we are as yet unaware of the documents or things reviewed and/or relied upon by the department in developing its recommendation.

We suggest that responses to the records requests will more fully develop the record for review and discussion with the Committee. Because the next Committee meeting is only 6 days from the date of this letter, we suggest placing the matter on the Committee

agenda for 10/22/25. Such scheduling, we think, would provide adequate time for the respective departments to respond to the public records requests.

I thank you in advance for your assistance. Should you have any questions, or if there is further information that you require, please feel free to contact me by telephone to discuss.

Best regards



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Encl: Copy of Appleton Police Department Public Records Request

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