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**TORRANCE LICENSE REVIEW BOARD AGENDA
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2021
REGULAR MEETING**

10 A. M. IN WEST ANNEX COMMISSION ROOM AT 3031 TORRANCE BOULEVARD

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

License Review Board Members – Chair Smith ____, Botiller ____, Wand ____
Alternate License Review Board Members – Harris ____, Rumery ____

3. REPORT OF STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard and on the City's website on Thursday September 30, 2021.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Limited to a 30 minute period)

This portion of the meeting is reserved for public comment on items not on the agenda under the subject matter of the License Review Board. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, Board Members cannot act on items raised during public comment but may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed; request clarification; or refer the item to staff. Speakers under this Public Comment period will have no longer than 3 minutes per speaker. Please step up to the podium and speak clearly into the microphone.

6. Consent Calendar

Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed by a Board Member from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Thursday July 1, 2021

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. BURGER CITY GRILL NO 4 INC, DBA BURGER CITY GRILL, application for a business license to allow the operation of a restaurant serving alcohol.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS (IF APPLICABLE MUST BE PUBLISHED IN NEWSPAPER)

9. BOARD ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

10. ADJOURNMENT

10A. Adjournment of License Review Board Meeting to Thursday October 21, 2021, at 10:00 a.m in the West Annex Commission Room at 3031 Torrance Boulevard.

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE LICENSE REVIEW BOARD**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance License Review Board convened in a regular session at 10:09 a.m. on Thursday, July 1, 2021, at the West Annex Commission meeting room, Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Michael Smith, City Manager's Office
Board Member Jason Botiller, General Services
Board Member Katie Wand, City Manager's Office

Also Present: Assistant City Attorney Tatia Strader
License Supervisor Suzanne Bittner

3. REPORT OF STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Member Botiller, seconded by Member Wand moved to accept and file the report of Staff on the posting on the agenda for this meeting. A roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

None

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6A. 6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Thursday May 6, 2021

6B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Thursday May 20, 2021

MOTION: Member Botiller moved to approve the minutes for the meetings held on May 6, 2021 and May 20, 2021, as submitted. The motion was seconded by Member Wand and the motion passed.

7. BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATIONS

7A. SHEEZA MUHAMMAD FAMILY INC., DBA 7-ELEVEN STORE 18892E

Application for a business license to allow the operation of a convenience store selling alcohol.

Mr. Ameen Wasil, of Sheeza Muhammad Family Inc., dba 7-Eleven Store 18892E, confirmed his application for a business license to allow the operation of a convenience store selling alcohol, located at 22601 Hawthorne Boulevard in Torrance, and verified that he had met with the Police Department and understood the rules and regulations pertaining to this type of business.

In response to a question from Member Botiller, Mr. Wasil stated that he had only received his temporary license from California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control and had not yet received a copy of his Los Angeles County Health permit.

MOTION: Member Botiller moved to approve Item 7A, the application for a business to allow the operation of a convenience store selling alcohol to Sheeza Muhammad Family Inc., dba 7-Eleven Store 18892E, located at 22601 Hawthorne Boulevard in Torrance upon the condition that the applicant provide a copy of their final California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control license with the conditions as set forth by California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control and with the condition that the applicant provide a copy of the Los Angeles County Health permit for the Health Department's approval to open and operate. The motion was seconded by Member Wand and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

License Supervisor Suzanne Bittner stated that the owner would also be notified when she received a copy of the health permit from the corporate office. She noted that the Finance Department would not issue the business license until the health permit had been received.

7B. THE END L.L.C., DBA THE END

Application for a business license to allow the operation of a restaurant serving alcohol

Mr. Henry Saltz, owner of The End L.L.C., dba The End, confirmed his application for a business license to allow the operation of a restaurant serving alcohol, located at 4525 Calle Mayor, in Torrance and verified that he had met with the Police Department and understood the rules and regulations pertaining to this type of business.

Responding to question from Member Botiller, Mr. Saltz stated that they had not yet received the final copy of their Los Angeles County Health permit but had received an email from the County stating conditional approval to operate. He confirmed that the conditional approval to operate had been based on the fact that had been no renovations since the previous owner and that there had only been general cleaning and painting.

There was a discussion of the impact of the restaurant on the neighborhood. Mr. Saltz confirmed that the restaurant was committed to being a good business and a good neighbor.

MOTION: Member Botiller business to allow the operation of a restaurant serving alcohol to The End L.L.C., dba The End located at 4525 Calle Mayor, in Torrance with the conditions as set forth by California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control and on the condition that the final copy of Los Angeles County Health permit be provided to the Finance Department. The motion was seconded by Member Wand and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

Mr. Saltz confirmed that he would email the final copy of the Los Angeles County Health permit to the Finance Department.

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS (IF APPLICABLE MUST BE PUBLISHED IN NEWSPAPER)**

None

9. **BOARD ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

The Board stated that they were happy to once again see everyone in person at the meeting.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

10A. MOTION: At 10:23 a.m., Member Botiller moved to adjourn the meeting to Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the West Annex Commission meeting room, Torrance City Hall. The motion was seconded by Member Wand and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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Subject to Approval

LICENSE REVIEW BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 2021

ITEM NO. 7. A. – BURGER CITY GRILL NO 4, INC.,
DBA BURGER CITY GRILL

BACKGROUND

Efthemios Tsiboukas, owner of Burger City Grill No 4, Inc., DBA Burger City Grill has made an application for approval of a business license to allow the operation of a restaurant serving alcohol. The business is located at 1975 Torrance Boulevard in Torrance.

ANALYSIS

Per Section 31.7.1 subsection 4) of the Torrance Municipal Code, any business license application, at the discretion of the Assistant Finance Director, can be sent to the License Review Board for approval before issuance of the license.

RECOMMENDATION

The License Division recommends approval of this business license, upon the condition the applicant provides a copy of their final California Department of Alcohol Beverage Control with the conditions set forth by that agency. Approval is also conditional on applicant providing a copy of their LA County Health Department Permit or the Health Departments approval to open and operate.

Attachment A: Business License Application
Attachment B: California Department of ABC License Query
Attachment C: Torrance Police Department Reports

Please call the Business License Office at 310 618 5923 for fee amounts. Payment must be submitted with your application.

 City of Torrance, Revenue Division Business License Application 3031 Torrance Blvd, Torrance, CA 90503 (P) 310-618-5923 (F) 310-618-5852 revenue@torranceca.gov	SELECT APPLICABLE BOX: NEW APPLICATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP (greater than 50%) <input type="checkbox"/> CHANGE OF BUSINESS LOCATION <input type="checkbox"/> CHANGE OF NAME (Only) <input type="checkbox"/>	
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PART I. APPLICANT TO ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION (print or type)

BUSINESS NAME OR DBA BURGER CITY GRILL	CORPORATE NAME (LEGAL ENTITY NAME IF DIFFERENT FROM BUSINESS NAME OR DBA) BURGER CITY GRILL NO. 4, INC
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1. BUSINESS LOCATION (*physical business address - see note below)	Suite#	City	State	ZIP
1975 TORRANCE BLVD		TORRANCE	CA	90501

2. MAILING ADDRESS OR PO/PMB BOX (required)	Suite#	City	State	ZIP
21213 HAWTHORNE BLVD		TORRANCE	CA	90503

3. IS THE BUSINESS LOCATED AT A RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS (*select one)?	HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT#:	EMAIL ADDRESS:
YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		[REDACTED]

NATURE OF BUSINESS (description of business activity in detail):
FAST FOOD RESTAURANT

FOR A BUSINESS LOCATED IN TORRANCE PROVIDE THE PRIMARY STANDARD INDUSTRY (SIC) CODE(S) (**see note below): 722511	STATE WASTE DISCHARGER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (WDID#) (***if applicable - see note below):
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TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS (select one):	YES	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Definition: A business entity utilizing scientific equipment and engineering techniques, microelectronics, data processing, genetic engineering, or telecommunications.

RETAIL BUSINESS - WILL YOU BE SELLING CBD PRODUCTS? (select one):	YES	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Definition: CBD is the cannabidiol compound derived from industrial hemp, cannabis or otherwise.

CONTACT NAME: EFTHEMIOS TSIBOUKAS	CONTACT TITLE: PRESIDENT	CONTACT PHONE #:	BUSINESS PHONE#:	CELL PHONE#:
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DRIVERS LICENSE OR OTHER GOVERNMENT ISSUED ID:	SOCIAL SECURITY# (optional): 564-95-4677	COMMERCIAL OFFICE SQFT:	# OF PEOPLE WORKING IN TORRANCE: 4	# OF UNITS (apartments/hotels/mobile homes/vehicles):
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FEDERAL TAX ID# (FEIN):	STATE TAX ID# (SEIN):	STATE CONTRACTORS LICENSE #:	STATE SELLERS PERMIT#:
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OWNERSHIP INFORMATION (check applicable box)	CORPORATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LLC	PARTNERSHIP	SOLE OWNERSHIP
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NAMES OF OWNER, PARTNERS, OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS: EFTHEMIOS TSIBOUKAS	TITLE: PRESIDENT	NAMES OF OWNER, PARTNERS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS:	TITLE:
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I declare that I am the owner, partner, corporate officer or person with the power of attorney, and I understand if any of the information provided above is not true the business license being applied for may be revoked as outlined in section 31.9.10 of the Torrance Municipal Code.
I am duly authorized to make this application. All of the information provided in this application is true and correct. The business will not provide any service, good or product which is illegal under Federal, State, or Local Laws. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

SIGNATURE: [REDACTED]	DATE: 09/23/2021
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PART II. FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

BASIC FEE:	PROCESSING FEE:	STATE FEE:	PER PERSON FEE:	PER UNIT FEE:
OTHER FEES:	PENALTY FEE:	TOTAL AMOUNT:	Business License Application # BL-APP:	Business License # BL-LIC:

NOTES:
 * FOR A RESIDENTIAL BUSINESS ADDRESS YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO PROVIDE IT. IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO PROVIDE THE RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS PLEASE LEAVE BOX #1 BLANK AND SELECT YES UNDER BOX #3. FOR A RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS IN TORRANCE YOU WILL FIRST REQUIRE A HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT#.
 ** ACCESS THE BUSINESS SIC CODE(S) AT UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WEBSITE: https://www.osha.gov/pls/mis/sic_manual.html
 *** ACCESS INFORMATION FOR AN INDUSTRIAL BUSINESS REQUIRING A WDID# FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD WEBSITE: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/industrial.html

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Attachment B



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF

Alcoholic Beverage Control

Report Date: Wednesday, September 29, 2021

LICENSE INFORMATION

License Number: 585031 **Primary Owner:** BURGER CITY GRILL #4 INC

Office of Application: 03 - LB/LAKEWOOD

BUSINESS NAME

BURGER CITY GRILL

BUSINESS ADDRESS

1975 TORRANCE BLVD , TORRANCE, CA, 90501

County: LOS ANGELES **Census Tract:** 6509.01

LICENSEE INFORMATION

Licensee: BURGER CITY GRILL #4 INC

Company Information

OFFICER: TSIBOUKAS, EFTHEMIOS ALEXANDER (PRESIDENT/SECRETARY)

MEMBER: TSIBOUKAS, EFTHEMIOS ALEXANDER

LICENSE TYPES

41 - ON-SALE BEER AND WINE - EATING PLACE

License Type Status: PENDING **Status Date:** 08-SEP-2017 **Term:** 12 Month(s)

Original Issue Date: **Expiration Date:** **Master:** Y **Duplicate:** **Fee Code:** P40 **Transfers:**

OPERATING RESTRICTIONS:

No Operating Restrictions found

DISCIPLINARY ACTION:

No Active Disciplinary Action found

DISCIPLINARY HISTORY:

No Disciplinary History found.

HOLDS:

Hold Type: UNDER CONSTRUCTION (SECT. 24044) **Hold Date:** 07-OCT-2019

ESCROWS:

No Escrow found

Attachment C



Torrance Police Department Intelligence
Section

Interview Summary License Review

Detective Lucas Ryono [REDACTED]

To:

Date: 28 SEP 21

Suzanne Bittner
License Supervisor

From:

Detective Lucas Ryono
Intelligence Section

Licensees:

"Burger City Grill" "Burger City Grill No. 4, Inc."
1975 Torrance Blvd
Torrance, CA. 90501
[REDACTED]

License Review Board Hearing – 07 OCT 21

Subject:

Efthemios Tsiboukas (Owner)
[REDACTED]

On 28 SEP 21, I interviewed Mr. Tsiboukas who is the owner of "Burger City Grill" 1975 Torrance Blvd, in the City of Torrance. Mr. Tsiboukas related this is a new business location and this will be his third Burger City Grill restaurant. The business is a food establishment with alcohol, and the license he is applying for is a type 41 license, "On-Sale, Beer, and Wine" Eating Place.

I reviewed the local and state laws that regulate this business, as well as the conditions that exist on the license. I furnished Mr. Tsiboukas with a copy of the Applicable Code Highlights for ABC "On Sale" Licensed Businesses. In addition, we completed the Torrance Police Department Alcohol Beverage License Indoctrination Form together. Mr. Tsiboukas signed and initialed the form, indicating that he understood the issues at hand. Based on the interview Mr. Tsiboukas was given a license review board date of 07 OCT 21.



Detective Lucas Ryono
Intelligence Section

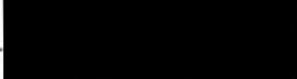


Torrance Police Department
Alcohol Beverage Licensee
Indoctrination and Training

Interpreter _____ Language _____



General Information

Business Name BURGER CITY GRILL Phone 

Licenses EFTHEMIOS TSIBOUKAS (OWNER)

Who are the sole owners? SEE ABOVE
 Is the business incorporated? YES
 Is this reflected in the ABC License? YES
 Are there other officers in the company? NO

Address 1975 TORRANCE BLVD, TORRANCE, CA 90501

Do you have prior experience working in alcohol sales? YES
 Where? TWO PRIOR BURGER CITY GRILL LOCATIONS.
 How Many Years? ~ 10 YRS

Type of License _____

Do you own any other businesses? TWO OTHER BCG LOCATIONS, EAT FANTASTIC, FANTASTIC CAFES



Important Training Areas

1. **How to check for identification.** EAT

- Presentation
- Type of acceptable identification
 - Valid government (not expired)
 - Photo
 - Date of birth

Methods of alteration.

Tricks used by minors.

Minors (under 21) are vertically displayed (not horizontal).

Spotters

It is important to establish a policy.

Whenever in doubt about an ID, consider it to be a fake.

2. Criminal, administrative, and civil liabilities regarding sales of alcoholic beverages to minors or drunks.

EAT

Criminal citations or arrest, fines

ABC administrative hearings and fines

Civil suits

Loss of business license

Moral issues

3. LEAD Seminar Training

EAT

If you are selling alcohol, you should attend a LEAD seminar.

These are hosted by ABC – Call the Lakewood office.

8 Hour course

You should attend with your key employees.

4. Hours of sales and supervision of parking lot (posting).

EAT

45.4.9 TMC - Requires posting sign

If you are involved in off-site alcohol sales, you must post a sign stating there is no drinking in the parking lot.

45.4.8 TMC - No drinking in parking lot

You get a copy of this city ordinance today.

5. Emergency and routine response by Patrol units.

EAT

Understand that the routine telephone number is to be used for routine service.

The 911 line is used for emergencies.

6. Crime prevention and protection

EAT

What to look for and how to protect business and employees.

Employee problems

City ordinances

7. Explanation of EASY, DECOY and STAKE programs.

EAT

The enforcement programs are not intended to entrap.
The minors will be truthful and appear to be their age.
These are intended to establish and enforce compliance.

8. Explanation of Intelligence function.

EAT

"Eyes and ears in the community"

9. Escort ordinances and hostess bars.

N/A

Do you have plans to offer a hostess or escort service?

If, so here is a copy of the city ordinances related to
to these issues.

10. Prostitution and gambling are illegal.

N/A

11. Age of employees and rules of service.

16-17 year olds may serve alcohol only if supervised by someone over 21.
18 year olds may serve alcohol but only if served with food.
They can be a food server that also serves alcohol.
21 and over can serve alcohol without restrictions.

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and
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12. Sale of tobacco to juveniles

EAT

Are you selling tobacco?

You have to be 21 years old to buy tobacco.

Enforcement of laws and compliance checks
via STAKE will take place.

13. Adult Entertainment

EAT

Are you planning on providing entertainment?

If so, you will need an entertainment permit.

You can only have entertainment that is specifically
allowed by your license.

Are you planning on allowing dancing?

If so, you will need a dance permit.

Are you planning on selling adult videos or magazines?

If so, you will need to make sure that the covers are not exposed
to the general public and have a private/dedicated section.

14. Understanding and Posting of Licenses

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You must post your ABC alcohol license with business license.
Conditions must be posted alongside this license.
Review your conditions.

15. Laws, Statutes and Municipal Codes Related to the Business

Has Licensee(s) received a copy of the "ABC Regulations?"

EM



Training Confirmation

I, as a licensee, fully understand all of the above information as related to me and will abide by all the rules and regulations. I also confirm that the above information is accurate.

[Redacted Signature]

9-28-2021

Date

Licensee or Designated Representative

Date

[Redacted Signature]

witness