## WEST ALLIS COMMON COUNCIL LICENSE AND HEALTH COMMITTEE CITY OF WEST ALLIS

In the Matter of the Complaint Against

**SUMMONS** 

Bunty's Liquor, LLC, d/b/a Cleveland Ave. Bunty's Liquor, Beant Singh, agent.

STATE OF WISCONSIN ) SS. COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE )

## THE WEST ALLIS COMMON COUNCIL TO BEANT SINGH:

You are hereby notified that a sworn complaint, a copy of which is attached, has been duly made and filed, requesting a hearing on the suspension, revocation, or non-renewal of your Class "A" Intoxicating Liquor License, Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage License, and Cigarette and Tobacco Products Retail License, pursuant to the provisions of sec. 125.12, Wis. Stat. and West Allis Revised Municipal Code Sections 9.02(20) and 9.04(5).

NOW THEREFORE, you, Beant Singh, are hereby summoned to appear before the License and Health Committee of the West Allis Common Council in Room 128 of the West Allis City Hall, 7525 West Greenfield Avenue, West Allis, Wisconsin, on December 20, 2016, at 7:15 p.m., or as soon thereafter as this matter can be heard, to admit or deny the allegations in the complaint. You may be represented by counsel on this date.

In the case of your failure to appear as required by this summons, the allegations in the complaint against you shall be taken as true and, if the License and Health Committee of the West Allis Common Council finds the allegations sufficient, a recommendation that your license(s) be suspended or revoked will be made to the full Common Council. The Common Council may then vote to suspend, revoke, or not renew your license(s).

You are further notified that if you appear as required by this summons and contest the allegations in the complaint, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date before the License and Health Committee, at which time you may be represented by counsel, cross examine the witnesses who testify adversely against you, and present witnesses in your own behalf. A written transcript of said hearing shall be made and you may obtain a copy of the transcript of this proceeding at your expense.

WEST ALLIS COMMON COUNCIL

By:

Monica Schultz, City Clerk

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## **COMPLAINT**

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Martin Weigel, being duly sworn, on oath deposes and states as a complaint against Bunty's Liquor, LLC as follows:

- 1. That the complainant is a resident of the City of West Allis, is the duly elected Alderperson for the Second Aldermanic District in the City of West Allis, and is a member of the License and Health Committee.
- 2. That the information contained in this complaint comes from the complainant's review of official police reports maintained by the City of New Berlin Police Department, which the complainant believes to be reliable and accurate.
- 3. That Bunty's Liquor, LLC is the holder of a "Class A" Intoxicating Liquor and Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage License Number 16-1351, and a Cigarette and Tobacco Products Retail License 16-1354, both issued by the West Allis Common Council for the license period beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017 for the premises located at 8423 W. Cleveland Avenue, West Allis, Wisconsin, and does business under the trade name "Cleveland Ave. Bunty's Liquor."
- 4. That Beant Singh is the agent of Bunty's Liquor, LLC's above-referenced license(s).

- 5. That on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Beant Singh signed a Renewal Alcohol Beverage License Application for Bunty's Liquor, LLC and agreed, among other things, to operate the business according to the laws of Wisconsin and laws governing retail alcohol beverage licensure.
- 6. That on August 11, 2016 the New Berlin Police Department was notified of potential thefts of significant amounts of liquor from General Beverage Sales Company, a wholesale liquor company located in New Berlin in the area of 16255 W. Stratton Drive.
- 7. That the New Berlin Police Department, in connection with the West Allis Police

  Department, investigated the complaint and identified at least three (now former) employees

  of General Beverage Sales Company who had stolen large quantities of liquor from the

  wholesaler and admitted to working out a deal to sell portions of that stolen liquor to Bunty's

  Liquor in the City of West Allis.
- 8. That on August 23, 2016, Det. Clevenstine, Sgt. Godec, Sgt. Park, Det. Majewskie, and Det. Saftig from the New Berlin Police Department, working with Department of Revenue Special Agents King and Dorn, and West Allis Detective Wroblewski went to Bunty's Liquor located at 8423 W. Cleveland Avenue in the City of West Allis regarding the suspected stolen alcohol being sold at the establishment. Special Agents and Officers conducted a license inspection of the premises and discovered a large quantity of stolen liquor located behind a cardboard partition within a closed boiler room in the basement of the building.
- 9. The owner and registered agent of Bunty's Liquor, LLC, Beant Singh arrived on the scene and admitted that he did not have any invoices related to the stolen alcohol. Beant Singh stated that he purchased the illegal cases, knew it was wrong, and concealed the cases of liquor because he knew he was not supposed to have them. Beant Singh stated that he purchased the cases of liquor because it was cheaper and that he had illegally purchased alcohol on 3-4 occasions in 2016. Beant Singh admitted that he had paid several thousand dollars for the cases of stolen liquor.

10. That Officer Clevenstine of the New Berlin Police department, along with other officers and agents listed above, removed the following cases of liquor from Bunty's Liquor which were associated with illegal purchases and theft from General Beverage Sales Company:

- 69 Cases of Skyy Vodka – valued at \$7,432.68.

18.5 Cases of Mr. Boston Vodka- valued at \$1,077.99

- 70 Cases of Skol Vodka- valued at \$3,570.00

11. That Bunty's Liquor, LLC has violated Wis. Stat. Sections 125.69(6)(a), 134.65(7)(a), and 943.34; The Wisconsin Administrative Code, Department of Revenue Tax Section 8.21(1); and the West Allis Revised Municipal Code sections 9.02(12)(d), 9.04(7)(a)3.

12. That said violations and conduct substantially relates to the licensed/permitted activity and is grounds for non-renewal, suspension, or revocation of Bunty's Liquor's Class "A" Intoxicating Liquor and Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage, License, and the Cigarette and Tobacco Products Retail License.

WHEREFORE, Martin Weigel requests that Bunty's Liquor, LLC be summoned to appear before the License and Health Committee of the West Allis Common Council to answer this complaint and, if the material allegations of the complaint are denied, that a hearing be held to determine whether the "Class A" Intoxicating Liquor License, Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage License, and Cigarette and Tobacco Products Retail License should be revoked, suspended, or not renewed.

Dated this /() day of December, 2016.

Martin Weigel

Alderperson for Second Aldermanic District

City of West Allis

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