

ALCOHOL CONTROL COMMISSION <u>Tuesday, January 19, 2016</u> 5:00 P.M.

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Minutes December 21, 2015
- 3. Old Business: None
- 4. New Business: A) Issue a new Beer, Wine, and Liquor Pouring License at *Seasons*, 208 Broad Street, to Robert Blumberg.
 - * B) Issue a new Beer, Wine, and Liquor Package License at *Big Time Liquor*, *Wine*, and *Tobacco*, 1614 Shorter Avenue, to Larry Martin.
- 5. Other: None
- 6. Police Report:
- 7. Adjourn.

Joseph F. Smith Secretary

* Enclosure



TO:

Alcohol Control Commission

FROM:

Joe Smith, City Clerk

DATE:

January 15, 2016

SUBJECT:

Objection to Alcohol License Request - 1614 Shorter Avenue

As you will see at the attached ACC agenda there is a request for a new beer, wine, and liquor package license at <u>Big Time Liquor</u>, <u>Wine and Tobacco</u>, <u>1614 Shorter Avenue</u>. Mr. Larry Martin is the applicant. Mr. Martin plans to prepare his property and build a new structure that will house the liquor store.

As you may recall, Mr. Martin was trying to build a liquor store at 2106 Shorter Avenue in 2015, but was unable to complete the project within the time frame allotted him by the ACC. Ultimately the ACC granted permission for another applicant to open a liquor store in an existing structure across the street from 2106 Shorter. Since the State law prohibits liquor stores within 1500 feet of each other, Mr. Martin is now applied for a new location.

On the attached map of this area, Mr. Martin's property is highlighted in blue. He plans to build his new structure somewhere within this site. Ms. Louise Sutton, 16 Saddle Mountain Road, owns property (1702 Shorter Ave.) that adjoins Mr. Martin's property and her lot is highlighted in orange. Ms. Sutton is objecting to the granting of this alcohol license request. Ms. Sutton rents her property to a group that is using it for a church.

Our City Code prohibits an alcohol license from being issued to a location that is within 300 feet of church property. Although I do not know precisely where Mr. Martin's new structure will be located within his property, it will likely be within 300 of Ms. Sutton's property. The Rome Alcohol Code defines a church as "a freestanding building which is owned by a religious organization or association and primarily utilized for religious services, ceremonies, or instruction". Since the building is not owned by the religious organization, it is not considered a church and not required to be separated by a 300 foot buffer.

As a citizen of Rome, Ms. Sutton is allowed to object to the license request. She did submit a written objection, which I have summarized in this memo. She may also appear before the ACC on January 19th.

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments.

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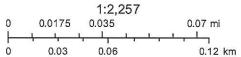
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