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April 27, 2012

Mr. Lee Riley
Taste, L.L.C.
837 Eastgate Drive
Topeka, KS 66607

Re: May 15, 2012 City Commission Meeting

Dear Mr. Riley:

Thank you for meeting with City Manager David Corliss, Chief of Police Tarik Khatib, Captain William Cory, Assistant City Attorney Chad Sublet and me on Tuesday, April 24, 2012, to discuss our public safety concerns with Taste. As we discussed, we are preparing to recommend to the City Commission at its regular meeting on May 15, 2012, that Taste's city liquor license be revoked. We will also seek authorization from the governing body to request a hearing before the Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) to determine whether Taste's license issued under the Club and Drinking Establishment Act should be revoked or suspended pursuant to K.S.A. 41-2651.

You and/or your representative will have an opportunity to address the City Commission when it considers these items at the May 15th meeting. At that time you may present information or evidence to rebut the City staff's position that your city liquor license should be revoked. You may also present information or evidence to counter the City's request for a hearing before the ABC. My office's report on the matter will be available to you in advance of the meeting. This report will also be available to the general public on the City's website, www.lawrenceks.org on or about Thursday, May 10, 2012. I am available to speak with you and/or your attorney, or other representative in advance of May 15th to discuss how City Commission meetings operate. Our meetings begin at 6:35 p.m. and are held in the City Commission meeting room on the first floor of City Hall, 6 East 6th Street.

You indicated that it is your intention to cease operations at Taste before May 15, 2012. If the City receives evidence that Taste's state liquor license has been surrendered to state officials before 12:00 p.m. (noon) on May 10, 2012, the City will likely defer or table the City Commission action on Taste's local and state liquor licenses.



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As discussed at our meeting on April 24th, 2012, the safety of the public and our law enforcement officers is the City's paramount concern, and that is why we are taking the actions set forth above. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (785) 832-3404, or by email at twheeler@lawrenceks.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Toni R. Wheeler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "T" and a long, sweeping underline.

Toni R. Wheeler
City Attorney

cc: David L. Corliss, City Manager
Tarik Khatib, Chief of Police