

Memo

Police Department



TO: Ann Campbell, Mayor and Ames City Council Members

FROM: Ames Police Department

DATE: September 16, 2008

SUBJECT: Liquor License Renewal for Bali Satay House, 2424 Lincoln Way
Reference City Council Agenda September 23, 2008.

A review of the Ames Police Department's records found a number of violations for Bali Satay House during the renewal period, including 8 incidents of possession of alcohol under age and 9 other incidents at the bar. A detailed report is included on the attached Liquor License Criteria Form and, for the reasons listed on this form, the police department would not recommend renewal without some plan from the owner on how he is going to address the number of problems at the establishment.

The owner has been contacted and advised that he should attend the council meeting and provide some sort of plan for dealing with both the increase in numbers of people found in possession of alcohol under age and the pattern of large fights at the bar.

**Ames Police Department
Liquor License Renewal Criteria Form**

Business name: Bali Satay House

Address: 2424 Lincoln Way

Review Period: September 2007 – September 2008

100%: Number of quarterly alcohol meetings attended during twelve-month renewal period.

8: Number of citations issued during twelve-month renewal period.

9: Number of nuisance calls in and around the business during twelve-month renewal period.

0: Number of fire code violations during twelve-month renewal period.

0: Number of fake or altered IDs turned in during twelve-month renewal period.

3 of 8 or 37%: Percentage of employees who have attended police ID training during twelve-month renewal period.

List of any additional precautions employed by the business to assist in preventing underage on premise or consumption:

Electronic ID handheld Additional Training _____
 ALS (Alternative Light Sources) Alarms

Other: _____

Incentives for confiscated DLs Yes No

Level of cooperation extended to police by bar employees:

High Medium Low

High Level of Cooperation – Responds to requests for improvements made by the Police Department or Inspections as soon as possible. Calls for assistance where appropriate before the situation gets “out of hand”. High attendance at ID training. Fake IDs turned over to Police Department.

Low Level of Cooperation – Does not respond to reasonable requests made by the Police Department or Inspections. Lets problems get out of hand before calling for help. Low or no attendance at ID training. No effort to seize fake IDs.

Average Occupancy:

High Medium Low

High: At or near capacity each night of operation

Medium: At capacity on some nights and fewer patrons on other nights

Low: Rarely at capacity

Occupancy

High

Medium

Low

High – 200-300 Fire Code Occupancy

Medium – 100 – 200 Fire Code Occupancy

Low – Under 100 Fire Code Occupancy

Fire Inspection Comments: _____

Health and Sanitation Comments: _____

Building Inspection Comments: _____

Additional Comments:

Breakdown of citations written during the renewal period.

Date	Case number	Incident
12/02/07:	07-26038:	1 cited for possession of alcohol underage
01/06/08:	08-299:	1 cited for possession of alcohol underage
01/25/08:	08-1728:	1 cited for possession of alcohol underage
01/31/08:	08-2204:	1 cited for possession of alcohol underage
02/01/08:	08-2208:	1 cited for possession of alcohol underage, had fake ID on him
02/01/08:	08-2210:	1 cited for possession of alcohol underage
04/12/08:	08-7600:	1 cited for possession of alcohol underage
07/13/08:	08-14796:	1 cited for possession of alcohol underage

In the last renewal period there were only 4 citations written.

Other incidents:

On 9-7-2008 at 1:11am, officers responded to a fight in progress that started inside of Bali Satay house and moved out into the street on Lincoln Way. Due to the large number of individuals involved, the police department had every officer working that night respond along with assistance from ISU Police. 4 people were arrested for disorderly conduct (08-19357)

On 8-23-2008 at 1:10am, officers responded to a fight at Bali Satay House. Two individuals were involved and were separated by officers. No charges were filed.(08-17903)

On 4-13-2008 at 2:03am, two males threw a brick through the window breaking it. It does not appear that they were patrons of the bar.(08-07662)

On 4-6-2008 at 1:44am, one person was arrested for disorderly conduct after an altercation inside of Bali Satay House.(08-06974)

On 2-15-2008 at 11:51pm, officers were called to Bali Satay House for a patron who was trying to pick fights with patrons in the bar. He was arrested for public intoxication.(08-03318)

On 1-27-2008 at 12:27am, officers were called to Bali Satay House in reference to a fight inside of the bar. The report was a number of patrons fighting and throwing chairs. The individuals involved left the area before officers arrived and no charges were filed.(08-01925)

On 10-19-2008 at 11:54pm, officers were called to Bali Satay House in reference to a fight in progress. All parties were separated and sent on their way.(07-22873)

On 10-07-2008 at 1:51am, officers were called to Bali Satay House in reference to a fight in progress. There were reported to be 10 to 15 people fighting and breaking property. Responding officers found a number of broken bottles both inside and outside the bar as well as a broken window to the establishment. No charges were filed.(07-21895)

On 9-16-2008 at 1:55am, officers responded to a report of a fight at Bali Satay House. Responding officers did not locate the fight but there was a large crowd of people leaving the area.(07-20195)

There is a pattern of problems with this establishment. Currently, the establishment is a 50/50 establishment where 50% of the business is other than alcohol. This allows the establishment to allow minors on the premises at all hours. I have repeatedly spoken to the owner, Iwan about moving to a policy like the other establishments where they become a "bar" at a specified time to cut down on the number of possession under age violations as their current system does not seem to be working. Currently, underage patrons receive a stamp on their hand if they are under the age of 21. On some nights, they supply wristbands to patrons who are 21 or older. This system has not done anything to curb the number of underage individuals from possessing alcohol, and in fact, the number has increase from the last renewal period. We are currently in the process of reviewing the businesses receipts to verify their 50/50 status. The kitchen closes at midnight.

Even more troubling, is the number of fights that have occurred at the establishment during the renewal period. Again, there is a pattern of fights. The last, and most serious, involved a large number of individuals who were actually out in the street on Lincoln Way fighting as officers arrived. It was necessary to utilize every officer available to restore order including every Ames Police Officer on duty, as well as the assistance of every ISU officer working that night leaving the rest of the city without police presence.

I cannot recommend renewal of this liquor license because of the pattern of problems exhibited unless the owner can provide some plan to combat these problems. One way to easily curb some of the issues would be to institute a policy of only allowing individuals in the bar at a designated time like other establishments have done, and done so successfully. The kitchen closes at midnight and at that point there does not seem to be much reason for patrons under 21 to remain in the bar. It is apparent that the police department has found a number of individuals in the establishment under the age of 21 in possession of alcohol.

Bali Satay house has not turned in any fake IDs to the police department during the renewal period. Only 3 of the 8 individuals employed by Bali Satay House have attended the ID training provided by the police department and the 3 that did attend did so on September 11, 2008. Up until this point none of the employees had attended the ID training which is also very troubling since I have encouraged all of the establishments to send their employees to the training at every quarterly meeting. The owner has attended these meetings but has chosen to ignore this suggestion. I have provided a score of "low" for cooperation for these reasons as I have had repeated conversations with the owner about my concerns over the past year that have been ignored.

Police Department's liquor license renewal recommendation: YES / NO

Report Submitted by : Lieutenant Geoff Huff