

September 7, 2021

To: League City City Council and Planning Department

From: Alli Jarrett - Low Tide, LLC



Dear League City Council members and staff:

My name is Alli Jarrett, and I currently own and operate a full-service neighborhood restaurant in Houston Heights called Harold's Restaurant, Bar & Terrace. I've been in business 8 years and have a Mixed Beverage Permit so guests may be served alcoholic beverages with their food. We have a clean record with the TABC, we pay our taxes on time and we are good community stewards.

I am writing, as I'm in the middle of a lease agreement at 201 South Egret Bay Blvd. This property sat vacant from a former drug store and now has Frost Bank as its anchor tenant, along with another restaurant, Fajita Pete's, that serves beer and wine.

Clear Creek High School, from door-to-door, is over 1,600 feet away and the entrance to the nearest athletic field is well over 600 feet away. The athletic field property line to the property line of the location, by the street, is just over 100 feet and as you know is between a very busy 4 lane highway. It did not occur to me to look at the fenced in area of the athletic field property line as I was considering the school distance itself, therefore, I am writing to seek a Variance from the City of League City to be allowed to serve mixed beverages, beer, and wine in the full-service neighborhood restaurant I would like to open.

The landlord (Orr Commercial, Inc.) has invested a lot in purchasing and redeveloping the property and I would be investing a lot of money into renovating this building. I will not be able to move forward without a mixed beverage permit. Our architectural team has been in touch with the planning department as well as the fire marshal on other items. I like the League City area and believe that our seafood & southern concept will fit in well for your residents and we would be an active community member.

I understand the City Council may allow variances to the distance regulations with regard to alcohol, "if it determines that enforcement of the regulations in a particular instance is not in the best interest of the public, constitutes waste or inefficient use of land or other resources, creates an undue hardship on an applicant for a license or permit, does not serve its intended purpose, or is not effective or necessary, or for any other reason the city council, after consideration of the health, safety and welfare of the public and the equities of the situation, determines is in the best interest of the community."

Given that a 4-lane highway and fence separate us from the nearest entrance at 600 feet, plus the existing alcohol permit at the same address location, we request this variance so that we can move forward with our project of bringing an independently, woman owned and operated business to League City.

I will be happy to come before City Council so you can meet me and ask any questions you might have. Please find attached the distances I mentioned above and thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allison O. Jarrett".

Allison O. Jarrett

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