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Subject: RE: LL000286 Refuge Tap Room Liquor Primary Structural Change

The application involves the increase in liquor seating capacity from 24 to 66 persons. In addition, the application involves extending the liquor service hours later into the night – currently operating until 11pm - but applying to extend to midnight, and until 1am on Friday and Saturday nights. The application also involves opening/serving liquor earlier – at 11am instead of noon. (somewhat less of a concern vs. the closing hours)

The more subjective element to the application is any assessment on the changing nature of the business from the Terroir Tea Salon to Refuge Tap Room. It appears to us as though the target market/clientele would be quite different.

VicPD cannot support an application where there is an increase to the load capacity and to the hours of operation later into the evening and night. An increase in liquor seats and hours equates to a greater demand on police resources, resulting in decreased level of service to the community. Current service and staffing levels cannot manage any further increase to liquor-related calls for service. VicPD is already heavily reliant on funding through the Late Night Task Force to meet even the most basic operational needs in the downtown core during the busy liquor hours (evening through to the early morning hours). There is no additional operational capacity to handle the increased call load that would result from this application, similar applications, and the incremental effect that they have collectively.



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