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Keith Meadows
Chief of Police

## **Notice of Hearing**

October 16, 2020

#### PRO ENTERTAIMENT ENTERPRISE, INC

Dba South Beach Lucius Crowe 5495 Old National Highway, Suite B13 College Park, GA 30349

Dear Mr. Crowe,

This letter is sent pursuant to City of South Fulton ("City") Code of Ordinances, Title 16, Alcoholic Beverages, Chapter 3, to provide you with written notice that a Public Hearing will be held before the City Council at 10:00 am on October 27, 2020 in response to the City Police Department's request for revocation of your City alcohol beverage license ABL19006177 ("Alcohol Beverage License") on the grounds set forth below:

#### 1. <u>Violation of City Code of Ordinances, Title 16, Section 16-3001(a)(9):</u>

#### Date(s) of violation:

Grounds: Failure by the licensee to adequately supervise and monitor the conduct of employees, patrons and others on the licensed premises, including but not limited to adjacent parking lots or areas which may be lawfully used by patrons of the licensed establishment, in order to protect the safety and well-being of the general public and of those utilizing the premises.

### 2. <u>Violation of City Code of Ordinances</u>, Title 16, Section 16-3001(a)(16):

#### Date(s) of violation:

Grounds: A high frequency of calls for police service or for police intervention to the licensed premises or the proposed licensed premises, during the 12 months immediately preceding the date of application, taking into consideration of the severity of such incidents; or a high frequency of calls for police service or for police intervention around such premises, if it is demonstrated that any criminal activity around the licensed premises had some connection with the premises or with the owner(s) or employees of the premises and/or the criminal activity occurred within 100 feet of the premises.

#### 3. <u>Violation of City Code of Ordinances, Title 16, Section 16-5011:</u>

#### Date(s) of violation:

Grounds: Failure by licensee to timely file with the City police department a written, sworn report of any of the following changes: (1) Any change in any legal relationship between any parties named in the application for the license; and (4) Any change in any material facts contained in the application for the license. Such report shall be filed within five days after the date the change occurs.

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The Public Hearing will occur virtually via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic, where you and/or your legal representative, shall be afforded the opportunity to be heard and present evidence to the City Council. A copy of the documents which may be used against you at the Public Hearing are attached to this notice. Please email any documents which you may present at the hearing to the City Clerk at: diane.white@cityofsouthfultonga.gov and copy the City Attorney at: ewalker@fincherdenmark.com.

The City Clerk will send you an invitation to access the Zoom Public Hearing at least 48 hours prior to the Public Hearing at the following email address the City has for you on file:

Please email the City Clerk (and copy the City Attorney) at least five days in advance of the Public Hearing if your email address has changed.

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Chief Keith Meadows (Oct 16, 2020 12:33 EDT)

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# Alcohol License Grounds for Suspension/Revocation Summary

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Dba South Beach (formerly Club Emerald/ Crowe's Nest) 5495 Old National Highway, Suite B13 College Park, GA 30349

**Owner: Lucius Crowe** 

The owner/applicant is a business that transitioned into South Fulton from Fulton County. The applicants initial COSF alcohol license was issued by Business licensing for 2019. Mr. Crowe formally submitted his 2020 renewal alcohol license application on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 and paid all associated fees. Due to the undertaking of tasking all businesses that transitioned into the City to complete new applications, the December 15, 2019 deadline was extended to January 15, 2020. Per the application and ordinance enforced at that time, Mr. Crowe was listed as owner, licensee and manager of the business. The location has a business license dba as Club Emerald issued June 11, 2019 and revised in December for dba South Beach with the same date of June 11, 2019. The more recent license of September 1, 2020 lists South Beach. Fingerprints and a criminal history were conducted when the application was received, and no records were found.

The location was verified to have met all tax requirements with the City on 12/20/19. According to police's last check with finance, Mr. Crowe was believed be current with city taxes. It is a known fact that the owner has current tax problems with the state, but the owner advised he recently made a lump sum payment and established a payment plan.

Due to recent increase in criminal activity at this location. The police reviewed our Records Management System (RMS) and 16 reports were located that could be identified as having generated from this location. There were several reports (120+) from 5495 Old National Highway, but they were general in nature and were associated with other businesses and not to South Beach specifically.

RMS reports found to be associated with South Beach includes: 1 Murder, 4 Aggravated Assaults and others being thefts/miscellaneous; however, employee involvement is to be highlighted in 6 of the cases. Below is a listing of the reports found directly relates to this business:

- 1) 2020-001951 (2/5) South Beach Employee vehicle broken into
- 2) 2020-003239 (2/29) South Beach Customer vehicle broken into

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3) 2020-003575 (3/5) **Shots fired** between two vehicles at South Beach parking lot resulting in vehicle damage, shell casings found, no injuries noted

4) 2020-008054 (6/6) **Agg Ass** Customer leaving club received GSW to right leg as shooting began in parking lot

5) 2020-008307 (6/10) Customer tag stolen from vehicle

- 6) 2020-008438 (6/13) Domestic **Agg Ass** between customers in parking lot, male struck female across the face with a handgun
- 7) 2020-008439 (6/13) Theft of vehicle keys from South Beach Customer in parking lot
- 8) 2020-009712 (7/10) Dispute between South Beach employee and another person in parking lot
- 9) 2020-009808 (7/15) Customer vehicle window broken out at South Beach
- 10) 2020-009960 (7/15) **Agg Ass** Male with GSW to right arm; multiple casings in parking lot
- 11) 2020-009985 (7/16) Dispute between employees where one receives threatening text messages
- 12) 2020-010039 (7/17) Dispute between employees over money owed (arrest was made of club security)
- 13) 2020-010527 (7/15) Damage to Property Related to shooting (09960) Security was in dispute slashes tires of patron (arrested security staff was involved in all incidents from 7/15-7/17)
- 14) 2020-011026 (8/8) **Agg Ass** Security guard observed male breaking into a vehicle in parking lot, once spotted the male ran and fired shots at the security officer who then returned gun fire. Vehicle damage only
- 15) 2020-011033 (8/8) Vehicle theft Victim left vehicle in parking lot and it was gone when returned -had been recovered when reported
- 16) 2020-012746 (9/14) Murder Suspect pulled a weapon on a female South Beach Employee. Female went inside South Beach and told another male who confronted the suspect outside. The incident resulted in suspect firing a gun killing the victim.

On September 15, 2020, Chief Meadows and Alcohol License staff met with Mr. Crowe to inform him that we were considering suspending his alcohol license based on an increase in criminal activity at the location. Also present at the meeting was, Mr. Jasiel Robinson and Mr. Robinson's attorney Vincent Dimmock. Upon meeting with the individual, we also confirmed Mr. Robinson had a business called South Beach LLC and Mr. Crowe was advising Mr. Robinson was the manager, but we had no record of Mr. Robinson's involvement or interest in the business. After the meeting, police advised Mr. Crowe and Mr. Robinson we would be in touch with a decision.

On September 17, 2020, the police suspended Mr. Crowe's Alcohol License, based on the severity of the criminal activity and information leading us to believe we did not have accurate information on record as to all parties involved in the business.

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As evidenced above the incidents at South Beach have increased in severity since June 2020. Per section 16-3001 of the Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance: Suspension or revocation of license, a license may be immediately suspended, pending a hearing, by the police chief in an emergency situation in which continued operation of the premises by the licensee endangers the health, welfare or safety of the public.

Based on the nature and severity of the incidents and the possible misrepresentation of the business ownership, the police find there is due cause to seek revocation of the alcohol license for the above mentioned location.

Due Cause grounds:

Sec. 16-3001

- (a)(6) Providing untrue or misleading information contained in or material omission left out of an original, renewal or transfer application for a license.
- (a) (8) Disposing of any interests in the business by the licensee without reporting the same to the City Police Department.
- (a)(9) Failure by the licensee to adequately supervise and monitor the conduct of employees, patrons and others on the licensed premises, including but not limited to adjacent parking lots or areas which may be lawfully used by patrons of the licensed establishment, in order to protect the safety and well-being of the general public and of those utilizing the premises.
- (a)(14) Creating, maintaining, or allowing the creation or maintenance of any public or private nuisance, as defined by state law and the City ordinances.
- (a)(16) A high frequency of calls for police service or for police intervention to the licensed premises or the proposed licensed premises, during the 12 months immediately preceding the date of application, taking into consideration of the severity of such incidents; or a high frequency of calls for police service or for police intervention around such premises, if it is demonstrated that any criminal activity around the licensed premises had some connection with the premises or with the owner(s) or employees of the premises and/or the criminal activity occurred within 100 feet of the premises.

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