Mr. David Miller called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Brian Barrett – Absent
Jeff Estabrook
Steve Johnston
David Miller
Christopher Reed
Terry Salem
Amy Schaap – Absent

Others Present:
Jim Wonder, Chief Plumbing Inspector
Autumn Drickey, Board Secretary

II. Approval of Minutes from November 14, 2018

Motion by Mr. Jeff Estabrook to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2018 meeting. Second by Mr. Terry Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0, Approved

III. Exam Review

Michael Calderon and Aaron Lee
Mr. Dan Bolt appeared before the Board in regards to the above request at the above request. He stated there is an actual 65-35 split, but are requesting a 60-40 split in an existing building. Mr. Estabrook asked what they were short. Mr. Bolt stated they are short one stool for women. He clarified the use of the building. Mr. Jim Wonder clarified that they are one short on the women’s on the second floor without the waiver. Mr. Christopher Reed asked if they are short for the entire project. Mr. Bolt stated they have an excess on the first floor and are short on the second floor only. Mr. Estabrook asked why they aren’t able to get the count. Mr. Bolt explained. Mr. Wonder stated that being male dominated is accurate in this industry. He stated the department would support this request.

Motion by Mr. Reed to allow the waiver to use a 60% men’s and 40% women’s occupancy split for the proposed tenant. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0, Approved

Mr. Joseph Vodicka appeared before the Board for the above request at the above address. He stated that the menu is raw fish, sushi, there is chicken but it is poached, so they are looking to waive the grease interceptor drawing. Mr. Estabrook asked if there are any exhibits. Mr. Vodicka presented a menu and a drawing of the building. He stated this is a prep kitchen. Mr. Wonder asked if it is an existing restaurant. Mr. Vodicka stated it is an existing space, but not an existing restaurant. Mr. Wonder stated that there is an issue of tenants changing and the use changing after waivers are approved by the Board, so he cautioned the Board to making sure that the waiver is specific to this tenant. He stated that they would want the space to be piped so that there was one point for the potential future need for a grease interceptor. Mr. Reed asked if there is a hood. Mr. Vodicka stated there is no hood. Mr. Wonder stated that the waiver should state that the menu stays the same as well.

Motion by Mr. Reed to allow the waiver of the grease interceptor for the Pokeworks restaurant tenant at this location, with the stipulation that menu remain non-grease producing and the building drains be installed in a way that would allow for the future installation of a grease interceptor. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Reed, Salem
NAY: Miller

Motion carried: 4-1, Approved
Mr. Bill Baker appeared before the Board with the above request at the above address. He clarified the request as being the construction trailers. He detailed the use of the trailers. Mr. Reed clarified that they are pre-piped. Mr. Baker confirmed. He stated that construction will last about a year. He stated that the water is fed from the water services that used to feed the chicken coop from a well. He detailed how the water will go. Mr. Estabrook asked if there is only two trailers. Mr. Baker confirmed for now and that that is all they are requesting.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve temporary trailer and materials for a period of one year. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0, Approved

Mr. Adam Christensen, Mr. Hugh Hornsby, and Mr. Chris Rearick appeared before the Board for the above request. They provided additional documentation. Mr. Miller asked if Mr. Wonder has looked at this product. Mr. Wonder confirmed. He clarified about the liquid holding capacity. Mr. Wonder stated each size would need to be stated in the approval process. He stated that the code states the smallest is 250 gallons so he would not recommend approving anything smaller. There is discussion about the sizes. Mr. Wonder confirmed that venting is acceptable. He stated that the upper limit is 1000 gallons. Mr. Hornsby stated that they have a 2,000 gallon size now as well. Mr. Estabrook asked about the dip tubes. Mr. Rearick stated they are not built in there. Mr. Reed clarified the request. Mr. Wonder asked about provisions for remote pumping. Mr. Rearick and Mr. Hornsby stated that can be added if needed. Mr. Christiansen clarified it was for the 300, 500, 750, and 1000 gallon models. Mr. Wonder stated that the drawing numbers indicated on the drawings provided indicate the model numbers. Mr. Wonder asked about the tie down ability.

Motion by Mr. Reed to allow the following grease interceptors manufactured by MiFab to be included on the certified exterior grease interior list for the City of Omaha: MiFab 300 gallon liquid capacity, 500 gallon liquid capacity, 750 gallon liquid capacity, and 1000 gallon liquid capacity and listed by drawing numbers as submitted into the record and installed with the manufacturer’s recommended high-water anchor kit. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0, Approved
Mr. Rory Sherman appeared before the Board with the above request. Mr. Miller asked about the class, instructor, and provider. Mr. Sherman stated that they all need to be renewed. Mr. Miller asked who the classes are for. Mr. Sherman stated plumbers and water conditioning.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve United Distributors as a provider for plumbers and water conditioning equipment. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0, Approved

Mr. Miller clarified the instructors.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Rory Sherman as an instructor for water conditioning classes for plumbers and water conditioning license holders. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0, Approved

Mr. Miller asked about the classes. Mr. Sherman detailed the class. He stated they are requesting 4 hours of continuing education. Mr. Wonder stated he sees no reason not to approve the class for 4 hours. Mr. Estabrook asked what they do. Mr. Sherman detailed what they do. Mr. Wonder asked how many classes. Mr. Sherman stated he will put as many on as he needs.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the submitted class for 4 hours of continuing education for Master Plumbers, Journeyman Plumbers, Water Conditioning Contractors, and Water Conditioning Installers. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0, Approved

Mr. Ken Sorensen and Mr. James Nimtz appeared before the Board in regards to the above request at the above location. Mr. Nimtz stated there is one table to sample cakes otherwise it is all pick up and carry out. Mr. Reed stated they are not showing a urinal. Mr. Sorensen stated he can make that work. Mr. Reed stated there is a provision for under 750 square feet so the request is only from 750 to 1000 square feet. He stated that there is a double sword because of the predetermined amount of square feet to allow for waivers, and the other side is why not increase the number. He asked why the Board should grant the waiver. Mr. Sorensen stated that he had problems with access due to the narrowness of the space. Mr. Reed states that he always thinks about the number of employees and the fact that there are no customers to accommodate for fixture counts. He stated that they could have made it work with 750, however the bay is 1000 square feet. There is discussion about the availability of finding a bay with only 750 square feet.

Motion by Mr. Reed to allow the waiver for a unisex for this business at this location with the stipulation that the restroom meet code requirements for unisex and include a urinal. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0, Approved
Mr. Jim Peterson and Mr. Brent Lietzen appeared before the Board requesting a September 18, 2018 start date for Mr. Lietzen’s apprenticeship program. Mr. Miller stated that his documentation is in order.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. Lietzen to the Omaha Apprenticeship Program with a September 18, 2018 start date. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0, Approved

Mr. Dakota Taylor-McGhee and Mr. Jim Peterson appeared requesting an October 8, 2018 start date for Mr. Taylor-McGhee to the apprenticeship program. Mr. Miller stated that his paperwork is in order.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. Taylor-McGhee to the Omaha Apprenticeship Program with an October 8, 2018 start date. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0, Approved

Mr. Nate Martin and Mr. Brian Bales appeared before the Board requesting a July 20, 2018 start date for Mr. Martin to the apprenticeship program. Mr. Miller stated that his paperwork is in order.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. Martin to the Omaha Apprenticeship Program with a July 20, 2018 start date. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0, Approved

VI. Discussion

- Jim Wonder – Approval for eighth inspector. Mr. Estabrook asked when they might be hired. Mr. Wonder stated his hope is middle to late February. He stated that one will be leaving in April. He stated that they would be at 8 by May.

- Jim Wonder – Brief of meeting with Public Works about grease interceptors including a possible 5 year inspection program that could be implemented due to the failures of the grease interceptors. He described some of the paperwork that would be required from the pumpers. There is discussion of the grease interceptors in Omaha and the tracking of it.
VII. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to adjourn. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0, Approved

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