



August 30, 2024

HAND DELIVERY AND REGULAR MAIL

Mr. Rajendra Patel d/b/a/ Sai Octane/Octane Bar & Lounge  
35 Whitaker Street  
Savannah, Georgia 31401

Re: NOTICE OF HEARING TO SHOW CAUSE  
WHY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE SHOULD NOT BE REVOKED  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2024, 1:00 P.M., SAVANNAH CHATHAM  
COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM – WHITNEY ADMINISTRATIVE  
COMPLEX, 2 LAURA AVENUE, SAVANNAH, GA 31404**

Dear Mr. Patel:

City files reflect that you possess a license to sell alcoholic beverages at Sai Octane/ Octane Bar & Lounge, located at 35 Whitaker Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401. You have previously been informed by the City's staff and the City Manager that you are in violation of the City's Alcohol Beverage Ordinance as follows:

- June 21, 2024 - Administrative Meeting conducted by the Alcohol and Beverage Compliance Unit – Referencing concerns regarding adequate security staffing and proper security plan.
- August 27, 2024 - Administrative Meeting – Follow-up regarding August 24, 2024, shooting, which occurred outside the premises. Criminal investigation pending.
- August 30, 2024 – a serious incident originating from the premises resulting in a homicide near the business. Criminal investigation pending.
- Underage Violations – One (1) failed underage operation.
- Citizen and Business Complaints – over five (5) complaints since April 2024

The foregoing events constitute serious violations of the Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance of 2024, including Section 6-1206(d)(4), which requires a licensee to revisit and resubmit a safety plan to include implantation of additional public safety measures. Accordingly, the City considers your establishment a threat to public safety, welfare or health, and a public nuisance. See City Code Sections 6-1207(b)(1) and (9).

Based upon the outlined violations, the Savannah Police Department and the City Manager have recommended that you be required to show cause as provided in Section 1207 as to why your alcoholic beverage license should not be revoked on the grounds that you have violated City ordinances and maintained a nuisance in your operation of the business, requiring an unusual amount of police and enforcement activity. Evidence of such violations of the ordinance will be presented at a Public Hearing at 1:00pm on Thursday, September 12, 2024, before the Mayor and

City Council at the **Savannah Chatham County Public School System – the Whitney Administrative Complex, 2 Laura Avenue, Savannah, Georgia 31404.**

You may be represented by counsel at the hearing, and you and/or your attorney will have an opportunity to cross-examine all witnesses and to examine any evidence presented. You will further have the right present witnesses, testimony and/or evidence. If you or your attorney has any questions concerning the scheduling of this hearing, you may contact me at [dcooper@savannahga.gov](mailto:dcooper@savannahga.gov) or (912) 644-9542.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Denise M. Cooper

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ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY

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