



Office of the  
City Manager

August 30, 2024

**Via Hand Delivery and Regular Mail**

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

RE: Immediate Suspension of Alcoholic Beverage License

Dear Mr. Patel:

As you are aware there have been numerous infractions at your place of business, Sai Octane/ Octane Bar & Lounge, located at 35 Whitaker Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401. Based on the most recent serious incident originating from your premises on the morning of August 30, 2024, which resulted in a homicide in close proximity to the business, the Alcoholic Beverage License granted to this business is hereby suspended until a Show Cause Hearing is held before the City Council. No alcohol may be served at this establishment and this suspension is effective today, August 30, 2024.

This license is being suspend in accordance with Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance of 2024, Section 6-1207(b)(9) and 6-1207(d)(2) as follows:

Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance of 2024, Section 6-1207. - Alcoholic beverage license determinations.

b. The city council may consider in denying, suspending, revoking or refusing to renew any alcoholic beverage license one or more of the following:

9. The operation of the licensee's business in such a manner as to constitute a threat to public safety, welfare or health or in such a manner as to constitute a public nuisance or the operation of a licensed business where violation of federal, state or local laws frequently or regularly occur

d. Notice and hearing; due process. No alcohol beverage license may be revoked, suspended, subject to refusal renewal or transfer prohibited without notice and an opportunity for a hearing as provided herein:

2. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the city manager, whether personally or by designee, may temporarily suspend any license provided for in this article, including but not limited to underage permits and server permits (see section 6-1215), for any reasons stated in this section pending a hearing and action by the city council.

A Show Cause Hearing will be scheduled for **Thursday, September 12, 2024, at 1:00 pm** before City Council for you to show why your alcoholic beverage license should not be revoked. The hearing will be held at the **Savannah Chatham County Public School System – the Whitney Administrative Complex, 2 Laura Avenue, Savannah, Georgia 31404**. You will receive formal notice of this hearing where you may be represented by counsel.

Very truly yours,



Joseph A. Melder  
City Manager

cc: Mayor and Aldermen (via email); City Attorney (via email); Chief of Police (via email); Revenue Director (via email); Clerk of Council (via email)