



# City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street  
Cincinnati, OH 45202

## Agenda - Final

### Public Safety & Governance

*Councilmember Scotty Johnson, Chair*  
*Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney, Vice Chair*  
*Councilmember Mark Jeffreys*  
*Councilmember Anna Albi*

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Tuesday, April 16, 2024

9:30 AM

Council Chambers, Room 300

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## PRESENTATIONS

### First District Court of Appeals 2023 Annual Report Update

Judge Jennifer Kinsley

### Annual Liquor Hearing Update

## AGENDA

- [202401112](#) **PRESENTATION**, submitted by Councilmember Johnson from Judge Jennifer M. Kinsley tilted, First District Court of Appeals: 2023 Annual Report Update.  
**Sponsors:** Johnson  
**Attachments:** [Presentation](#)
- [202401124](#) **PRESENTATION**, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, dated 4/16/2024, regarding Annual Liquor Permit Renewal Objections.  
**Sponsors:** City Manager  
**Attachments:** [Transmittal](#)  
[Presentation](#)
- [202400936](#) **RESOLUTION (LEGISLATIVE) (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/27/2024, **OBJECTING** to the renewal of the D5J and D6 liquor permit number 5931167 applied for by Midwest Textiles Warehouse, LLC d/b/a Drip Coffee Lounge to the Ohio Division of Liquor Control.  
**Sponsors:** City Manager  
**Attachments:** [Transmittal](#)  
[Emergency Legislative Resolution](#)  
[Attachment](#)
- [202400937](#) **RESOLUTION (LEGISLATIVE) (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/27/2024, **OBJECTING** to the renewal of the D5, D6 class liquor permit number 2600009 applied for by Risconi Bar and Kitchen, LLC to the Ohio Division of Liquor Control.

**Sponsors:** City Manager

**Attachments:** [Transmittal](#)  
[Emergency Legislative Resolution](#)  
[Attachment](#)

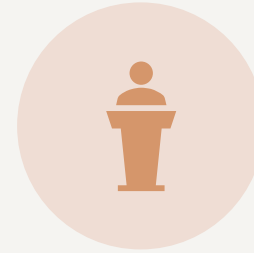
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# First District Court of Appeals: 2023 Annual Report Update

JUDGE JENNIFER M. KINSLEY



# Who Is the Court of Appeals?



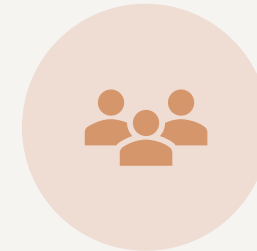
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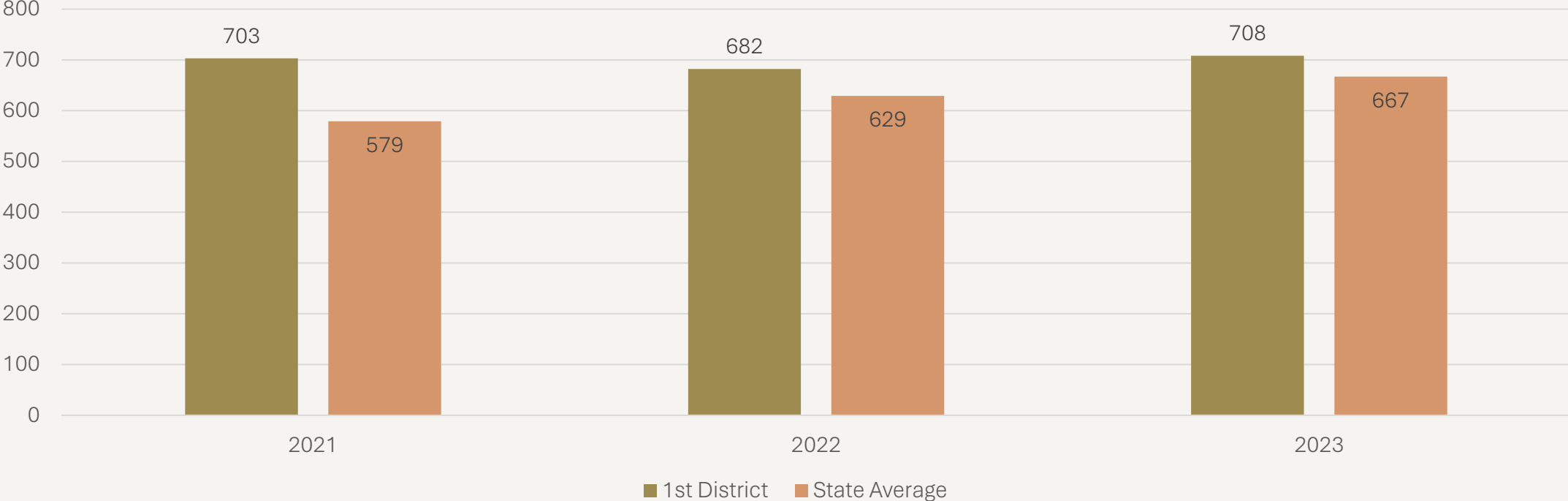
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STAFF

# Updated Case Statistics: Incoming Cases

New Appeals Filed



# Innovations in How We Serve You



JUDGE JENNIFER M. KINSLEY



Mediation Program



Updated Language Services Plan



Open Doors Educational Program



Community Court

# Ways to Engage

- Visit the Court

230 E 9<sup>th</sup> Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor

Cincinnati, OH 45202

- Watch oral arguments live on YouTube through our website

<https://firstdistrictcoa.org/>

- Schedule an Open Doors visit

Karen – 513.946.3500

- Be in touch

[jkinsley@firstdistrictcoa.org](mailto:jkinsley@firstdistrictcoa.org)

**Date:** April 16, 2024

**To:** Members of the Public Safety & Governance Committee 202401124  
**From:** Sheryl M.M. Long, City Manager  
**Subject:** **Presentation – Annual Liquor Permit Renewal Objections**

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Transmitted herewith is Presentation titled 2024 Annual Liquor Permit Renewal Objections.

cc: Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor

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# 2024 Annual Liquor Permit Renewal Objections

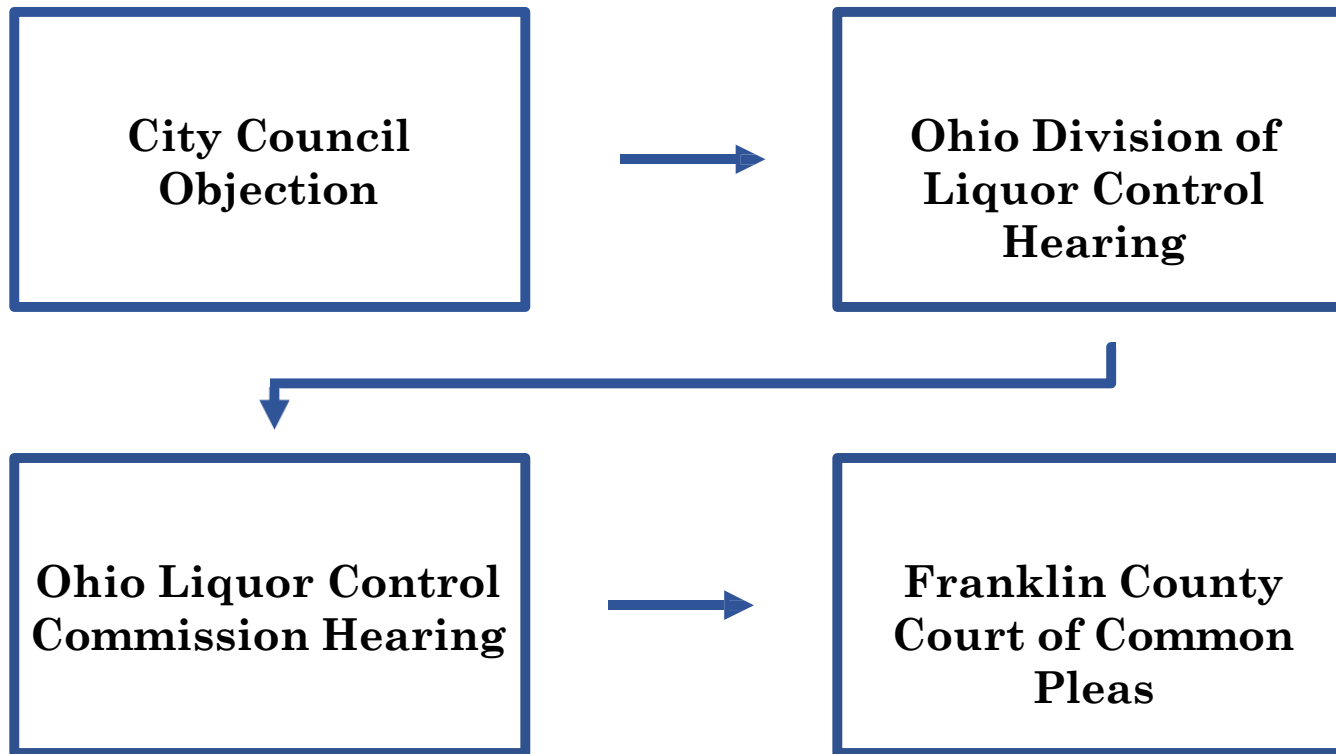
Presentation to the Public Safety & Governance  
Committee of Cincinnati City Council

April 16, 2024

# Annual Renewal Objection Process Overview

- Liquor permits are issued by the State of Ohio (Ohio Division of Liquor Control)
- Liquors permits are valid for one year – must be renewed each year
- City Council has the right to object to the renewal of liquor permits
- Objections for Cincinnati are due on May 2
- Objections are usually on one of two grounds:
  - The permit holder has operated the business in disregard of the law
  - Renewal of the permit would substantially interfere with the “public decency, sobriety, peace or good order” of the neighborhood

# Annual Renewal Objection Process Overview



# 2024 Recommended Objections

1. Rusconi's Bar & Kitchen, 126 W. Sixth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
2. Drip Coffee Lounge/Legacy Lounge, 2927 Colerain Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45225

# Rusconi's Bar & Kitchen

126 W. Sixth Street, Central Business District



# Rusconi's Bar & Kitchen

## Summary

1. **Gun Violence:**
  - 1/8/23: Shots fired
  - 5/8/23: Patron was shot after leaving
  - 9/4/23: Shots fired
  
2. **Overcrowding:** Bar routinely exceeds maximum fire capacity.
  
3. **After-Hours Service:** Four violations since October 2024

# Rusconi's Timeline

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
01/28/2023	0200	Owners reported a shooting in bar. Blood was found. No victim was located.
04/29/2023	0407	Drug abuse
05/08/2023	0135	Patron shot near Sixth Street and Elm Street.
05/14/2023	2313	Patron was permitted to leave premises with alcohol.
05/15/2023	0011	Overcapacity. Fight.
05/28/2023	0002	Overcapacity. Fight.
07/02/2023	0125	Fight.
07/02/2023	0147	Loud music. Bar ignored requests to reduce the volume.
07/02/2023	2339	Fight. Loud music.

# Rusconi's Timeline

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
07/03/2023	0139	Overcapacity. Patrons' vehicles illegally parked.
07/10/2023	0225	Overcapacity. Loud music. Patron's vehicles illegally parked.
07/22/2023	2218	Patron arrested for sexually assaulting other patrons and resisted arrest.
07/24/2023	0211	Fight. Officers ordered crowd to disburse. Bar staff obstructed.
07/29/2023	0146	Overcapacity. Multiple fights in bar and street/sidewalk.
08/01/2023	2345	Overcapacity. Patron's vehicles illegally parked. Disorderly crowd.
08/02/2023	0014	Disorderly crowd.
08/07/2023	0049	Overcapacity. Fight.
09/04/2023	0242	Shots fired outside bar by bar patrons.
10/23/2023	0039	Patrons' vehicles illegally parked per bar owner's instructions



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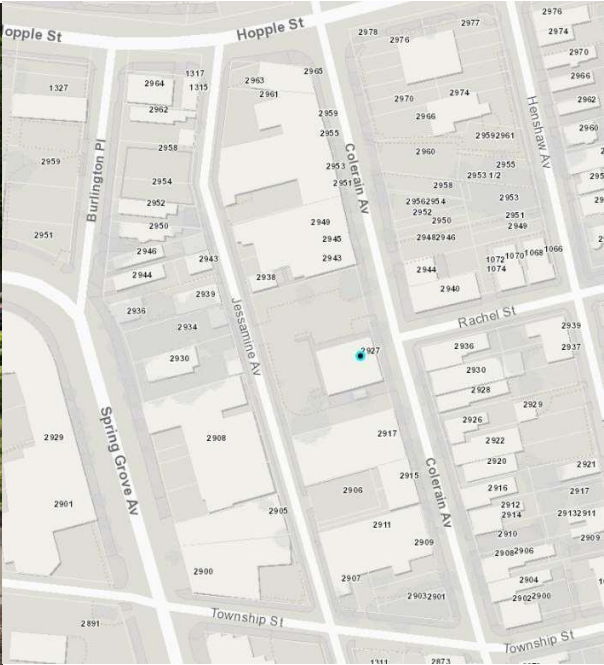
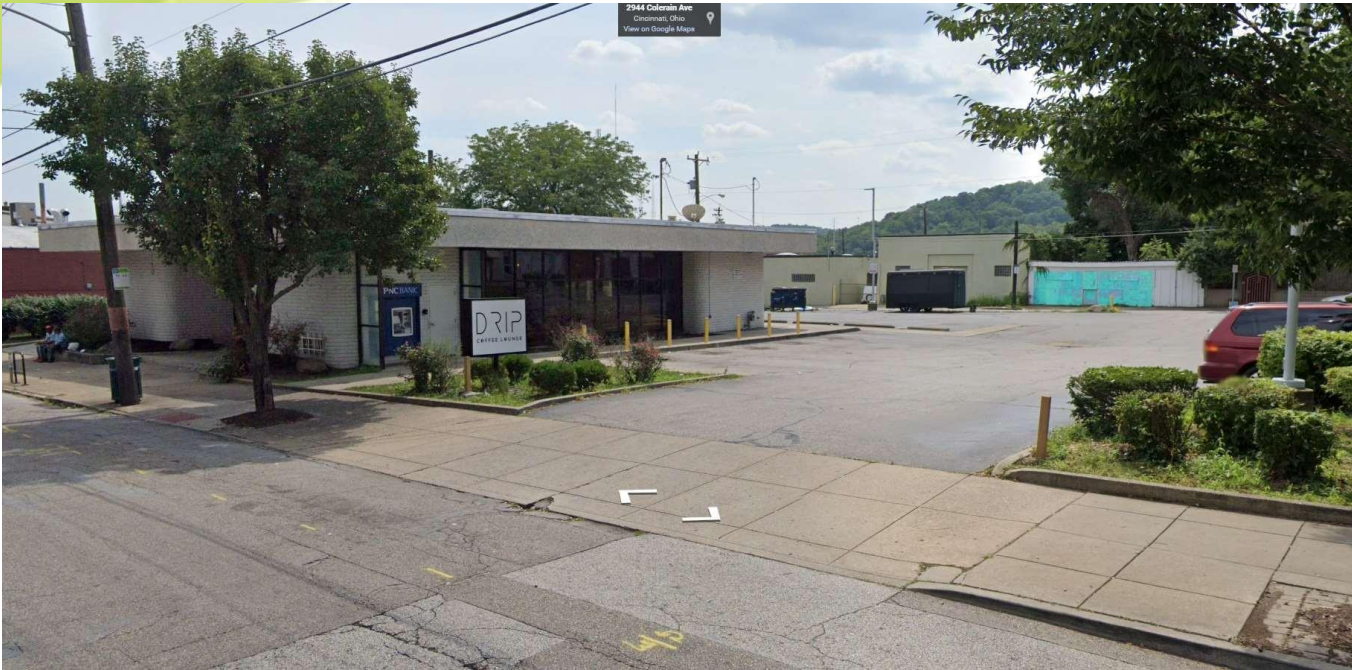
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
11/06/2023	0137	Fight. Number of individuals involved required additional officers.
11/06/2023	0030	Overcapacity.
12/11/2023	0252	After-hours service.
01/01/2024	0441	After-hours service. Manager obstructed and was disorderly.
01/17/2024	0300	After-hours service. Bartender obstructed.
03/02/2024	0135	Underaged consumption.
03/03/2024	2219	Loud music.

# Rusconi's Fight



# Legacy Lounge (formerly Drip Coffee)

2927 Colerain Avenue, Camp Washington



# Legacy Lounge

## Summary

### **1. Shootings, Shots Fired, and Firearms:**

- Five incidents involving firearms, including 2/3/24 shots fired, 3/18/24 shooting, and 3/18/24 shots fired
- Security is armed and carry assault weapons (AR-15)
- One security guard charged for illegally possessing a firearm

### **2. Missing Licenses and Permits:**


- Certificate of occupancy
- Food service license
- Dance hall license
- Admissions tax license

Food trucks at business are also unlicensed.

# Legacy Lounge

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
2021	Drip Coffee Opens
01/16/2023	Disorderly Conduct
06/30/2023	Disorderly Conduct
07/23/2023	Shots Fired
07/24/2023	Disorderly Conduct
07/30/2023	Shooting at Drip Coffee Lounge at 4:31 a.m.
09/25/2023	Disorderly Conduct

# Legacy Lounge



**Drip Coffee Lounge** · Follow  
July 31 at 10:52 AM · 🌐

Drip Coffee Lounge is aware of the many nuisances that have occurred in the recent weeks. We share the community's concerns and want to be perfectly clear that the individuals causing issues in the street are not our customers. Our goal is to provide a safe and inviting space for all and what has been occurring over the past few weeks does not align with the community and brand we have worked hard to build over the last two years.

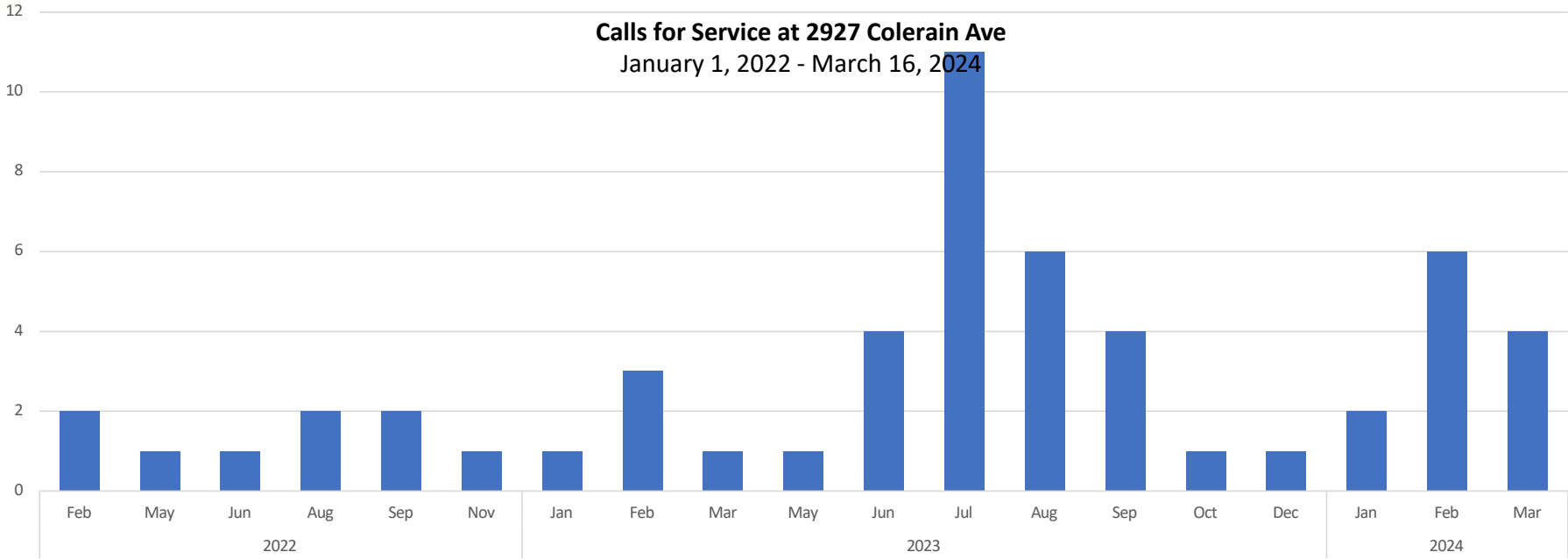
We recognize that being the first establishment like ours in a new entertainment district invites more people to the neighborhood. When individuals rent out the space for live events, we ensure there is security presence for safety and crowd control. We are proud that opening our doors two years ago has helped in decreasing and discouraging the illegal activities that occurred around the building when it was vacant.

We will continue to work with law enforcement to disrupt such activities. We want to be part of a solution as these issues affect our business and the safety of our customers. Camp Washington is our home and we want it safe, clean, and welcoming. We are working with CPD to rectify this situation for all of us. We appreciate your patronage.

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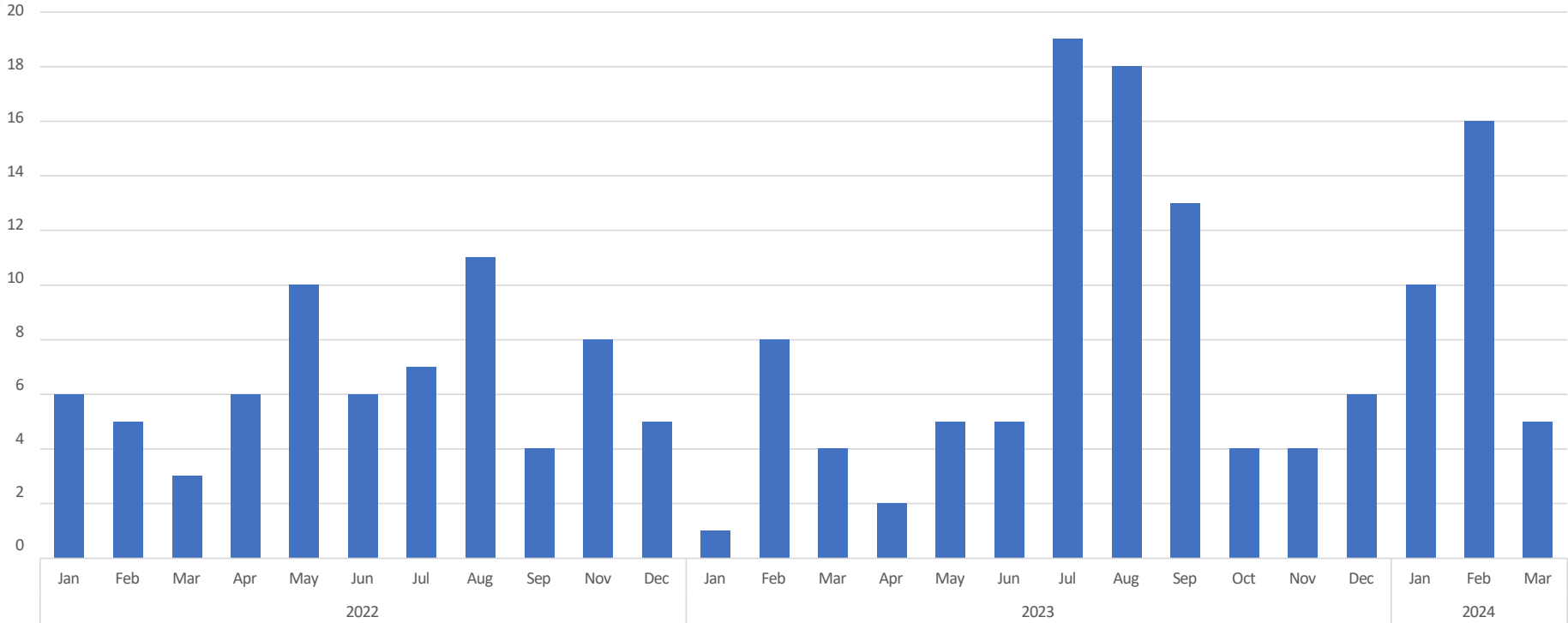
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# Legacy Lounge



# Legacy Lounge

**Calls for Service within 250 feet of 2927 Colerain Ave**  
January 1, 2022 - March 16, 2024





# Legacy Lounge

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
December 2023	New ownership. Club rebrands as Legacy Lounge.
02/03/2024	Shots fired.
02/23/2024	Patrons report fight with armed persons inside bar.
	Dispute at Legacy Lounge leads to shooting in Clifton.
03/18/2024	Patron leaving Legacy Lounge is pistol whipped and shot.
	Shots fired. 3 underaged persons arrested with 2 firearms.
03/22/2024	Application to transfer license submitted.

# Legacy Lounge



# Legacy Lounge



Questions?

**Date:** March 27, 2024

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council 202400936  
**From:** Sheryl M.M. Long, City Manager  
**Subject:** **Emergency Legislative Resolution – Objection to Renewal of Midwest Textiles Warehouse LLC d/b/a Drip Coffee Lounge’s Liquor Permit**

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Transmitted herewith is an emergency legislative resolution captioned as follows:

**OBJECTING** to the renewal of the D5J, D6 class liquor permit number 5931167 applied for by Midwest Textiles Warehouse LLC d/b/a Drip Coffee Lounge to the Ohio Division of Liquor Control.

This resolution is necessary under R.C. 4303.271 for Cincinnati City Council to object to the renewal of Midwest Textiles Warehouse LLC d/b/a Drip Coffee Lounge’s liquor permit as recommended by the Cincinnati Police Department.

cc: Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor

EESW/DML(dmm)  
Attachment  
399060

EMERGENCY

**Legislative Resolution**

**DML**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2024**

**OBJECTING** to the renewal of the D5J and D6 liquor permit number 5931167 applied for by Midwest Textiles Warehouse, LLC d/b/a Drip Coffee Lounge to the Ohio Division of Liquor Control.

WHEREAS, Midwest Textiles Warehouse, LLC d/b/a Drip Coffee Lounge has applied for the renewal of the D5J and D6 liquor permit number 5931167 for the premises located at 2927 Colerain Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45225; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Cincinnati objects to the application for the above permit for the reasons set forth in Section 1 hereof; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Council of the City of Cincinnati objects to the application of Midwest Textiles Warehouse, LLC d/b/a Drip Coffee Lounge located at 2927 Colerain Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45225 for the annual renewal of the D5J and D6 liquor permit number 5931167 for the following reasons:

1. The applicant has operated the liquor permit business in a manner that demonstrates a disregard for the laws, regulations, and local ordinances of this state; and
2. The permit premises are so located with respect to the neighborhood that renewal of the permit would cause substantial interference with the public decency, sobriety, peace, and good order of the neighborhood.

Section 2. That Council requests a hearing on the above application be held in the City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio, where the applicant's business is conducted, and which is the county seat.

Section 3. That Council hereby designates the City Solicitor or any of the City Solicitor's assistants to represent Council at any hearings pertaining to this application.

Section 4. That two certified copies of this resolution and the attached City Solicitor's statement that this objection is based upon substantial legal grounds be forwarded by the Clerk of Council by registered or certified mail to the Superintendent of the Ohio Division of Liquor Control at 6606 Tussing Road, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068.

Section 5. That this legislative resolution shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the need to transmit this objection to the Ohio Division of Liquor Control at least thirty days prior to the permit's expiration on June 1, 2024.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

March 27, 2024

Re: Midwest Textiles LLC d/b/a Drip Coffee Lounge  
2927 Colerain Avenue  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45225

Liquor Permit #: 5931167  
Class: D5J, D6

It is the opinion of the City Solicitor, as chief legal officer for the City of Cincinnati, that Cincinnati City Council's objection to the renewal of the above permit is based upon substantial legal grounds within the meaning and intent of division R.C. 4303.292(A).

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Emily Smart Woerner  
City Solicitor



**Date:** March 27, 2024

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council 202400937  
**From:** Sheryl M.M. Long, City Manager  
**Subject:** **Emergency Legislative Resolution – Objection to Renewal of Risconi Bar and Kitchen, LLC’s Liquor Permit**

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This resolution is necessary under R.C. 4303.271 for Cincinnati City Council to object to the renewal of Risconi Bar and Kitchen, LLC’s liquor permit as recommended by the Cincinnati Police Department.

cc: Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor

EESW/DML(dmm)  
Attachment  
399063

EMERGENCY

**Legislative Resolution**

**DML**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2024**

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WHEREAS, Risconi Bar and Kitchen LLC has applied for the renewal of the D5 and D6 liquor permit number 2600009 for the premises located at 126 W. Sixth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Cincinnati objects to the application for the above permit for the reasons set forth in Section 1 hereof; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Council of the City of Cincinnati objects to the application of Risconi Bar and Kitchen, LLC located at 126 W. Sixth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 for the annual renewal of the D5 and D6 liquor permit number 2600009 for the following reasons:

1. The applicant has operated the liquor permit business in a manner that demonstrates a disregard for the laws, regulations, and local ordinances of this state; and
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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

March 27, 2024

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126 W. Sixth Street  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Liquor Permit #: 2600009  
Class: D5, D6

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