

**Memorandum
Office of the City Clerk**



To: Thomas Thomas, City Manager
Subject: Outdoor Event Lucky Shamrock
Date: January 14, 2013

Attached is a letter from the Lucky Shamrock Irish Pub located at 313 20th Street. The Lucky Shamrock is requesting permission to use the alley way between 3rd and 4th Avenue on the east side of 20th Street (adjacent to their building) on Saturday, March 16, 2013 from 7:00 am (set-up time) to approximately 4:00 pm. It is noted that the alley way is closed off during the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The Lucky Shamrock Irish Pub is also requesting permission to have either live Irish music outside in the alley or music amplified from speakers beginning at 10:00 am. In case of inclement weather, the Lucky Shamrock is requesting to set up a canopy for its patrons in the alley way.

In addition, the Lucky Shamrock is requesting to have a beer station outside in the demarcated area to relieve the customer strain on the main bar. It is noted that food will be sold from inside the establishment.

The Lucky Shamrock Irish Pub will provide security personnel to ensure that minors do not enter the fenced in area. I.D.'s will be checked for age verification and wristbands will be utilized. The Certificate of Insurance is forthcoming. The purpose of the event is to celebrate their second anniversary of opening the establishment and to contribute to the St. Patrick's Day Parade festivities.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Council approve the event with music, utilization of the alley way and the setup of a canopy and beer station for the Lucky Shamrock Irish Pub, subject to complying with all liquor license regulations.

Submitted by: Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

Approved by: Thomas Thomas, City Manager

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To: City of Rock Island; City Hall, City Council

From: The Lucky Shamrock Irish Pub

313 20th St, Rock Island, IL

This letter is to formally request use of the alleyway adjacent to our building (between 3rd and 4th Ave. East side of 20th street) on Saturday March 16th, St. Patrick's Grand Parade Day 2013, and explain our intentions for the space, should this request be granted. This request is made assuming this coming St. Patrick's Day Parade will occur as scheduled on that day, if not, we'd request the same permission for whatever alternate date the parade would be held on.

This alleyway is closed off during the parade regardless, as the parade route restricts its use, and being an Irish Pub, we feel being able to utilize the available public space would only positively contribute to the parade festivities.

This St. Patrick's Day will be The Lucky Shamrock's second anniversary of opening. The Lucky Shamrock has been, and continues to be, a neighborhood pub dedicated remaining a clean, friendly, and safe business. We are an Irish pub with zero tolerance for drug use, underage drinking, or any behavior that is illegal or disrespectful of others. Over the last two years, we have labored diligently to maintain those standards, develop a great new customer base, and separate ourselves from problems that may have existed in previous establishment at this location.

As proven last year, 2012, when this permission was previously granted, The Lucky Shamrock and its staff now have a proven track record of participating in this event both responsibly and respectfully of our neighbors and city administration. We followed agreed guidelines and delivered an event day that was very high traffic, three times higher in volume than the year before, that went really well and without incident or problem.

It is in that spirit we hope the decision makers for the City of Rock Island can feel assured any granted use of public space would be handled safely, responsibly, and conscientiously once again this year.

The specifics of what we would like to do during the parade are as follows;

- Use of the alley space as it runs from front to back of our building (ending at the end of our property as to not interfere with the parking area of adjacent condos), and possibly running along the front of our building so patrons can spread out to watch the parade. All allowed space would be demarcated and monitored by staff.

- A timeframe of early morning, so we can set up well before the parade, and until the parade crowd thins out, I'm guessing late afternoon, but no later than dusk.
- We would like the option of putting up a large tent/canopy if weather should require it, and we'll likely provide porta-potty units in the alley again this year.
- We would like our customers to be able to take their drinks outside into this area, and would require them to keep all alcoholic beverages inside the demarcated area.
- In order to relieve the customer strain on the main bar, we would like to be able to have a secondary station outside (inside our marked area) in which customers are able to beer (aluminum bottles only) along with waters and sodas
- If available, we would like to find musicians to play live Irish music, or bagpipers, or just music piped from indoor DJ out to the alley/front area. As we did last year, we would not start any outdoor music until after 10am in order to be respectful of downtown residents, and end it before 5pm. We had no noise disturbance complaints last year, and would be essentially doing the same thing.

As you probably know by now, Lucky Shamrock Irish Pub takes great pride in our downtown Rock Island home, and great pride in being Irish, so you can rest assured this event would be handled with much care.

Thank you for your consideration!

Justin Michael Ramsay Lucky Shamrock Irish Pub

Please call with any questions.... 563-579-3406