

TO: Township Board

FROM: Neighborhood & Economic Development Director Amber Clark

DATE: November 13, 2023

RE: M.A.C Legends Indoor Golf, LLC Liquor License Application

Austin Carpenter is the tenant of the property at 1982 W. Grand River Ave Suite 803 commonly known as M.A.C Legends Indoor Golf. The indoor facility has recently opened in Meridian Mall occupying 4853 sq. ft. of space. A completed application for a new liquor license for this business is being requested. As part of the application to the State of Michigan for a new **Tavern License** to sell at retail, beer, wine and mixed spirit drink products for consumption on premise, the Township Board must grant their approval under authority from the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA).

The Township Board is granting local approval of the **Tavern license for M.A.C Legends Indoor Golf LLC.**, which will be submitted to the MLCC along with other required application materials. The MLCC has final approval on issuance of the license.

Motion: Move to adopt the resolution approving the Tavern Liquor License request for M.A.C Legends Indoor Golf, LLC.

Attachments

- 1. Meridian Township Liquor License Application & Comments from Depts
- 2. Resolution to approve license application.

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LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION

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	Date Received: 10/10/2023	Non-Refundable Applic	cation Fee \$25	0.00 X Paid
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1. C	Contact Information			
		ADDRESS 1514 Tanfor	an Pl.	
	OKEMOS 1		MI	ZIP 48864
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	HAS THERE BEEN AN APPLICATION BEEN MADE FOR ANY OTHER LICENSE FOR THIS LOCATION BEFORE?	IF YES, TYPE / DATE / DISPOSITION		
3.	Applicant Information-This license will be held by:			
	An Individual (Attach copy of any Assumed Nam	ne Certificate)		
	A Partnership (Attach a copy of Partnership Certif	icate)		
	A Corporation (Attach a copy of Articles of Incorp	poration)		
	A Limited Liability Corporation (Attach a copy o	f Articles of Incorporation)		
4.	Applicant Information (Complete for each owner/pa additional sheets if needed)	rtner/officer/stockholder/resider	ıt agent, a	ttach
	Mac Austin Carpenter	TYPE OF INTEREST IN BUSINESS OWNER / CE O		DATE OF BIRTH 09/06/93
	C-615 570 074 694	CELL PHONE / BUSINESS PHONE 517 425 4727		
	1514 Tanforan Pl	OKEMOS	STATE	21P CODE 48864
	Austin @ Mac legends. Com			
	HAVE YOU LIVED AT THE SAME ADDRESS THE LAST TWO YEARS YES NO If your answer to this question was "No", list any other residence address for the	last two years		

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C3CL/CD-700 (Rev. 07/19)		Name of person or organization remitting fees.	
Preparer's Name Karlye A. I	Horton	Horton Law Office, P.C.	
Business telephone number	(517) 849-9901		

INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. This form may be used to draft your Articles of Organization. A document required or permitted to be filed under the act cannot be filed unless it contains the minimum information required by the Act. The format provided contains only the minimal information required to make the document fileable and may not meet your needs. This is a legal document and agency staff cannot provide legal advice.
- 2. Submit one original of this document. Upon filing, the document will be added to the records of the Corporations, Securities & Commercial Licensing Bureau. The original will be returned to your registered office address unless you enter a different address in the box on the front of this document.
 - Since this document will be maintained on electronic format, it is important that the filing be legible. Documents with poor black and white contrast, or otherwise illegible, will be rejected.
- 3. This document is to be used pursuant to the provisions of Act 23, P.A. of 1993, by one or more persons for the purpose of forming a domestic limited liability company. Use form BCS/CD 701 if the limited liability company will be providing services rendered by a dentist, an osteopathic physician, a physician, a surgeon, a doctor of divinity or other clergy, or an attorney-at-law.
- 4. Article I The name of a domestic limited liability company is required to contain the words Limited Liability Company or the abbreviation L.L.C. or L.C., with or without periods.
- 5. Article II- Under section 203(b) of the Act, it is sufficient to state substantially, alone or with specifically enumerated purposes, that the limited liability company is formed to engage in any activity within the purposes for which a limited liability company may be formed under the Act.
- 6. Article V Section 401 of the Act specifically states the business shall be managed by members unless the Articles of Organization state the business will be managed by managers. If the limited liability company is to be managed by managers instead of by members, insert a statement to that effect in Article V.
- 7. This document is effective on the date endorsed "Filed" by the Bureau. A later effective date, no more than 90 days after the date of delivery, may be stated as an additional article.
- 8. The Articles must be signed by one or more persons organizing the Limited Liability Company. Type or print the name of the organizers signing beneath their signature.
- 9. If more space is needed, attach additional pages. All pages should be numbered.

Submit with check or money order by mail:

Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Corporations, Securities & Commercial Licensing Bureau Corporations Division

P.O. Box 30054

Lansing, MI 48909

To submit in person:

2501 Woodlake Circle

Okemos, MI

Telephone: (517) 241-6470

Fees may be paid by check, money order, VISA, MasterCard,

COFS (Corporations Online Filing System):

This document may be completed and submitted online at www.michigan.gov/corpfileonline. Fees may be paid by VISA, MasterCard, or Discover.

Documents that are endorsed filed are available at www.michigan.gov/corpentitysearch. If the submitted document is not fileable, the notice of refusal to file and document will be available at the Rejected Filings Search website at www. michigan.gov/corprejectedsearch.

LARA is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids, services and other reasonable accommodations are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

THIS CERTIFICATE AND THE UNITS OF MEMBERSHIP INTERESTS THIS CERTIFICATE REPRESENTS HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 OR ANY STATE SECURITIES LAWS AND MAY NOT BE SOLD, TRANSFERRED, ASSIGNED, PLEDGED, HYPOTHECATED, OR OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF EXCEPT IN COMPLIANCE WITH SUCH LAWS AND ANY RESTRICTIONS CONTAINED IN THE OPERATING AGREEMENT FOR THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, A COPY OF WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE COMPANY.

CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP INTERESTS

MAC LEGENDS INDOOR GOLF, LLC

A MICHIGAN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (THE "LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY")

Certificate No. _ - 1 -

Mac Austin Carpenter is the owner of 1000 units of membership interests of the Limited Liability Company. This Certificate is not, however, an instrument of title or a negotiable instrument.

Dated: October 3rd, 2023

Mac Austin Carpenter

Authorized Member

Prepared by:

HORTON LAW OFFICE, P.C. By: Karlye A. Horton, Esq. 247 East Chicago Street Jonesville, Michigan 49250

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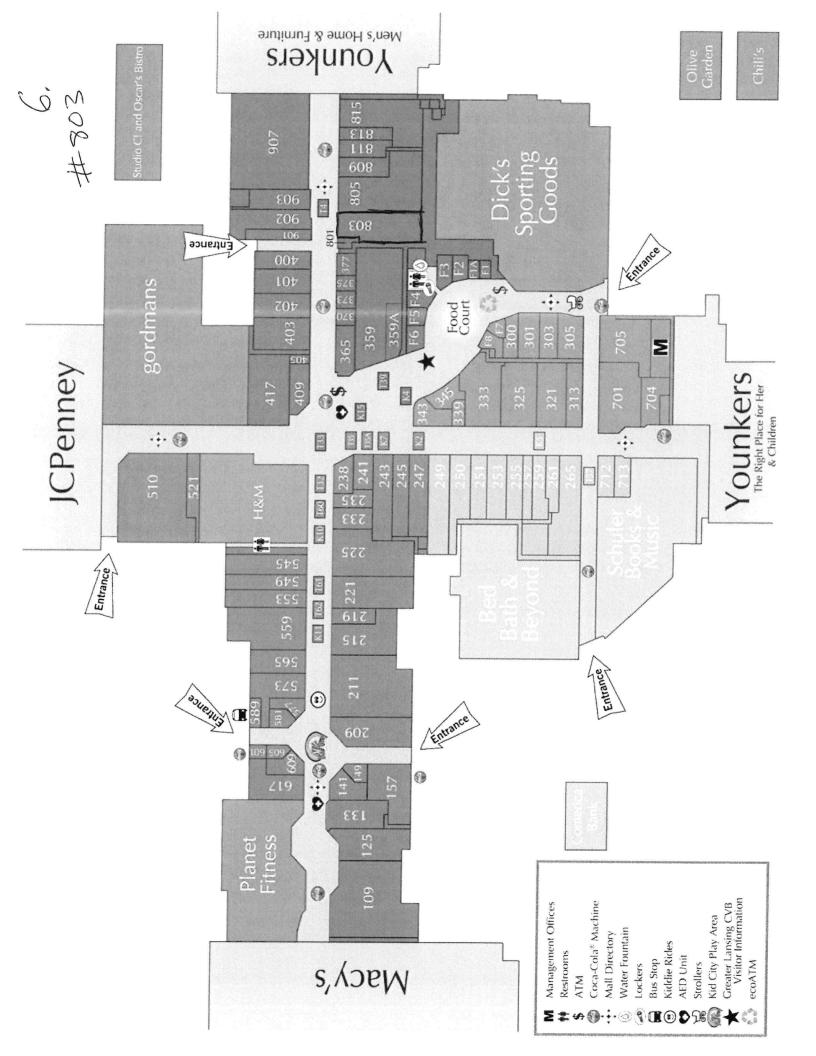
- 5. Attach a copy of the applicant's driver's license
- 6. Attach building plans showing the entire structure and premises and specific areas where the license is to be utilized.
- 7. Attach a preliminary site plan showing the relationship of the proposed or existing building to the surrounding property and uses, including proposed parking facilities and lighting. An architect's rendering or a clear photograph of the building must accompany the preliminary site plan.
- 8. Attach a statement as to the Applicant's experience in owning, managing, operating, and/or financing this type of business or any related business, including previous business references.
- 9. Attach a statement and supporting documentation providing evidence that the Applicant is financially able to meet the obligations and business undertakings for which the license is to be issued.
- 10. Attach if this is an application involves the transfer of a Class C Liquor License within three (3) years of its original issue date, a copy of the executed and binding contract for the buy/sell of the License and/or the business for review.

11. Property Owner

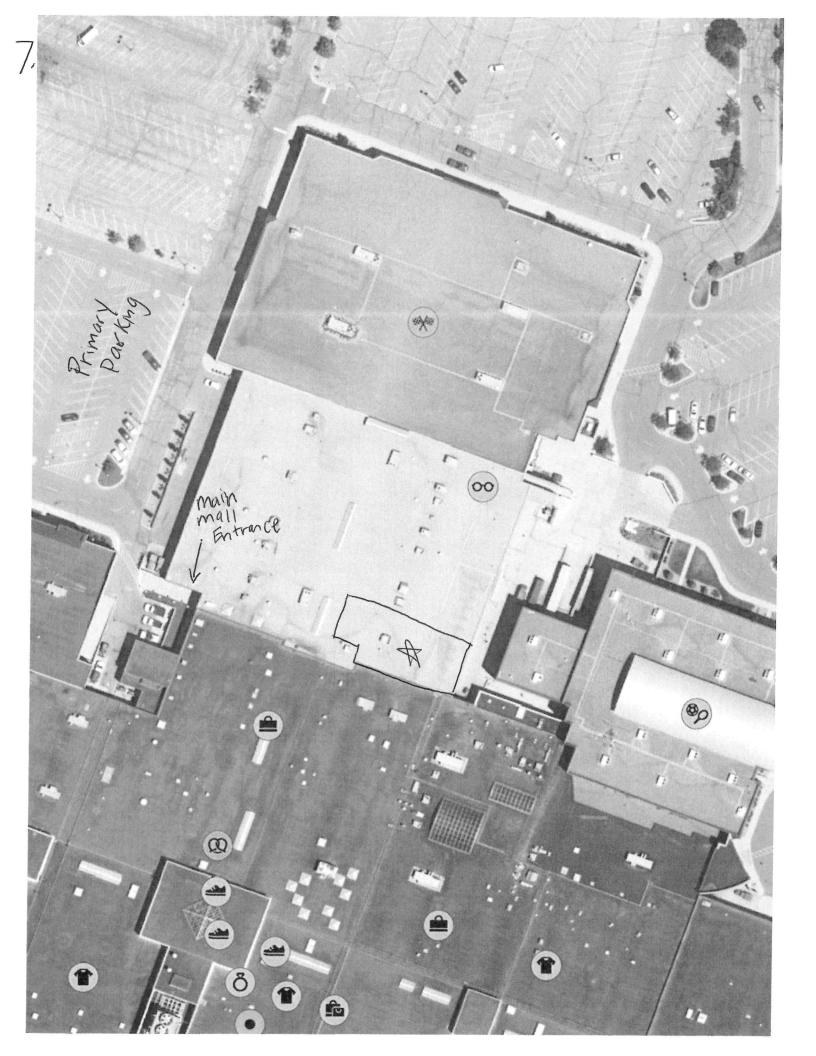
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12. Business History

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- 8) I, Mac Austin Carpenter, have been the owner of MAC Legends Golf Center in Okemos for over 2.5 years. When I first walked into the pro shop after taking over, it smelled like feces and urine. The grass was dead. And the business had been neglected for a few years. Year one we rehabbed everything and added a few golf items for purchase. Year 2 we added subscription memberships and kept adding more merchandise and saw an increase in revenue by 35%. Now at year 3 we have the largest selection of used golf clubs in the state of Michigan and we bring in customers from over an hour away. Because of this addition we have increased revenue by over 100% since year 2. We have the same plan to start strong and finish stronger with this new winter location.
- 9) This entire new location is being built with profits taken from the driving range. And additionally is backed and supported by myself, Mac Austin Carpenter, who is able to meet the financial requirements for this business and license.
- 14) This business is whether it has alcohol or not, will be a big hit in the community. It will provide a safe, non-intimidating, FUN place to practice, learn and play golf. It will also have a positive impact on the mall because golfers are addicts:) and if you build it, they will come. It will be a great combination of a place where serious golfers can get good practice but also a fun atmosphere where you could learn to play golf or enjoy a round with your friends. Providing alcohol in combination with having the food court down the hallway, I know it will enhance the overall experience for everyone involved.
- 15) The mission of Meridian Township is to provide a safe and welcoming, sustainable, prime community. I know MAC Legends Indoor Golf will be a welcomed improvement to the community and will help the township's mission. Alcohol sales are not a necessity for this mission, but it helps enhance the overall experience in many cases. In addition, the alcohol sales will create an additional revenue stream that will allow us to build and improve at a faster pace. The quicker we can build, the more we can help the community. With the extra profits we will also be able to enhance the driving range location (MAC Legends Golf Center) which in turn will enhance the character of the area.

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HAS THE APPLICANT PREVIOUSLY HELD A LIQUOR LICENSE? CLASS C / SDD / SDM OTHER N	IF YES , BUSINESS NAME	YEAR LICENSE W	AS OBTAINED
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HAS THE APPLICANT EVER HAD A LIQUOR LICENSE SUSPENDED OR REVOKED? CLASS C / SDD / SDM OTHER	IF YES , BUSINESS NAME and BUSINESS ID #	YEAR LICENSE WAS SUSPENDED OR REVOKED AND REASON	
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13. Violation History

Has Applicant/Any Partner/Officer/Manager/Resident Agent been convicted of (attach additional sheets if needed):

- A felony
- Operating under the influence of Liquor or a Controlled Substance
- Operating with an Unlawful Bodily Alcohol Level
- Operating While Intoxicated
- Operating While Visibly Impaired
- Selling/Furnishing Alcohol to a Person under 21

NONE

Name	Date of Conviction	Arresting Agency	Nature of Offense	Punishment (not including fines and costs)

Does the Applicant/Any Partner/Officer/Manager/Resident Agent have a permit to carry a concealed weapon? YES NO
Do you plan to keep weapon on premises? YES NO

14. Relevance to Community Goals

Describe what you believe are the overall benefits that the proposed establishment would provide to the Township and the betterment of the community.

SEE Astached

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	15.	Describe what	impact the	proposed establish	ment will have on	the character of the area
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SEE Attached		
6. Certification		
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Owners makes no other **re**presentations or warranties.

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County, Michigan		County, Michigan
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Acting in <u>lnsham</u> County, Michigan	Acting in	County, Michigan
17. Oath I swear or affirm that if this application is granted and a ordinances of the State of Michigan, County of Ingham,	license is issued, I will not violate a , or Charter Township of Meridian	any applicable laws or in the conduct of the business.
5	SIGNED M. GA	
Taken, subscribed and sworn to	before me this 10th day of 0	ctober, 2023
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Ī	Owner/CEO	

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18. Transfer of Class C license within three years of the date of original issuance:

The Township Board has determined that profiteering by Class C liquor license holders is contrary to the best interests of the Township. Accordingly, in order to prevent profiteering, to the full extent authorized by law the Township Board shall not approve the transfer of a Class C liquor license within three years of the date of the original issuance of the license. An agreement between the applicant and the Township, following recommendation by the Township Attorney shall be prepared and agreed upon to give effect to this provision prior to final action being taken by the Township Board on an application. The Township Board may, but is not required to, excuse the above anti-profiteering limitation for any of the following reasons:

- 1. If the license holder is a natural person, he or she dies or becomes incapacitated.
- 2. If the license holder is a corporation, the majority shareholder dies or becomes incapacitated, or the corporation dissolves for reasons other than to transfer the license.
- 3. If the license holder is a limited liability company, the company dissolves for reasons other than to transfer the license.
- 4. The license holder and the proposed license transferee establish that the transfer of the Class C liquor license shall not result in profiteering.
- 5. The application of this anti-profiteering limitation will subject the applicant to financial hardship due to no fault of the applicant, such as a change in the business climate, illness or death, labor or supply problems, and/or other factors outside the applicant's control.

The agreement shall provide that, unless excused by the Board as provided above, in the event a license is placed into escrow with the Liquor Control Commission within three years from the date of issuance, the Township Board may approve the issuance of the license to a new applicant without payment to the licensee from whom the license had been placed into escrow, and that a licensee waives any property interest in such license upon placement of the license into escrow within such three year period; provided, however, prior to the approval of such issuance to a new applicant, the person or entity from whom the license had been placed into escrow shall be afforded written notice and an opportunity to be heard, and all objections raised at the hearing shall be resolved (at the Commission or in the circuit court if necessary) prior to issuance to a new applicant.

BUSINESS OWNER SIGNATURE

PRINTED NAME

DATE



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P 517.853.4000

31 October 2023

Clerk Guthrie,

Township Board:

F 517.853.4096

Patricia Herring Jackson Township Supervisor

Deborah Guthrie *Township Clerk*

Phil Deschaine Township Treasurer

Scott Hendrickson Township Trustee

Kathy Ann Sundland Township Trustee

Marna Wilson Township Trustee

Courtney Wisinski Township Trustee

Frank L. Walsh Township Manager I have reviewed the liquor license application for the property located at 1982 Grand River Avenue in Okemos doing business as MAC Legends Golf. A background check was completed for the owner of the business, Mac Carpenter, using both local databases as well as a criminal history check using iCHAT. No violation history was found for Mr. Carpenter of the location. The site plan appears to be appropriate as well.

Thank you,

Chief Rick Grillo

Date

RE: Liquor License Application- M.A.C Legends Indoor Golf LLC 1982 W. Grand River Ave

Tim Schmitt <schmitt@meridian.mi.us>

Tue 10/10/2023 12:05 PM

To:Amber Clark <clark@meridian.mi.us>

CPD has no concerns with the application.



Timothy R. Schmitt, AICP

Director of Community Planning and Development [schmitt@meridian.mi.us]schmitt@meridian.mi.us

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From: Amber Clark < clark@meridian.mi.us> Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 11:58 AM

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Cc: Austin Carpenter <austin@maclegends.com>

Subject: Liquor License Application- M.A.C Legends Indoor Golf LLC 1982 W. Grand River Ave

Importance: High

Hello All,

Attached you will find the complete Liquor License request from Austin Carpenter owner of M.A.C Legends. Austin is opening a virtual golf simulation business at 1982 W. Grand River Ave (Meridian Mall). Please review the attached applications and submit comments. I have copied Mr. Carpenter to this email and should you have any questions please feel free to contact him.

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RESOLUTION TO APPROVE

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	At a	regular	meeting	of the	e Tow	nship	Board	of	the	Charter	Tow	nship	of 1	Merio	dian,
Ingham	Cour	nty, Mich	igan, held	l at Me	eridian	Town	ship Ha	all, !	5151	Marsh	oad,	Okemo	os M	I, 48	864,
on the	5th	day of I	December	at 6:0	0 p.m	Local '	Time.								

PRESENT:	Supervisor Jackson, Clerk Guthrie, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustees Hendrickson,						
	Sundland, Wilson	_					
ABSENT:	Trustee Wisinski	_					
The following	g resolution was offered by						

WHEREAS, The Township Board and Licensing and Regulatory Affairs of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, authorized their approval of M.A.C. Legends Indoor Golf, LLC, liquor license request at 1982 W Grand River Ave Suite 803, for a Tavern Beer and Wine Liquor License: and

WHEREAS, M.A.C Legends Indoor Golf LLC, requested a new quota liquor license approval from Meridian Township and the Michigan Liquor Control Commission for a Tavern Beer and Wine license to sell beer, wine, and spirits for on premise consumption at the M.A.C Legends Indoor Golf LLC, recreational enterprise at 1982 W. Grand River Ave, Suite 803; and

WHEREAS, the subject property is located in the C-2 (Commercial) zoning district, which allows recreational use, subject to site plan review; and

WHEREAS, the 1 room, 4,853 approximate square foot suite has been operating on the site since 1959; and

WHEREAS, the request does not conflict with our Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the business will be conducted inside Meridian Mall, members of the general public including children ages 0-18 will may be in the vicinity of the establishment. M.A.C. Legends will agree to adhere to the strictest standards to maintain the health and safety of the general public during operations; and

WHEREAS, M.A.C. Legends Indoor Golf, LLC is responsible for complying with all applicable local and State laws related to the sales of beer, wine, and spirits as permitted by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) and any other relevant entities; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby recommends approval of the Tayern Beer and Wine Liquor License request from M.A.C. Legends Indoor Golf, LLC to sell beer, wine, and spirits at 1982 W Grand River Avenue, Suite 803.

ADOPTED:

YEAS:	Supervisor Jackson, Clerk Guthrie, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustees Hendrickson,						
	Sundland, Wilson						
NAYS:	None						

Resolution to Approve M.A.C Legends Liquor License Request Page 2

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss
COUNTY OF INGHAM)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and a complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Board on the $\frac{5th}{}$ day of December, 2023.

Deborah Guthrie Township Clerk