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**Re: Operations at Pin Strikes, 4318 Sheraton Drive**

Dear Ms. Patel,

The Macon-Bibb County Government has recently received a number of reports from concerned citizens relating to certain events and conduct that have been observed recently at Pin Strikes. In particular, reports have indicated that there are several minors and teenagers who are being dropped off at your establishment and left to play or loiter without adult supervision for hours at a time. These reports have indicated that this activity primarily occurs on Friday and Saturday evenings. Other reports, including video footage that has been sent to the County, have indicated that there have been large brawls or fistfights breaking out both inside and in front of your establishment for each of the past several weekends. The purpose of this letter is to formally notify you that these incidents are occurring at your business, and to remind you of some of the laws that govern the operation of your business.

I. County Nuisance Laws:

Under Section 15-1(9) of the Macon-Bibb County Code of Ordinances, it is declared to be a nuisance to operate a business “where illegal activities are habitually and commonly conducted in such a manner as to reasonably suggest that the owner or operator of the business or building was aware of the illegal activities and failed to reasonably attempt to prevent such activities.” Fighting can include violations of several state laws, including disorderly conduct, assault, or battery, in violation of Title 16 of the O.C.G.A. Moreover, these fights can easily evolve into much more serious matters. Grudges, territory disputes, and feuds between those groups of individuals who have been fighting recently at your business could turn into serious injuries or deaths in the event that a weapon is introduced into a fight. When tempers run hot, the danger to participants and innocent bystanders can escalate quickly.

Under Chapter 15 of the Macon-Bibb County Code of Ordinances, the County has authority to abate nuisances through the Municipal Court. The Court has the power to direct your business to operate in ways that do not constitute a nuisance. This could include things such as limiting your hours or days of operation, limiting your customer capacity, or taking other appropriate actions.

II. County Alcohol Control Laws:

Furthermore, under Section 4-402 of the Macon-Bibb County Code of Ordinances, the Sheriff has the authority to temporarily revoke the alcohol license of any business where certain activity is found to be taking place. This can include acts of violence committed by customers, employees, or others in the vicinity of a business, violations of other laws, material changes in operations of the business, or other circumstances which would render the business unfit for the sale of alcoholic beverages. This revocation would be for up to 90 days, or until the County Commission takes a final action on the matter. The Commission would then consider the Sheriff’s findings and could make the revocation permanent or impose conditions on the continued licensing of the business.

III. Governor Kemp’s Executive Orders:

In addition to the dangers from physical violence highlighted by these reports, the concerned citizens who have contacted the County have also advised that Pin Strikes is not in compliance with the Governor’s COVID-19 executive orders. For your convenience, a copy of the January 29, 2021, order is enclosed. Please note two areas of particular applicability. First, on page 9, please review the definition of “Gathering,” which means any group of more than fifty people who are arranged in such a way that two or more people in the group are located within six feet of each other on longer than a transitory or incidental basis. On page 18, item 7 provides that non-critical infrastructure facilities, such as bowling alleys, are prohibited from having “Gatherings” on their

premises during business hours. Failure to maintain or enforce this social distancing is a violation of the Governor's order, and is a misdemeanor under Georgia law.

Further, additional restrictions on the operation of bowling alleys may be found on pages 22 and 23 of the Governor's order. You are encouraged to review and comply with each of these provisions. In addition to failing to enforce social distancing requirements, the County has received particular complaints that Pin Strikes has failed to comply with the requirement that only every other or every third bowling lane be used at the same time (p. 23, #5); and the requirement that score keeping machines, ball returns, other fixtures at the bowling lanes, and bowling balls must all be sanitized before and after each party (p. 23, ## 6-7).

Please accept this letter as your first official notice in accordance with page 53 of the Governor's order. By copy, the County has made the Sheriff's Office aware of this notice and is requesting that citations be issued for any future violations of the Governor's executive order. If you receive three or more such citations, then the Governor's order authorizes on page 53 for law enforcement officers to mandate the closure of the business for so long as the State of Georgia remains under a public health emergency.

#### IV. Conclusion

It is the goal of Macon-Bibb County to encourage the safe and enjoyable operation of entertainment venues such as Pin Strikes. This letter is not, by itself, a citation or accusation. However, if the need for further involvement on the part of the County becomes apparent, it will be known that Asheev Macon, LLC was on notice of the activities complained about herein. Further violations may be subject to citation or other penalties as outlined above, and could include fine, loss of alcohol license, or closure of your business.

In order to avoid these actions, we strongly encourage you to address these issues immediately:

1. Take proactive steps to prevent the dropping off of unsupervised minors and to prohibit them from remaining on the premises without adult supervision.
2. Take proactive steps to effectively prevent loitering or the presence of crowds in the grass, sidewalk, and parking areas surrounding your business.
3. Reinforce alcohol control measures with all bar staff to avoid overserving of alcohol to patrons.
4. Take proactive steps to ensure that weapons are not brought onto the premises.
5. Carefully read and follow the requirements of the Governor's executive orders, which are updated approximately every two weeks at <https://gov.georgia.gov/executive-action/executive-orders/2021-executive-orders>
6. Limit occupancy to levels that allow for the safe practice of social distancing; and

7. Review security practices to ensure that the security presence is sufficient to handle the crowd in the event that further fights occur.

By implementing these reasonable protocols, it is our sincere hope that Pin Strikes can prosper for years to come as a place for clean entertainment for adults and families alike, free from violence and danger. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Kind regards,



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