



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert Klein, Chair and  
Members of the ABC Board

DATE: January 22, 2017

FROM: Sara Chambers  
Acting Director, ABC Board

RE: 907 Club #1034

This is an application for a transfer of ownership, location and a DBA change for a beverage dispensary license in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

The applicant and a resident have each filed appeals of the Conditional Use Permit issued by Matanuska-Susitna Borough (MSB). The appeal period ends February 15, 2017.

Numerous written public objections have been received for this application. At the December 5, 2016 ABC Board meeting, the Board voted to table the application until this meeting in order to properly notice and hold a hearing to ascertain the reaction of the public to this application, as required under AS 04.11.470 and AS 04.11.510(b)(2).

Recommendation:

Hold a public hearing to ascertain the reaction of the public; table voting on the application until the April 5, 2017 meeting, after the MSB appeals are concluded.

**From:** [John Rush](#)  
**To:** [Oates, Sarah D \(CED\)](#); [Douglas, Craig J \(CED\)](#)  
**Cc:** ["John Rodda"](#); ["Renschen, Audrey \(USAAK\)"](#); ["Mtaonline"](#)  
**Subject:** Letter to the ABC board regarding February 1, 2017 meeting.  
**Date:** Friday, January 13, 2017 7:50:30 PM

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**To ABC Board Members:**

I'm writing in opposition to the transfer of License 1034 to the 907 Club in Big Lake, and have detailed the reasons for my opposition below.

**1) I ask that you postpone your consideration of the transfer of License 1034 to the 907 Club, Until the Pending Appeals are complete;**

Rocky Lake residents have filed an appeal, (MSB Case 16-03), of MSB Planning Commission Resolution 16-37, which approved the 907 Club Conditional Use Permit (CUP). As this appeal describes, there is an immediate danger to children and adults in the area of this proposed bar that should be addressed before allowing the Resolution to take effect.

The proposed bar location is one of the busiest and most dangerous traffic areas in the Big Lake community. Already we have had one fatal car accident **Exactly** in front of this proposed bar: <http://www.city-data.com/accidents/acc-Big-Lake-Alaska.html>. Adding impaired and unfamiliar drivers to this area is asking for accidents and deaths.

The Big Lake Community Bike Trail exists as an easement that passes through the length of the proposed property, and about 100 feet from the entrance to the proposed bar. The bike trail is used year-round by both children and adults, not only for biking, but snow machining, four wheeling, roller blading, and walking. To make the traffic worse, there are the large sand hills directly opposite the road from the proposed bar, known as the "Fisher Hills." For over fifty years, these hills have been a playground for children and adults on snow machines, dirt bikes, and four wheelers. From these hills, children often cross the road on their machines in very random ways, to access the bike path, or get gas or candy.

The proposed bar location is next door to the gas station/quick stop, and near the Big Lake Recreation Center, the Post office, and other retail businesses. The road is very busy and confusing. Within a few hundred yards of the proposed bar, are:

1. The new a roundabout with four different exits,
2. two other driveways nearby,
3. crosswalks,
4. the bike trail, and
5. a turnoff to Horseshoe Lake Drive.

Adding unfamiliar impaired drivers to this area is asking for accidents and deaths. Unfortunately, it is probably a child on a snow machine, bike or four-wheeler who will pay the ultimate price.

I urge that you postpone any action on transfer of License 1034, until the Matanuska Susitna Borough appeal process is complete.

Sincerely

John Rush

For background on appeal 16-03 of Resolution 16-37:

The Resolution makes the following claims, that I find are inaccurate and present danger to human life:

Whereas ITE Trip Generation 7<sup>th</sup> Edition shows a “Drinking Place” of 2400-square feet in size is expected to produce 37 trips per peak PM hour, which does not require a traffic impact analysis

and;

Whereas the Alaska Department of Transportation (ADOT) was solicited for comments, ADOT did not submit any comments for the proposed conditional use

The Resolution makes the following conclusions of law, that I find are also inaccurate and present danger to human life:

5. there should not be any negative effect on the safe efficient flow of traffic on any highway, arterial, collector or street from which access to and from the establishment is obtained

And;

8. Access to the premise will not create an unreasonable traffic hazard

Although I notified the MSB of these dangerous traffic conditions weeks before its public meeting, the MSB did not perform any traffic safety study. During its public meeting one of the Commissioners, said that he was unaware that the Big Lake Community Bike Trail exists as an easement less than 100 feet from the entrance to the proposed bar. The Chairman of the Planning Commission was very rude to many of the public who testified, and to his fellow Commissioners, one fellow Commissioner addressed him about it directly, saying that she was not used to being treated in such a manner. We expect more than arrogance and Ignorance from our public officials, and respectfully hope that you at the ABC board will treat this request in a more respectful and professional way.

We are searching for a Traffic Safety engineer to review the road, bike trail, and off-road vehicle use in this area, and make a report on the traffic danger to the community.

**From:** [Rodda, John H.](#)  
**To:** [Oates, Sarah D \(CED\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Alcohol Licensing, CED ABC \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Request for ABC Board to Table Action on 907 Club Application for Transfer of License  
**Date:** Friday, January 13, 2017 3:51:51 PM

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Ms. Oates,

The Mat-Su Borough recently notified your office that a Conditional Use Permit with conditions had been approved for the 907 Club. That approval and conditions are currently under appeal by both the license applicant and the general public. The appeals will be heard on February 14<sup>th</sup> and pending outcomes, may significantly change or even rescind the decision to approve the CUP.

I am formally submitting my request to you and the ABC Board to table any and all action on the 907 Club Application for Transfer of License until the Mat-Su Borough public appeals process is completed. This is a highly contentious issue in the Big Lake / Rocky Lake community. There are too many ramifications to the ABC Board taking any action on the Transfer of License until the Mat-Su Borough makes a final determination for approval or possible revocation of the 907 Club CUP and conditions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John H. Rodda  
Big Lake / Rocky Lake Property Owner

**From:** [Steve Nerland](#)  
**To:** [Alcohol Licensing, CED ABC \(CED sponsored\); Oates, Sarah D \(CED\)](#)  
**Subject:** regarding 907 Club Big Lake application  
**Date:** Friday, January 13, 2017 3:32:44 PM

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Sarah Oates  
AMCO Board

This is a request for the AMCO Board to consider a postponement of the Feb 1, 2017 hearing of the 907 Club in regards to the application for their AMCO permit.

As an affected party and 50 year family property owner on Rocky Lake , we are very concerned that the MSB CUP appeals regarding this are still underway. These include but not limited too, hours of operation, noise mitigation, and a request by the applicant Mr Button to change and allow outdoor concerts as part of the CUP.

Our family members are at Rocky Lake many hundreds of days during any one year and seek quiet enjoyment as part of our time there. The fact that many year's ago, the residents were able to secure a ban on jet ski's on this lake, indicates the importance of quiet enjoyment to many residents on Rocky Lake. Yes, there are still motor boats on the Lake and an occasional plane lands and take's off.

What there is NOT currently ....is a bar at the end of the Rocky Lake playing music on a bandstand late at night.....or allowing ambient noise to echo over the water or frozen snow.

We do not oppose the growth and expansion of commerce in the Big Lake area. If Mr Button had surveyed the Rocky Lake residents before moving forward, he would have found this significant opposition. While he was under no obligation to do so....his disregard for the residents didn't allow for his better planning to include orientation of the building adequate noise mitigation measures, and of course no outdoor bandstand.

We specifically oppose THIS location of the proposed facility, and in addition the CPU appeal requests for extended hours, and elimination or reduction in noise mitigation that the MSB

CUP provided.

This matter is now under appeal with that MSB body.

We ask for this postponement, so that your AMCO Board might have all the facts regarding the CUP appeal for this applicant in the future.

Sincerely,

Steve Nerland  
14869 West Dawson Dr  
Rocky Lake

**From:** [mcghan@mtaonline.net](mailto:mcghan@mtaonline.net)  
**To:** [Oates, Sarah D \(CED\)](#)  
**Subject:** Transfer license for 907 Club  
**Date:** Friday, January 13, 2017 3:09:27 PM  
**Attachments:** [ABC Board letter 2017.docx](#)

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Sarah,

We are in Phoenix at the moment and were just told this letter needs to get to you today. We are hoping that with the time change it will get to you in time.

Thanks,  
Tim & Lindsey McGhan

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To: AMC Board  
Attn: Sarah Oates

January 13, 2017

Sarah,

Below is our letter from last year referencing the 907 Clubs alcohol license transference. I am sending this with some added information. When Mr. Button reapplied to the MSB Planning Commission this year he made no attempt to address any of the issues we had last year ...none! At the November Planning Commission meeting they set forth some conditions for Mr. Button was to fulfill. Then Mr. Button appealed the decision and the appeal meeting has yet to be scheduled. But his appeal was to change conditions he had put in his own application (soundproofing) as well as conditions set forth in a form he signed in agreement and now is wanting to change. I am sorry but I am on vacation and do not have access to my file. I am sure you will be getting other letters pointing them out. This just shows how untrustworthy Mr. Button is. It seems he just expects to be able to do what he wants rather than following the rules and conditions that are required.

It concerns us sooooo much that he is not trustworthy. We have been dealing with this for years!

Minimally, we would like for the AMC Board to postpone this issue until after the MSB Appeal Board meets.

Respectfully,  
Tim & Lindsey McGhan

April 23, 2015

Re: Liquor license approval for 907 Club on Rosalie Court, Big Lake, AK

We are Tim & Lindsey McGhan and our family has lived on Rocky Lake for over 35years. We searched for a long time to find property in a very quiet and peaceful neighborhood. We chose Rocky Lake because neighbors respected each others privacy and most families have been there for many generations. We raised our kids here, established our business here and have been very involved with the community throughout the years.

We have a concern regarding Mr. Buttons getting a liquor license to open a bar on Rosalie Court in Big Lake. Our concerns are that he has not taken into account the negative affects this would be on the neighboring area. Directly behind the building he has already built with the purpose



of opening a bar with an outdoor bandstand is a long established residential neighborhood. We are also concerned that in his applications for the Borough Conditional Use permits he has been so vague, incomplete and unconcerned about the affects it would have on this neighborhood. He claims he is being forth right. He is and has been in the past unwilling for offer or fulfill conditions set forth by the Board. The permit for the Liquor store required a fence be put up to keep traffic off of Rocky Lake Dr. which is one of the main roads in the neighborhood. It took over 4 years and a complaint to get what turned out to be a very meager fence. We have no choice but not to trust him.

We strongly believe that being granted a liquor license to open an establishment at that location by Mr. Button is bad for the neighborhood and the downtown core area of Big Lake. This location is right at the entry of downtown Big Lake.

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to speak to this issue. We should all have the right to do what we want with our property but we do not have the right to adversely affect our neighbor's properties.

Sincerely,  
Tim & Lindsey McGhan

**From:** [Mike Butcher](#)  
**To:** [Alcolol.licensing@alaska.gov](mailto:Alcolol.licensing@alaska.gov)  
**Cc:** [Oates, Sarah D \(CED\)](#)  
**Subject:** opposition of Sheep Mountain liquor license transfer to 907 Club in Big Lake  
**Date:** Friday, January 13, 2017 3:02:23 PM

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To Whom it May Concern,

I have a letter of opposing the 907 Club liquor license transfer in your December meeting packet. Unfortunately, applicant Mark Button has appealed the conditions of the Mat Su Borough's Conditional Use Permit, so I continue to oppose the liquor license transfer.

The Mat Su Borough has strict regulations about alcohol permits next to residential neighborhoods; until the appeal process is complete, I respectfully request that you do NOT grant a liquor license to Mr. Button's 907 Night Club.

Sincerely,

Michael O Butcher

**From:** [Alcohol Licensing, CED ABC \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**To:** [Oates, Sarah D \(CED\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Objection to the 907 Club liquor licensing transfer.  
**Date:** Friday, January 13, 2017 2:56:26 PM

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## Sarah Daulton Oates

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**From:** Cindy Bettine [mailto:CindyBettine@mtaonline.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 13, 2017 2:36 PM  
**To:** Alcohol Licensing, CED ABC (CED sponsored)  
**Subject:** Objection to the 907 Club liquor licensing transfer.

To: Sarah Daulton Oates, Program Coordinator of AMCO  
From: Cindy Bettine, resident of Big Lake/neighbor to proposed 907 Club

I am writing this afternoon to be on record of opposing the license transfer from Sheep Mountain Lodge to the 907 Club on Rosalie Court in Big Lake. The Mat Su Borough issued a conditional use permit for the 907 Club, but applicant Mark Button has appealed 3 conditions of the permit. The Mat Su Borough Board of Adjustments and Appeals will not meet until mid to late February.

I request that the transfer not be made until after the Borough appeal process is made. I have a full letter of objection on file from the December 2016 meeting on this transfer. It should also be noted that the Big Lake Community council has a letter on file that they support the conditions that the Mat Su Planning Commission has put on the application of the 907 Club.

The largest issues at this time are noise, outdoor music, outdoor beverage service and reduced hours of operations, as the 907 Club is located next to an established residential neighborhood.

**From:** [Loeffler, Karen \(USAAK\)](#)  
**To:** [Alcohol Licensing, CED ABC \(CED sponsored\); Oates, Sarah D \(CED\)](#)  
**Subject:** 907 Club AMCO Hearing  
**Date:** Friday, January 13, 2017 2:40:54 PM  
**Attachments:** [KLL Letter to AMCO BOARD 01.13.2017.docx](#)

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Ms. Oates, please consider this letter in deciding whether to proceed on the 907 Club Application at the February 1, 2017 AMCO Board meeting. I encourage the Board to delay consideration of the license until the Matanuska Susitna Borough has finalized the pending appeals. It is important to note that the Conditional Use Permit granted to the 907 Club depended on strict conditions, including limited hours that are consistent with the applicant's presentation as a restaurant not a bar. Yet his appeal is to remove all those conditions, so he can run the 907 Club as a bar.

I also write to provide my comments opposing the transfer of License 1034 as a "bar" to the 907 Club in Big Lake .

Background: I am a recreational property owner on Rocky Lake. My parcel is within approximately 600 feet of the proposed bar. As background, while I purchased this property 5 years ago, I bought the property on Rocky Lake specifically because of its quiet and family friendly atmosphere -- an atmosphere that I was very familiar with because I have friends who have had places on the lake for some 50 years and had visited their property frequently over the last 25 years. The lake is populated by a small group of families, some who are year round residents, and many others who have had properties for decades. It is a quiet friendly place for family use. The campground located on the lake provides use compatible with the unique characteristic of Rocky Lake in that it imposes a sound curfew of 10:00 P.M. and that quiet safe use is supported by a campground host.

I would note that in the 2015 application for the 907 Club conditional use permit, the applicant did not even address the effect on the surrounding residential community. After that permit was denied, the applicant re-applied and still did nothing to address the impact on Rocky Lake residents. His only change was proposing the 907 Club as a "restaurant" instead of a "bar." However, as your board would know best, he is not seeking a "Restaurant or eating place license" under AS 04.11.100. It seems from his actions that the applicant is hoping a restaurant will be easier to sell to the community, but that what he appears to be preparing for is a bar, not a restaurant. I believe that the license is opposed by all of the adjacent landowners on the ground that the proposed bar is not compatible with the health, safety and use of the character of the adjacent property.

I would urge the AMCO Board to postpone any action until the appeals of the Planning Commission action have been decided. I'm hopeful that you will want the most current information available so that you can make the best decision

Thank you for your consideration of this issue

**From:** [Renschen, Audrey \(USAAC\)](#)  
**To:** [Alcohol Licensing, CED ABC \(CED sponsored\)](#); [Oates, Sarah D \(CED\)](#)  
**Subject:** February AMCO Meeting re #1034 907 Club Alcohol License Transfer  
**Date:** Friday, January 13, 2017 2:13:44 PM

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Dear Ms. Oates,  
Please share the following request to delay consideration of #1034, 907 Club Alcohol License Transfer, with each of the members of the Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office.

**Request to Postpone Consideration of Transfer of License 1034 to the 907 Club, Pending Appeal**

Please do not consider the pending #1034 license transfer to the 907 Club at your February AMCO Board meeting in Juneau. I believe a delay is important for AMCO to have the full, final decision from the Matanuska Susitna Borough (MSB), after consideration of two appeals that are pending as to the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) granted to the 907 Club.

If you proceed with your consideration of the alcohol license on February 1, 2017, it will be without complete information. We recognize that you want to do the best job you can, and toward that end, we ask that you make the licensing decision only when you have all the relevant information.

This is especially important in light of the 907 Club applicant's constantly changing description of what exactly the 907 Club will be. The original 2015 application for the 907 Club conditional use permit was denied because it was incomplete – the applicant did not even address the effect on the surrounding residential community, as required by the MSB standards. After that permit was denied, the applicant re-applied, and again, did nothing to address the impact of the proposed bar on Rocky Lake residents. The applicant's only change in his application was proposing the 907 Club as a "restaurant" instead of a "bar." Yet notably, that shape-shifting has not resulted in a change in his licensing request. He is not asking a "Restaurant or eating place license" under AS 04.11.100. He is still asking for a bar license. This failure to fully address his plans, along with his changing representations, has the Rocky Lake community – which is right next door to his proposed 907 Club – very nervous.

This is especially true since he is now appealing many of the very things he promised to do in a written agreement with neighbors who were trying to meet him half-way. After agreeing to four conditions, including no outdoor concerts, no access to the Rocky lake neighborhood from bar, meeting the dark sky lighting standards, and building an earthen berm with fencing and trees to separate bar parking lot from neighborhood, in exchange for the neighbors' non-opposition to the MSB CUP, the applicant is now appealing some of those very conditions that were adopted by the MSB and incorporated into the conditions for his CUP. Yet now, on appeal, the applicant is challenging his inability to have outdoor concerts, restaurant hours, and conditions requiring sound dampening panels that he proposed in BOTH of his

applications that he would install, and that were also incorporated into the CUP conditions. These changing postures are unnerving to the neighboring Rocky Lake community, and we are urging AMCO to prohibit him from making representations in one forum, and then changing his representations in another forum that is unaware of what the real facts are.

I own a home on Rocky Lake, within 600 feet of the proposed 907 Club location. Importantly, the nearest developed residential lot at Rocky Lake is approximately 35 feet from the 907 Club parcel. Rocky Lake is a residential neighborhood known as a quiet and family-friendly place where full-time residents have lived for generations, and vacation home users – also generational for more than 50 years – enjoy watching loons and trumpeter swans, fishing for rainbow trout, paddling canoes and kayaks, water skiing, swimming, gardening, ice skating, watching the Northern Lights, and simply enjoying gatherings of family and friends. Jet skis and jet boats are prohibited on Rocky Lake, and the neighboring Alaska State Recreational Site (SRS) (open only in summer, and also within 600 feet of the proposed 907 Club) imposes an alcohol use ban at all times, and quiet hours starting at 10 p.m. nightly. There is a stability in the character and nature of the neighborhood that Rocky Lake residents have worked long and hard to perpetuate, and that we planned to enjoy for the rest of our lives, and that of our families' lives.

For those of us who have to live with your decision, we are concerned, and hopeful that you will decide carefully, because the licensing of this bar without complete information has the ability to dramatically destroy the quality of our lives.

By delaying your licensing decision until the appeals of the MSB's Conditional Use Permit are completed, you will insure that you have ALL the information, the accurate and final information, that you need to consider before you making your licensing decision.

Please also note that I previously submitted an email on December 1, 2016, opposing the 907 Club licensing, when this matter was last considered by AMCO. I have attached it at the bottom of this email to ease your access, and I ask your patience in re-reading it to further understand my opposition to the bar.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey J. Renschen

14902 W. Rocky Street

Big Lake, AK, 99652

**December 1, 2016**

**To ABC Board Members:**

I'm writing in opposition to the transfer of License 1034 to the 907 Club in Big Lake, and have detailed the reasons for my opposition below.

**1) Request to Postpone Consideration of Transfer of License 1034 to the 907 Club, Pending Appeal; and 2) Opposition to License Transfer**

First, I ask that you postpone consideration of your licensing transfer decision until the appeals of the Matanuska Susitna Borough (MSB) Planning Commission Resolution 16-37 for Conditional Use Permit (CUP) are completed. Two appeals of the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) have been filed, one by Mark Button, on behalf of the 907 Club, and another, by Rocky Lake residents opposing the CUP. The residents also filed a Motion for Stay of the CUP pending appeal. The Motion for Stay is scheduled for hearing before the MSB on December 12, 2016.

I own a home on Rocky Lake, within 600 feet of the proposed 907 Club location. Importantly, the nearest developed residential lot to the 907 Club parcel is approximately 35 feet. The Rocky Lake location is a residential neighborhood known as a quiet and family-friendly place where full-time residents have lived for generations, and vacation home users – also generational for more than 50 years – enjoy watching loons and trumpeter swans, fishing for rainbow trout, paddling their canoes and kayaks, water skiing, swimming, gardening, ice skating, watching the Northern Lights, and simply enjoying gatherings of family and friends. Jet skis and jet boats are prohibited on Rocky Lake, and the neighboring Alaska State Recreational Site (SRS) (open only in summer, has the only public access to the Lake, and is also within 600 feet of the proposed 907 Club) imposes an alcohol use ban at all times, and quiet hours starting at 10 p.m. nightly. There is a stability in the character and nature of the neighborhood that Rocky Lake residents have worked long and hard to perpetuate, and that we planned to enjoy for the rest of our lives, and that of our families' lives.

**Background on the 907 Club Applications: Mr. Button's Plans for the 907 Club Have Been Inconsistent, and His Representations Should Be Carefully Scrutinized**

The 907 Club original application was considered by the MSB Planning Commission on February 2, 2015. That application was to operate a "Bar" that would be open 21 hours a day, closing at 5am, reopening at 8 a.m., each day, and would be set up to accommodate drinking both inside and outside the building, including an outdoor stage of 50' X 28' to host outdoor concerts. That application was rejected as incomplete for not addressing applicable MSB standards, including the failure to adequately address the compatibility of the bar with the adjacent residential area of Rocky Lake.

The second application was considered on November 7, 2016, and after significant residential opposition, was ultimately granted, but with stringent conditions limiting hours of operation, and other protective conditions. In this second application, and in his oral presentation to the Planning Commission, Mr. Button characterized the 907 Club as a "Restaurant" rather than a bar. As such, the Commission restricted his operational hours, requiring the 907 club to close by 10 p.m. nightly, Sunday through Thursday, and by midnight on Friday and Saturday. Mr. Button is now appealing those hours, and among other things, is also appealing conditions requiring sound dampening panels, that in his application he specifically described he would install.

These changes are but one example of a pattern Mr. Button has demonstrated, in which he makes



agreements, but does not fulfill them.

**Residents Oppose the 907 Club at Rocky Lake Because It Poses and Immediate Danger to Children and Adults in the Area, and Because It Is Incompatible with the Adjacent Rocky Lake Residences**

As noted in the Residents appeal, the Big Lake Community Bike trail exists on an easement less than 100 feet from the entrance to the proposed bar. The bike trail is used year-round by both children and adults, not only for biking, but snow machining, four wheeling, roller blading, and walking. Directly opposite the road from the 907 Club location is the area known as the “Fisher Hills,” where for over fifty years children and adults have used the hills as a playground, riding their snow machines, dirt bikes, and four wheelers. Children often cross the road on their bikes and machines in random ways to access the bike path across Big Lake Road to obtain gas or candy from the facility directly next to the proposed 907 Club. That area is one of the busiest and most dangerous traffic areas in the Big Lake community. There is a very real concern that adding impaired drivers to this area is a recipe for accidents and deaths.

A bar, unlike the character of Rocky Lake, is not a peaceful, quiet, place, and under the MSB Code – i.e., by law – a bar is “declared to be potentially damaging to the property values and usefulness of adjacent properties and potentially harmful to the public health, safety and welfare if they are located outside of established or potential commercial areas.” MSB Code § 17.70.020(A). Given the physical arrangement of being directly adjacent to the Rocky Lake neighborhood, and the long hours the bar wants to remain open, it is inevitable that people will be coming and going all day long, and most of the night. The dangers of alcohol and concomitant related noise problems are serious concerns in themselves. But the added safety concerns of the location on Big Lake Road, raise even more serious and direct threats to the Big Lake community. With the additional uncertainties resulting from shape-shifting proposals of what the 907 Club will be: first a “bar,” open 23 hours, then a “restaurant,” it is even more important that the ABC Board not jump to a quick decision without first determining how the MSB appeals will be resolved.

**Conclusion**

Rocky Lake residents should not be subjected to last-minute, hastily-submitted proposals by Mr. Button. Any changes in plans for the 907 Club should be fairly vetted in MSB appellate procedures before the ABC Board acts. Residents are not responsible for the 907 Club’s failed considerations and should not be punished by the Club’s lack of planning. The Rocky Lake neighborhood, within a stone’s throw of the proposed 907 Club, has a decades-long history and a commitment to maintaining the peaceful and safe environment for which residents have deeply invested. That ought not be hurriedly stripped away by impulsive building without advanced consideration and solid planning. Careful consideration is more important here than speed. Please keep our neighborhood safe and peaceful, as we have for decades. Please delay your licensing decision until the MSB Planning Commission Resolution 16-37 is finally decided, and all voices have been heard.

Respectfully submitted,  
Audrey J. Renschen  
14902 W. Rocky Street  
Big Lake, AK, 99652

**From:** [Rick Nerland](#)  
**To:** [Alcohol Licensing, CED ABC \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Steve Nerland](#); [Roger Nerland](#); [Brian Nerland](#)  
**Subject:** Club 907  
**Date:** Thursday, January 12, 2017 8:42:12 AM

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Ms. Oates,

I represent our family LLC that owns property on Rocky Lake at 14869 West Dawson Dr.. We have enjoyed the lake property for over 50 years through 4 generations. It is a quiet, peaceful, relaxing environment.

The application to the MatSu Borough (MSB) for a CUP to operate a bar, called Club 907, has met with opposition from residents on Rocky Lake. After much public testimony and debate the MSB granted the CUP with conditions on noise, prohibited out door amplified sound, limited hours of operation and required security on the premises at closing as well as other restrictions.

The applicant has appealed the decision to grant the CUP with restrictions. THE RESIDENTS WANT THOSE RESTRICTIONS TO REMAIN AS PART OF THE CUP.

I urge the ABC Board to defer any action on the application for transfer of license until the MSB appeals process is complete. Granting the application for transfer prior to the final determination on the CUP would be wrong.

Thank you,

Rick Nerland  
Member-Manager  
Rocky Lake LLC

**From:** [Tim Mcghan](#)  
**To:** [Douglas, Craig J \(CED\)](#)  
**Subject:** 907 club  
**Date:** Friday, December 02, 2016 4:17:09 PM

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Please postpone your decision on the liquor license transfer until 3 appeals are decided on at a later date. This guy is a convicted felon and already has 2 licenses. If you would do some research as we have you too would know this. What he is proposing to this quite neighborhood with out side music venue and concerts may not be a felony but it certainly is Criminal.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Sue Rodda](#)  
**Cc:** [Douglas, Craig J \(CED\)](#)  
**Subject:** 907 Club license transfer  
**Date:** Friday, December 02, 2016 4:06:59 PM

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Dear Mr. Douglas

I request that the ABC board wait until our appeal of the MSB Panning Commission Resolution 16-37 is completed, (Case 16-03) and request that the ABC Board wait until our Motion for a Stay of the MSB Planning Commission Resolution 16-37 is heard on Dec. 12, 2016.

I oppose the 907 Club's current location due to it's potential adverse impact on the adjacent residential properties. That being said, I sat in on the Nov. 7, 2016 CUP hearing and feel comfortable with the boards decision. Both Mr. Buttons and the residents made concessions for a workable situation.

Mr. Button has acted on his own (without resident or MSB input) on several occasions as a "good faith" effort to satisfy the adjacent residents. It was an end run, not good faith. Now, with his appeal, he's fighting for issues that were/are most abhorrent to residents...amplified outdoor music and midweek hours of operation.

Mr. Douglas, our cabin is 800 ft from 907 Club...we WILL hear the noise. We will be affected by increased traffic. I feel like there's a potential for increased crime as impaired patrons leave the club for the night. We have limited Alaska State Trooper presence in this area which may compromise immediate response. Mr. Button assures that his parking lots will be secure (nothing in writing, vague details) and he'll "deal" with noise levels immediately. My impression of Mr. Button is he's full of lip service with his fingers crossed behind his back. I don't trust him to be good steward and neighbor.

It's for these reasons that I ask you to postpone the ABC Board's decision until after Dec. 12, 2016.

Thank you for your consideration in this very important matter.

Susan K. Rodda  
970-986-2447  
Rocky Lake Resident  
Big Lake, Ak

**From:** [Debra Rodda](#)  
**To:** [Douglas, Craig J \(CED\)](#)  
**Subject:** 907 Club  
**Date:** Friday, December 02, 2016 3:53:57 PM

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Dear Mr. Douglas,

I'd like to take a minute to add my voice to the many others opposing a new bar being opened in the Big Lake area. I urge the ABC Board to delay taking any action or vote on the 907 Club's application until all appeals have been resolved between Mr. Button, the Mat-Su Borough, and the local residents who will be impacted by the new bar.

Mark Button has a long history of making promises and then going back on his word. One of his latest reversals is the issue of having an outside entertainment venue. At the Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Mat-Su Planning Commission Mr. Button plainly stated there would be no noise outside his establishment but now he does want the outdoor entertainment which would have a huge impact on the Rocky Lake neighborhood directly behind the bar.

Yes, I am a resident of Rocky Lake and my house is in "direct line of sight" and less than tenth of a mile from the new establishment. If Mr. Button is given free reign to do as he pleases regarding noise, hours of operation, and anything else he can come up with I will be very upset and very worried, especially each night when I turn off my lights and lock my door against the 7 nights a week party going on a stone's throw from my house.

Thank you for listening Mr. Douglas. I strongly urge you to wait until all appeals have been heard and resolved before the ABC Board takes a vote on the 907 Club.

Debra Rodda  
907-406-7592

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**From:** [Mike](#)  
**To:** [Oates, Sarah D \(CED\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Douglas, Craig J \(CED\)](#)  
**Subject:** Objection to liquor license transfer to 907 club.  
**Date:** Friday, December 02, 2016 4:05:17 PM

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To the ABC Board,

I oppose the transfer of liquor license to the 907 Club until the two appeals are heard by the Borough Board of Appeals on the Boroughs Planning Commissions action on Nov 7, 2016.

One of the appeals is from the applicant of transfer, Mark Button. He is appealing conditions that will protect near by residents from the negative effects of a bar directly located next to a neighborhood.

A second appeal by a resident of Rocky Lake has requested a StAY and that hearing is on Dec 12.

I urge you to postpone action at your Dec 5 meeting and until the appeal is finalized by Mat Su Borough.

Regards,

Mike Butcher

Box 520405

Big Lake, Alaska. 99652

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Alcohol Licensing, CED ABC \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**To:** [Oates, Sarah D \(CED\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Club 907 License 1034 transfer opposition  
**Date:** Friday, December 09, 2016 2:37:24 PM

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**From:** Douglas, Craig J (CED)  
**Sent:** Friday, December 02, 2016 3:17 PM  
**To:** Paul  
**Cc:** Alcohol Licensing, CED ABC (CED sponsored); Samaniego, Joe P (CED)  
**Subject:** RE: Club 907 License 1034 transfer opposition

Thank you, your message has been forwarded to the alcohol licensing team.

*Craig J. Douglas*

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**From:** Paul [<mailto:paul@nelsonak.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 02, 2016 3:15 PM  
**To:** Douglas, Craig J (CED)  
**Subject:** Club 907 License 1034 transfer opposition

Afternoon Craig.

I have attached a letter of our concerns to the transfer of License 1034 to Mark Buttons Club 907.

As I said in the letter we don't have a problem with his opening a liquor establishment as we 13% owners in McGinleys pub and there is really no zoning regulations. It's just basically how close he will be to a residential neighborhood & the noise.

We pride ourselves in our past 10 years at McGinleys in living by the rules and over the past 2 years dealing with Mark on his venture, I see lots of potential problems. Big Lake used to be the Wild Wild West and I think he still thinks this way so well defined rules are an absolute necessity if things get out of hand and we end up in court.

We have also had issues with his Tesoro business in the past.

Hope this helps in your decision Craig as I imagine this can't be an easy job at times.

Sincerely

*Paul F. Nelson*

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907 346-2020  
Cell 227-1963  
[Paul@nelsonak.com](mailto:Paul@nelsonak.com)



**From:** [Alcohol Licensing, CED ABC \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**To:** [Oates, Sarah D \(CED\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Liquor License 907 Club  
**Date:** Friday, December 09, 2016 2:37:16 PM

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From: Douglas, Craig J (CED)  
Sent: Friday, December 02, 2016 2:34 PM  
To: Jim Renkert  
Cc: Alcohol Licensing, CED ABC (CED sponsored); Samaniego, Joe P (CED)  
Subject: RE: Liquor License 907 Club

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jim Renkert [<mailto:xcski@gci.net>]  
Sent: Friday, December 02, 2016 2:32 PM  
To: Douglas, Craig J (CED)  
Subject: Liquor License 907 Club

I am writing to protest the issuance of the liquor license to the 907 Club. This authorization is currently under appeal, MSB Planning Commission Resolution 16-37, by both the applicant and interested parties. Before issuance the appeal process needs to be completed. Some of the provisions that the applicant previously agreed to now are apparently being asked for reconsideration without consultation.

Jim Renkert  
Interested Party

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Alcohol Licensing, CED ABC \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**To:** [Oates, Sarah D \(CED\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Objection to the Bar  
**Date:** Friday, December 09, 2016 2:36:22 PM

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**From:** Douglas, Craig J (CED)  
**Sent:** Friday, December 02, 2016 1:11 PM  
**To:** Evelyn Rush  
**Cc:** Alcohol Licensing, CED ABC (CED sponsored)  
**Subject:** RE: Objection to the Bar

Thank you, your message has been forwarded to the alcohol licensing team.

*Craig J. Douglas*

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**From:** Evelyn Rush [[mailto:evelyn\\_rush@vfgrace.com](mailto:evelyn_rush@vfgrace.com)]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 02, 2016 1:10 PM  
**To:** Douglas, Craig J (CED)  
**Subject:** Objection to the Bar

Dear Sir:

Rocky Lake is a neighborhood. Approximately half of the which burned in the Miller's Reach Fire.

Most without insurance. Almost every one of those residents rebuilt as fast as they could because this is their "beloved" neighborhood and home. It is a very small lake and a very small neighborhood. A bar in their mist totally destroys the neighborhood. While the borough happily collects taxes of the improved properties, the proposed bar will totally destroy any values those early or improved properties may have. I live on one those rebuilt properties very close to the location of the proposed bar and I feel my investment will be worth nothing. Alcohol has been banned from our campground and it is a safe campground which attracts many returning families each year. Which the borough does not care about me or my investment, or that of the other residents, it seems a shame to destroy this neighborhood for the benefit of one uncaring individual.

I cherish every moment I've spent on the lake from 1972 on when we went to our "shack" each weekend winter and summer and happily worked to improve and enjoy it. We patronized the restaurants, the grocery, the oil delivery, the lumber yards and local workman and the church as neighbors, we looked out for each other.

The entrance to the proposed bar creates a terrible traffic situation. It is crossed by the snow machiners, the 4 wheelers, bicyclers and pedestrians. No traffic study has been done. Please allow time for the appeal to be heard before granting the proposed bar a license.

Evelyn Rush

Lot 5 Rocky Lake

Phone: 907-277-2701

Work: 907-272-6431

Email: [evelyn\\_rush@vfgrace.com](mailto:evelyn_rush@vfgrace.com)

**From:** [Alcohol Licensing, CED ABC \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**To:** [Oates, Sarah D \(CED\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: transfer of License 1034 to the 907 Club in Big Lake, Alaska  
**Date:** Friday, December 09, 2016 2:36:08 PM  
**Attachments:** [SKMBT\\_75116120213310.pdf](#)

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From: Douglas, Craig J (CED)  
Sent: Friday, December 02, 2016 12:48 PM  
To: Harmon\_Jim  
Cc: Alcohol Licensing, CED ABC (CED sponsored)  
Subject: RE: transfer of License 1034 to the 907 Club in Big Lake, Alaska

Thank you, your message has been forwarded to the alcohol licensing team.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Harmon\_Jim [[mailto:Harmon\\_Jim@asdk12.org](mailto:Harmon_Jim@asdk12.org)]  
Sent: Friday, December 02, 2016 12:38 PM  
To: Douglas, Craig J (CED)  
Subject: transfer of License 1034 to the 907 Club in Big Lake, Alaska

Please see attached letter - I have copied and pasted within the email in case you are unable to open the document scanned,

Thanks,

Jim Harmon

To - ABC Board Members:

I'm writing in opposition to the transfer of License 1034 to the 907 Club in Big Lake.

At the very least, I Request that the ABC board Postpone Consideration of Transfer of License 1034 to the 907 Club, Pending Appeal; and 2) Opposition to License Transfer

I continue to express my concern as a homeowner in the residential area of Rocky Lake Subdivision over the application for a conditional use permit for an alcohol beverage dispensary at the 907 Club. I have sent in two letters of opposition to Mark Whisenhunt (2015 and 2015) Mat-su Borough and have testified at both planning commission meetings in Palmer (2015 and 2016) that reviewed this planning. My residence is within 600 feet of the proposed 907 club location in Big Lake. I have been employed in the Anchorage School District as a School Psychologist for over 24 years.

John Klapperich was the chairperson for the planning commission meeting for the most recent review of the 907 CLUB application, and in my opinion was significantly out of line in expressing his "opinion" in a bullying manner to other members of the planning commission. As an observer to the process, this was very notable, and was out of our hands to provide input or insight. Several members did modify hours of operation and several other sections concerning wording of documents. The vote leaned toward acceptance, and clearly with several board members was based on the modified hours of operation – as this was discussed at length. Looking further into Mr. Klapperich's background, he has previous history in owning a bar/license and had his own issues when running his business in Alaska, and has a very strong opinion. Appeals have been filed by both Mark Button for his purposes, and community members for their pointed disagreements.

I understand that there will be new members of the planning commission soon, and would like to have the new planning commission "team" fully consider the negative impact of the 907 CLUB in its current location to the local, well established residential community bordering this property/location.

MSB 17.70.100 (2)(G) The permit request is NOT compatible with the character of surrounding neighborhood on Rocky Lake road including both the peaceful lake front homes/cabins and the Rocky Lake State Campground

MSB 17.70.100 This permit request is NOT compatible with and will NOT preserve the character, integrity, or value of the surrounding area. Specifically impacting the Rocky Lake State Campground (49 acres and 11 campsites) and surrounding peaceful lake front homes and cabins. This Sate campground prohibits the use of alcoholic beverage and has specific quiet hours. Generators, stereos, or loud noises are prohibited. Likewise restrictions on Rocky Lake are enforced for NO Jet Skis allowed (noise and use restrictions). Hours established by the Planning Commission still do not match the restrictions of the properties connected to the location for the 907 CLUB.

It is the duty of the planning commission to provided Quasi-judicial proceedings that deal with matters in which a determination will be made on whether a person has shown that they have met all the established requirements that give them a right to a permit or other entitlement. Close review of the 907 CUP application shows that this has NOT been met, and should also be evidenced by significant input from the surrounding established community.

Again, I Request that the ABC board Postpone Consideration of Transfer of License 1034 to the 907 Club, Pending Appeal; and 2) Opposition to License Transfer

Sincerely,

Jim Harmon  
Home Owner – Rocky Lake  
14905 Rocky Lake Road, Big Lake, AK 99652

**From:** [Alcohol Licensing, CED ABC \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**To:** [Oates, Sarah D \(CED\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Opposition to 907 Club  
**Date:** Friday, December 09, 2016 2:35:37 PM

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From: Douglas, Craig J (CED)  
Sent: Friday, December 02, 2016 10:47 AM  
To: Alcohol Licensing, CED ABC (CED sponsored)  
Subject: FW: Opposition to 907 Club

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-----Original Message-----

From: Gail Cartwright [<mailto:gail.cartwright@yahoo.com>]  
Sent: Friday, December 02, 2016 10:42 AM  
To: Douglas, Craig J (CED)  
Subject: Opposition to 907 Club

Dear Mr. Douglas and ABC Board Members,

I am writing in opposition to the transfer of License 1034 to the 907 Club in Big Lake.

Rocky Lake is a residential neighborhood located directly across from the proposed 907 Club, with some properties as close as 35 feet away. It is a quiet, established residential neighborhood. No jet skis are allowed on the lake. There is a state campground on the lake that is within 600 feet of the proposed 907 Club which has an alcohol ban and quiet hours starting at 10 pm.

The applicant has repeatedly failed to adequately address the compatibility of the bar with the adjacent residential area.

There is a significant danger of noise pollution and light pollution. There is also the extreme and very real danger of impaired drivers, not only on quiet residential roads, but also crossing the bike path which runs alongside Big Lake Road.

After the Mat-Su Planning Commission hearing on November 7, 2016 in which stipulations were put in place

regarding operating hours among other things, the applicant now is appealing. He wants to extend the hours of operation on the weekends and allow for amplified sound outside. These factors would have a SIGNIFICANT impact on the neighborhood.

Before he even opens his bar, Mr. Button has shown an unwillingness to work with the neighborhood. He has also shown he does not follow through on his agreements in good faith. This is of grave concern to me. This is also to me a clear indication of how he plans to run his business.

My family has owned a house on Rocky Lake for over fifty years. I feel I can speak on behalf of all the residents in the neighborhood when I say our quality of life is at stake.

I adamantly oppose the transfer of this liquor license.

Sincerely,  
Gail Cartwright

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Alcohol Licensing, CED ABC \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**To:** [Oates, Sarah D \(CED\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Liquor License transfer  
**Date:** Friday, December 09, 2016 2:35:12 PM

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From: Douglas, Craig J (CED)  
Sent: Friday, December 02, 2016 9:38 AM  
To: Alcohol Licensing, CED ABC (CED sponsored)  
Subject: FW: Liquor License transfer

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-----Original Message-----

From: Blahous, Emily [[mailto:Blahous\\_Emil@asdk12.org](mailto:Blahous_Emil@asdk12.org)]  
Sent: Friday, December 02, 2016 8:40 AM  
To: Douglas, Craig J (CED)  
Subject: Liquor License transfer

I object to the liquor license transfer to Mark Button. The operation of another bar in the family oriented environment of Rocky Lake is absolutely not necessary. The operation of a bar impacts the safety and well being of the local residents to include the family camping ground on Rocky Lake. Liquor sales are readily available at the East Lake shopping center, the gas station, and the nearby Floaters Bar.  
Please consider this opinion in your decision Emily Blahous [Blahous@gci.net](mailto:Blahous@gci.net)



**From:** [Tim Mcghan](#)  
**To:** [Oates, Sarah D \(CED\)](#)  
**Subject:** 907 club  
**Date:** Friday, December 02, 2016 4:05:18 PM

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Please postpone any direction on the liquor license transfer until the MSB appeals have been heard. The applicant is Convicted Felon and you would know that if you did some research instead of trusting his application. What he has been doing and is proposing to do to our quite neighborhood might not be another felony but it sure is criminal.

Sent from my iPhone

Big Lake Community Council  
P.O. Box 520931  
Big Lake, AK 99652

December 28, 2016

Mark Whisenhunt  
Planner II  
Matanuska Susitna Borough  
Planning and Land Use Department  
350 East Dahlia Avenue  
Palmer, AK 99645

Re: 907 Club Conditional Use Permit

To Mr. Whisenhunt,

The Big Lake Community Council (BLCC) recently took time at our December General Membership Meeting to discuss the above referenced matter. The BLCC voted in support of the Conditional Use Permit for the 907 Club with all stipulations as listed by the Planning and Land Use Department in the Planning Commission Resolution No. 16-37 on November 7, 2016.

A motion was made by the board of the Big Lake Community Council to write a letter in support of MSB Planning Commission Resolution No. 16-37

The motion passed by the voting members of the council.

I can be reached by phone at 841-9830 or e-mail at [caseysteinau@gmail.com](mailto:caseysteinau@gmail.com).

Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey Steinau, President  
Big Lake Community Council

Cc: Brenda J. Henry, CMC – MSB, Board of Adjustments and Appeals  
Sarah D. Oates – State of Alaska Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office  
550 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 1600, Anchorage AK 99501

Mark Buttons  
PO Box 521115, Big Lake, AK 99652

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Andrea Pye; I am a property owner and mother of a young family in Big Lake, AK. I was hearing around town about this 907 Club and some concerns residents were having about it. I was curious about this issue so I attended my first community council meeting in December.

The meeting was filled with anger and name calling on the opposing side of Mr. Buttons. I do not know Mr. Buttons personally and thought, this guy must be really bad if these people are fighting over a bar and restaurant with him. Their comments were accusatory towards Mr. Buttons of wanting to hand deliver drunks in the road. But as I listened to these select few, it sounded more like they are upset that they have bought property adjacent to this 907 club than the opposition to a new business and employer in the area. As I listened to all of the accommodations and compromises Mr. Buttons has agreed to at his expense (dirt fill berm, fencing, downward lighting, agreeing to no live music, closing earlier at night than state law requires for alcohol service) I was confused as to why they were continuing to fight him. I can understand their opposition to a commercial property in their back yard. In fact, I am dealing with a similar issue as McKenna Brothers have just erected a huge shop and gravel pit in my neighborhood. Their heavy equipment and odd hours shake my house and rouse my dogs to bark. As much as I don't like this in my back yard, I would never try to stop the progress of this because I made a choice to buy property next to one that could be developed commercially. In fact I choose to look at the bright side. I am actually excited for them, even if it affects me negatively. I see their crew in Big Lake, spending money and stirring our economy. I would love for them to build a fence and change their lighting, but I support my community as it develops.

The opposing side also accused our community of being drunks and we could not handle a "bar" in the area. I took an offence to this. As a young, responsible, married couple, I would love to have another option in the area to enjoy a steak and a drink with my husband instead of spending my money in Wasilla or driving into Anchorage. I validate their concerns of people drinking and being loud outside this new establishment but their comments were more accusatory and assumption based than in reality. They have painted a picture of their community here as drug addicts and alcoholics. Now, I do agree that the valley has a serious issue when it comes to this matter, but why am I, as a responsible adult, not allowed to opportunity to spend time is a nice new restaurant and bar in my own town? Why does this select few get to decide that I cannot spend time and money here? And why do they get to stand in the way of the American dream? It's not a nightclub; it's a restaurant that happens to serve alcohol.

I believe their time would be better spent actually addressing the real problem; that there are drug attics and alcoholics in our community. It is a community problem, not Mr. Button's. Instead of standing in the way of progress, get out there and find solutions to keep them out of our town. In fact, I do not live right next to a bar or liquor store, but I do see people in the alley drinking and using. My neighbors and I have come together as a community to be vigilant of the activity in the alley. We approach the cars together and tell them if we see them here again we will call the

cops. You know what? We never see that same car! Its magic! It's coming together as a community. It is letting these few individuals know that we are watching and that will not be tolerated in my town. It should not be about standing in the way of community development because you live in close proximity. I honestly have nothing to gain from the time spent on this involvement, but as a citizen of the United States of America I cannot sit silent as a few select individuals denies a business owner the ability to grow and make money.

I would like to see this business bring more jobs to the area. It is very appealing to young families. I, for one, could use more opportunity to live AND work in my community.

I hope to see all of these individuals, however this issue is resolved, back at the community meetings with the same passion to find real solutions to drugs and alcohol ABUSERS in our community.

I encourage all of us to take a step back, take a deep breath and think if this is actually fair and just.

Thank you so very much for your time.



Andrea Pye

# 907. 414. 5794

# Petition to Support a New Place to Eat in Big Lake: 907 Club Restaurant and Bar

**Summary and Background**

**Action petitioned for**

1. A Liquor License Transfer Application has been submitted to allow alcoholic beverages to be served at the new 907 Club, full service restaurant and bar.
2. Hours of service requested are: Monday thru Sunday, 6:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m.

We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who support and look forward to having a full-service restaurant and bar in Big Lake. As such, we urge the AMCO Board of Directors and MSB Planning Commission to act now to approve the 907 Club Liquor License Transfer and to adjust the CUP special conditions to allow service from 6:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m.

Printed Name	Signature	City & State of Residence	Do you live or own vacation property in the Big Lake area?	Comment	Date
STH Charlotte Deschanel		Big Lake, AK	yes own	Pool table Karaoke	12/13
STH Jim Ferreira		Big Lake, AK	yes own		12/13
STH Maria & Davis Chern		Big Lake	live	need a new place	12/19
PR Tom Arneson		Big Lake	live	Delaney	12/15
PR Greg M. Hoppe		Big Lake AK	yes	Why not?	12/11
PR Jason Basket		Big Lake HI	yes	We need a good bar	12/16
PR Larry Bire		Big Lake HI	yes	We need a good bar	12/16
PR Carol B. Saunders III		Big Lake AK	yes	Do it now!	12/17
PR Sarah Poe		Houston AK	no	yes!	12/17
PR Michael Sivener		Houston AK	no	Do it	12/17
PR Shyla Schachtel		Big Lake AK	yes	more bussiness	12/17
PR Kristina Hergon		Big Lake AK	yes		12-17

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Printed Name	Signature	City & State of Residence	Do you live or own vacation property in the Big Lake area?	Comment	Date
Greg Kochibord	<i>[Signature]</i>	Big Lake MN	Yes	OK!	4/23
Pamela Goff	<i>[Signature]</i>	Houston	Yes	Do it!	
Kraig Schumacher	<i>[Signature]</i>	Houston	Yes	Sweet	
Jim Woodside	<i>[Signature]</i>	Big Lake	Yes	We need it!	
Ann Cherner	<i>[Signature]</i>	Big Lake	Yes	'	
Robert Current	<i>[Signature]</i>	Medford Lakes	Yes		
Randy Norman	<i>[Signature]</i>	Big Lake	no	good for all	12/26
Larry Blythe	<i>[Signature]</i>	Big Lake	yes	we need it	12/21
15 PDSF	<i>[Signature]</i>	Big Lake	yes	NEES	
Hans Holmsson	<i>[Signature]</i>	Big Lake	yes	work for people	12/19
Paul Danner	<i>[Signature]</i>	Big Lake	yes		
Stine Tammen	<i>[Signature]</i>	Big Lake	yes	YES!!	

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Printed Name	Signature	City & State of Residence	Do you live or own vacation property in the Big Lake area?	Comment	Date
Jane Stewart		Wasilla AK	NO	Big lake moving back to Big lake some day	2/30/16
Pamela Cross		Houma LA	yes		2/10/16
KARA JOHNSON		Big Lake AK	yes	Big Lake needs more life	12/30/15
Myra		Big Lake AK	yes	Get Reg!!!	
Brian Simmons		Big Lake AK	yes	Tired of some place	1/14/17
Lemna Simmons		Big Lake AK	yes	Tired of some place	1/14/17
Shaun Carlson		Houston TX	yes		1/1/17
Sheri Sullivan		Big Lake	yes		1/3/17
Kandi Hansen		Big Lake	yes		1/3/17
Nathan Simmons		Big Lake	yes		1/3/17
Rosemary		Big Lake	NO	BEEN HERE OVER 20 YRS	

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Mike Shearia	<i>Michael Sh.</i>	Big Lake Alaska	live here		1-9-17
Margaret Naitner	<i>Margaret Naitner</i>	Big Lake, AK	live		1/9/17
Lisa Ball	<i>Lisa Ball</i>		RS		1/9/17
Otis Mickle	<i>Otis Mickle</i>	Big Lake AK	own		1/9/17
Jacey Bass	<i>Jacey Bass</i>	Houston	Yes	Food Jobs	1/9/17
Lena Nika	<i>Lena Nika</i>	Big Lake, AK	Yes		1/9/17
Michael Alexander	<i>Michael Alexander</i>	Big Lake AK	Yes	FREE Enterprise	1/10
Victor H. Bekering	<i>Victor H. Bekering</i>	Wasilla	Y	"	1/10
Bill Ronce	<i>William Ronce</i>	Willow	no	"	1/10
Michael	<i>Michael</i>	Big Lake	yes	"	1/11
Timothy Scott	<i>Timothy Scott</i>	Big Lake	yes	"	1/11
Jared	<i>Jared</i>	Houston	yes		1/11



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Bead Fisher	<i>[Signature]</i>	Big Lake	yes	Good	12/18/10
Hym Dennis	<i>[Signature]</i>	Houston	yes		12/18/10
El-Dasher	<i>[Signature]</i>	Big Lake	yes	awesome	12/18/10
Asuley Poston	<i>[Signature]</i>	Big Lake	yes	✓	12/17/10
Don Beattie	<i>[Signature]</i>	Apd., AK	Yes		12/17/10
Kaisy Brennan	<i>[Signature]</i>	Big Lake	yes		12/18/10
Donald Reier	<i>[Signature]</i>	Big Lake	yes		12/18/10
Mike Harts	<i>[Signature]</i>	Big Lake	yes		12/18/10
Trace Williams	<i>[Signature]</i>	Big Lake	yes	YES	12/18/10
Steven Schler	<i>[Signature]</i>	Big Lake	yes		12/18/10
Paul Lewis	<i>[Signature]</i>	Big Lake	yes	Yes	12-18-10
Chris Moberly	<i>[Signature]</i>	Houston	NO		12/19/10

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		14081 SW 11th Ave AK	yes		12/16 PR
Linda Moore	[Signature]	Big Lake AK	no		12/16 PR
Bonnie Hart	[Signature]	Big Lake AK	yes	Heck yeah!!!	12/16 PR
Shila Smith	[Signature]	Big Lake AK	yes	" "	12/16 PR
Cody Huskret	[Signature]	Big Lake AK	no		12/16 PR
Joshua Cunningham	[Signature]	Big Lake AK	yes		12/17 PR
Darlene Oberholt	[Signature]	Big Lake AK	yes		12/17 PR
Lynda Kopy	[Signature]	Big Lake AK	yes		12/17 PR
Amanda Barsaugh	[Signature]	Big Lake, AK	yes	Yes, please.	12/17/16 sm
Anthony Cunningham	[Signature]	Big Lake, AK	yes	Really Please	12/17/16 sm
Molly Just	[Signature]	Big Lake, AK	yes		12/17/16 sm
Roger Clauson	[Signature]	Big LK AK	yes		12/17/16 sm
Mike Fezard	[Signature]	Anchorage AK	no		12/17/16 sm

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Cady Melsee		Anchororage AK	NO	come Every year after summer but never then	12/19
Bill Benson		Big Lake AK	Yes	more SOBS more tourism	1
Amy Strong		Wasilla AK	NO	More jobs better	1
John M. McCreaver		Big Lake AK	NO	more jobs	1
Justin Roth		Wasilla, AK	NO	SOBS !!	1
Christopher Helms		Big Lake, AK	Yes	Jobs & food	1
Greg Holladay		Big Lake AK	Yes	Jobs	1
Stephane		Big Lake AK	Yes	Jobs + Food	1
<del>Frank</del>	<del></del>	<del>Big Lake AK</del>	<del>Yes</del>	<del>Jobs + Food</del>	<del>1</del>
Aaron Thomas		Big Lake AK	Yes	Jobs & food	1
Michael Thomas		Big Lake AK	Yes	Jobs & food	1
Josh Eising		Big Lake	Yes	Jobs + food	1
Code Heath		Big Lake, AK	Yes	Jobs	1

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Elizabeth Amundson		Big Lake	Yes		12/20
STEVIE HOST		Houston TX	No		1/12
Michelle Pavil		Big Lake	Yes		12/20
Leon R. Freny		Big Lake	Yes		12/20
Jacey Bass		Houston	Yes	Food	
Amber B		Big Lake	No		
Mike Underwood		Big Lake	Yes		
Darwin Fisher		Big Lake	Yes	competition	12/20
Lindsey Smith		Big Lake	Yes		
Jacey Bass		Houston	Yes	Sober	
Shannon O'Hara		Big Lake	Yes	Yes - please	12/22
Mathew Nelson		Big Lake	No	totally endorse	12/22
Tina Hudson		Big Lake	Yes	yes	12/22

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Fabian Ramirez	<i>[Signature]</i>	Basilla AK	Y	Need food	12/30/17
Rachel Laramie	<i>[Signature]</i>	Big Lake AK	Y	OPEN	12/30/17
Larry Baker	<i>[Signature]</i>	Big Lake	Y	OPEN	12/30/17
Janey Patterson	<i>[Signature]</i>	Big Lake AK	Y	Food	12-31-17
Wanda OREZ	<i>[Signature]</i>	ASHTON AK	Y		12/31/17
Leah Kinney	<i>[Signature]</i>	AK	Y	Need variety!	1/1/18
Jay Emery	<i>[Signature]</i>	ASHTON AK	Y	Need variety	1/1/18
John & Susan	<i>[Signature]</i>	Big Lake	Yes		1/2/18
Colly W. Olson	<i>[Signature]</i>	Big Lake AK	Yes	OPEN	1/2/18
Theresa Katzberg	<i>[Signature]</i>	Big Lake AK	NO	Variety	1/2/17
Andrew Smith	<i>[Signature]</i>	Big Lake	Y	yes	1/2/17
William Murray	<i>[Signature]</i>	Big Lake	yes	yes	1/2/17

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Dive Gamell		*Anchorage*	NO		12/28
Kimberly Huerta		Big Lake	yes	Do not	12/29
Christina Starkweather		Big Lake	yes		12/29
Darwin Nelson		Meadow Lakes	NO		12/29
Gary Butcher Jr		Houston, Alaska	Yes		12/29
Tell Maria		Kenik	yes		
Larry Blake		Big Lake	yes	yes	
Eric Withner		Big Lake	yes	good eats	
Shirley Smith		Big Lake	yes		
Billy Murray		Big Lake	yes		
Dann Foster		Big Lake	Yes		12/30
Charla Lee		Big Lake	yes	go get	12/30

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Darwin Heaton	DH	Big Lake Minnesota	live! Here 10 years!	lets DDEF	12/3/11
Barbara Brown	Barbara Brown	Big Lake	yes	love! perfect	12/13/11
Earn Robertson	Earn Robertson	Big Lake	yes	love! perfect	12/14/11
Dawnmarie Furrer	DM Furrer	Big Lake	yes	YES!	12/14/11
Kelsey Youngs	Kelsey Youngs	Big Lake	yes		12/14/11
David Wagner	David Wagner	Wes. Va.	NO		12/14/11
Keith Lippse	Keith Lippse	Big Lake AK	YES 3 yrs	36 YEAR RES. NEED another entity	12/14/11
David Prahl	David Prahl	Palmers, AK	NO	I Love Food	12/14/11
Miki Squir	Miki Squir	Big Lake AK	yes	Get a pool table	12/14/11
Korana Chudobsky	Korana Chudobsky	Big Lake AK	yes	Just it here	12/14/11
Larry Bluffe	Larry Bluffe	Big Lake AK	YES	YES	12-14-11
[Signature]	[Signature]	Big Lake	YES	Good Business	12-15-11





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DANIE DAVIS		11411-11 ST. GEORGE	yes	GOOD LUCK &	12/28
DOSTHA TOMPKINS		111 ST. GEORGE	yes	HAPPY NEW YR!	12/28
KAI DAVIS		111 ST. GEORGE	yes		12/29
HEATHER GANNON		Biglake AK	yes	Plz + Thankyou	1/2/29
Deborah Underwood		Biglake AK	yes	yes h!	12/28
Ashley Smith		Biglake	yes	yes	1/2/28
Dianne Dool		Big Lake	yes	Let it hang pan if you can	12/28
Troy Henley		Big Lake, AK	yes		12/29
Chris Lee		Big Lake, AK	yes	Get it going	12/29
Jacey Bault		Houston	yes	Food jobs	12/29
Lisanna Anderson		Houston	yes		

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5TH	Deak Trimner	[Signature]	Big Lake					1/25
5TH	Wendy Spier	[Signature]	Big Lake					
5TH	Jacey Bold	[Signature]	Houston	Yes		Food		
5TH	Jacey Bold	[Signature]	Big Lake			good things		
5TH	Wendy Spier	[Signature]	Big Lake			awesome idea!!		
PR	Amanda Briley	[Signature]	Big Lake	Yes				
PR	Susan Morgan	[Signature]	Big Lake	Yes		great		
PR	Harris Morgan	[Signature]	Big Lake	Yes		great		
PR	Nichole Felta	[Signature]	Big Lake	Yes		great		
PR	Steve Geary	[Signature]	Big Lake	Yes		Good idea :)		
PR	Dirk Sturz	[Signature]	Big Lake	Yes		Shop Local		
						Music?		

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<del>Paul Kowalski</del>	<del>Paul Kowalski</del>	<del>Big Lake, MN</del>	<del>Yes</del>		
Cody French	Cody French	Big Lake, MN	I live		12/26
R.M. Burman	R.M. Burman	Big Lake, MN	Yes	Sobos	
<del>Bar. S.M. Kowalski</del>	<del>Bar. S.M. Kowalski</del>	<del>Big Lake</del>	Yes	Coffee!	12/27
Coppos Wollman	Coppos Wollman	Arch Ark	Yes		12/29
Luke Kunscholtz	Luke Kunscholtz	Big Lake	Yes		12/27
Page Neuhause	Page Neuhause	Big Lake	Yes	Gas food	12/27
Eric Smart	Eric Smart	Big Lake	Yes	need it!	
Jon Greaser	Jon Greaser	Willow	NO		12/27
Michael Hammond	Michael Hammond	Wassila, AK	NO		12/28
Tristan Savire	Tristan Savire	Big Lake AK	Yes		12/28
Jarey Bell	Jarey Bell	Houston	Yes	Food Sobos	
Nathan Tomback	Nathan Tomback	Houston	Yes	Competition food	12/28