

TWO STOOGES SPORTS BAR AND GRILL LIQUOR LICENSE REVIEW

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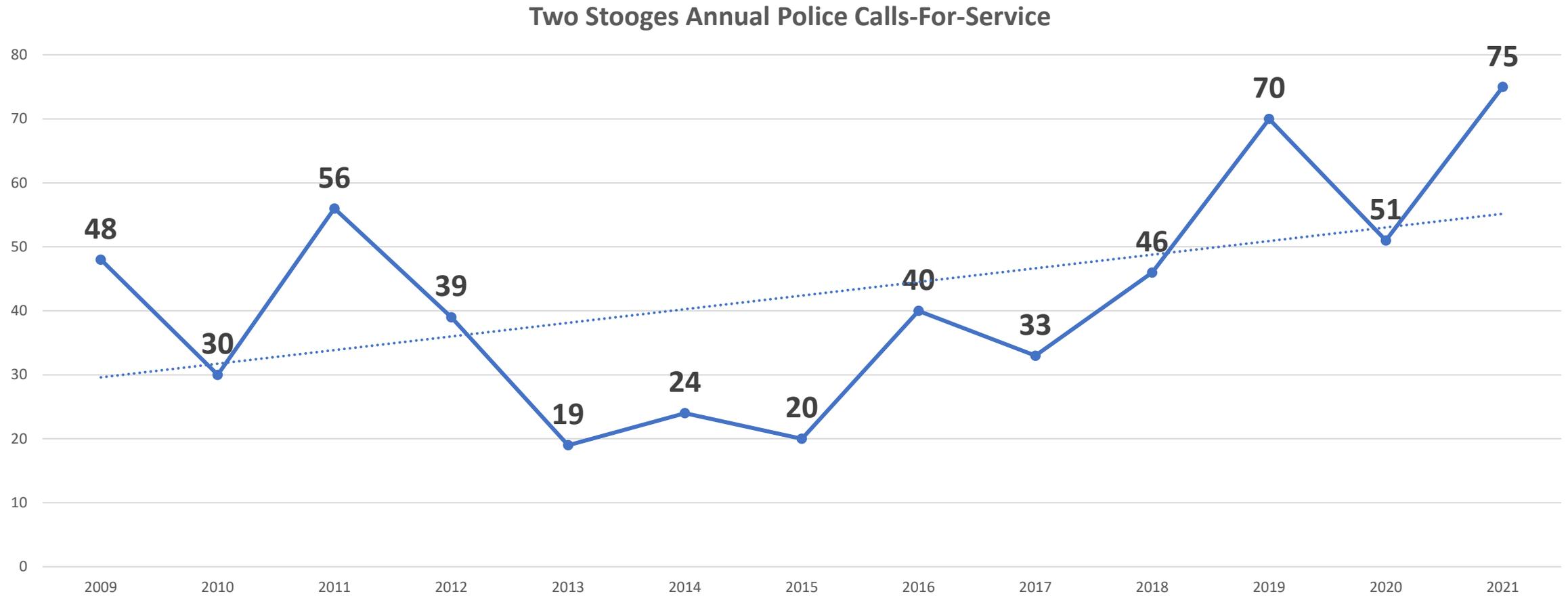


TWO STOOGES POSSESSES A VALID ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE WITH THE FOLLOWING ENDORSEMENTS:

- Sunday Sales
- 2 AM Closing
- Patio Endorsement
- Billiards (35 Tables)
- Charitable Gambling (Fridley Lions)
- Entertainment
- Food
- Tobacco
- Holiday Endorsement



TWO STOOGES ANNUAL POLICE CALLS FOR SERVICE



TWO STOOGES CONCERNS

2021:

- January – A **male arrested** in the parking lot had cocaine in his pocket
- February – A **male** slapped another male and was **arrested for assault**
- April – A disorderly **intoxicated person assaulted security**
- May – A **male was assaulted** in the parking lot
- September – A **physical fight occurred** in the parking lot
- Ongoing – Multiple financial crimes involving **stolen credit cards** and **counterfeit bills**

2022:

- January – A **female was physically assaulted** over an “old beef” that stemmed from a shooting in Minneapolis
- January – A **fight involving ten people** started inside the business and moved outside. **One person was armed with a gun**
- February – Following a report of **multiple gunshots** in the area, officers found a **vehicle** that was freshly **stolen from the Two Stooges lot**
- February – Five police agencies responded to reports of gunfire. A **male and female suffered gunshot wounds after two males engaged in an altercation with security** that involved shots being fired by multiple individuals.



CONTINUED CONCERNS

TOBACCO COMPLIANCE CHECKS

- May 2021 – **Two Stooges failed tobacco compliance checks** by selling cigarettes to an underage female decoy
 - This was second failure within 36 months after failing in August 2018.
 - Two Stooges opted to serve a 30-day suspension.
- December 2021 – **Two Stooges again failed the second compliance check** of the year.
 - Two Stooges elected to serve another 30-day suspension
- **Two Stooges does not plan to renew their tobacco license** for the 2022-2023 licensing period

40% FOOD/60% LIQUOR

- 2020 CPA statements from Two Stooges revealed that 61% of their revenue came from liquor while 39% came from food.
- In response to the violation, Two Stooges provided a letter explaining their reasons for failing to meet the 40:60 requirement.
 - The year of 2020 was very challenging due to COVID and being shut down.
- Two Stooges indicated that they would be compliant in 2021.



COMMUNICATION WITH TWO STOOGES

October 2020 - Deputy Director Ryan George and I met with Greg Asproth and Tyron Wilson (General Manager and Manager) regarding concerns at their business.

They expressed concern about the clientele at their business during late hours. They reported some gang activity and an increase in people loitering in the business, increased tension between groups, and an overall decrease in perceived safety.

We made proactive attempts to brainstorm solutions for their problems:

- Closing earlier
- Metal detectors
- Implementing a cover charge
- Upgrading exterior and interior cameras
- Employing Security Personnel
- Training employees on how to recognize stolen credit cards and counterfeit currency
- Scanning IDs as people enter the business



COMMUNICATION CONTINUED

November 2021 – Deputy Director Ryan George and I met with Greg Asproth, Tyron Wilson (General Manager and Manager) to:

- Discuss the progress being made with the security improvements.
- Discuss the high number of calls occurring at Two Stooges.
- Remind them of the 60/40 ratio.

They informed us they were using a metal detecting wand to screen for weapons, and it has been going well. They also said they have elected to close early when the crowd seemed to be a rowdy crowd. Security personnel were also brought in.

Friday, February 4 (day after shooting) – I spoke with Greg Asproth by phone about the shooting incident. He informed me they fired their entire security team and were shutting the business down until Sunday evening. I requested Greg to meet with us at our previous scheduled meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 8.



COMMUNICATIONS CONTINUED

Tuesday, February 8 – Deputy Director Ryan George and I met with Greg Asproth and Tyron Wilson. They were apologetic and acknowledged that they hadn't done their due diligence in hiring the security team. They reported crowds, particularly later in the evening, were growing in size and it was becoming difficult to handle the crowd. They believed there was a "shift change" around 10:00-11:00 p.m. where many of their long-term customers didn't feel comfortable there anymore.

They had a company-wide meeting and have decided to make an Action Plan to better protect their customers:

- Close each evening of the week at 11:00PM
- Hire a reputable security company
- Use ID Scanners at the door
- Use wand detectors at the door to scan for weapons
- Put signage in the door letting everyone know they are closing at 11:00



STAFF RECOMMENDS ACTION PLAN

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- Monitor changes and their effects
- Two Stooges needs to stay with the changes until further notice
- Two Stooges needs to notify us if any changes are made
- Reevaluate calls for service on June 1, 2022



QUESTIONS?

