

Nakata Market of Japan

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City of Las Vegas Department of Planning
333 N. Rancho Drive
Las Vegas, NV

Re: Justification Letter

Review of Conditions SUP-1700

2350 S. Rainbow Blvd, Suites #6 & 7

To Whom It May Concern,

Nakata Market of Japan is a specialty store that sells imported merchandise from Japan and has been in business at the above location since December 2002 and selling beer, wine and Sake since May of 2003. On December 2, 2010 the market received an inspection and it was brought to our attention that we were in violation of LVMC 19.04 Special Use Permit number SUP-1700 #5. Corrections were made that could be made to be in compliance. Our request for a ***Review of Conditions*** is due to the fact that our main alcohol source of revenue is Sake, which is bottled and shipped directly from Japan and only comes in a screw cap bottle, regardless of the size of bottle or brand. We have checked with our vendors and there is no other bottle option for sale of Sake in the United States. Nakata Market of Japan would like to request the removal of Condition #5 from Special Use Permit #SUP-1700, issued on May 9, 2003.

The economic situation has affected this business very much. The devaluation of the Dollar against the Yen has increased product pricing from Japan almost fifty (50%) on our merchandise. The sale of Sake is a large percentage of our income. If we can no longer sell Sake, due to the prohibition of the screw cap, then we would probably not be able to remain in business and our nine employees would lose their jobs. There have been no incidences on or around this property in the seven years that we have been selling alcohol Monday through Saturday from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm and Sundays from 10:00 am to 6:00pm. We have maintained a clean record with both the City of Las Vegas and the State of Nevada Alcoholic Beverage Business Licenses.

We thank you in advance for taking this matter under consideration!

Sincerely,


Kumiko Nakata, President of Nakata Market of Japan

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