

Dear Planning Commission:

My name is Jeffrey L. Moore and I am the owner of Déjà Vu Restaurant and Lounge. I am a resident of Hampton and have lived in the downtown community for over 20 years and a business owner for over 18 years in the Commonwealth of VA. The ownership of Déjà Vu Restaurant and Lounge is an LLC which has one owner. The restaurant has 2 General Managers, 6 ABC Managers, and 4 Shift Leaders. As a business owner I strive to uplift our community by changing the negative images into a safe and fun and family oriented environment. Since relocating to Hampton we have hosted several community events which included giving over 700 book bags full of school supplies to promote education and help students start the school year off successfully. During the holidays we have provided Thanksgiving and Christmas turkeys to over 150 needy families. Also we have utilized our resources to provide food for families during our events. In addition we have teamed up with Bob Thomas feed program as well as other vendors to provide families in the foxhill/buckroe area with community resources. In July we hosted a Stop the Violence Rally down at Buckroe Beach.

Déjà Vu Restaurant and Lounge is full service restaurant located at 2080 Nickerson Blvd., Hampton, VA and our square footage is approximately 4200 sq. ft. The dining room area which will also be dedicated to entertainment is approximately 2,544 sq. ft. and the stage is 6x15 feet (approximately 90 sq ft) and the dance floor is 12x15 feet (approximately 180 sq. ft.) We have a total of 5 entry and exit points. We have a total of 3 bathrooms to include 1 that is dedicated to staff only. The men's bathroom has 1 wash sink, a urinal and one handicapped accessible stall. The women's bathroom has 2 stalls with one being handicapped accessible and has 1 sink. The restaurant has 175 dedicated parking spaces for guest. The entire parking lot has a total of 300 spaces. The traffic is able to enter and exit from two points off of Nickerson Blvd. Our staffing includes more than 15 employees including management and support team. We anticipate the number of staff increasing for live entertainment events up to approximately 23 personnel or more.

Déjà Vu Restaurant and Lounge is proposing to have live entertainment from Sunday through Saturday; generally during the weekends but may include some entertainment activities throughout the course of the weekdays. The hours of operation are 11am to 2am. The number of customers may vary depending on the day of the week, therefore for entertainment events we expect 100 to 130 people, and however we would like to see our capacity to increase to 160 guests. The types of entertainment may include but not limited to the following: Dinner Theater, Spoken Word, Wedding Receptions, Family Reunions, Class Reunions, Karaoke, Live Band, DJ, Line Dancing, etc. We will contract security staff for events that cater to more than 50 people.

In offering entertainment we hope to bring community residents to the foxhill/buckroe area to increase traffic flow to the plaza and other businesses as well as provide opportunities for employment, great food and safe and fun family oriented activities.