

Cradock Civic League

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Attention:

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Dear Ms Joyce Reed, Agent

The Cradock Civic League Members voted not to support Mikes Corner Store application for a “Wine and Beer off Premises” ABC License on Tuesday, March 2, 2010. Mikes Corner Store pending license number is 64439 and is located at 48 Afton Parkway, Portsmouth, Virginia 23702.

The Cradock Civic League Members do not desire to have another ABC Licensed establishment within the heart of the Cradock Community on Afton Square. Mikes Corner store is located on the same side of Afton Parkway within three street blocks of three other ABC Licensed establishments:

- Karp’s Market – 52 Afton Parkway,
- Cradock Luncheonette – 60 Afton Parkway
- VFW Post 993 - 76 Afton Parkway

At the outskirts of the Cradock Residential Community, there are also ABC licensed establishments. The Cradock Amoco BP Gas Station at 4113 George Washington Highway, the Getty Mart at 4100 George Washington Highway, the 7-11 at 5000 George Washington Highway, and the Food Lion at Williams Court Shopping Center. This list only represents a few of the ABC licensed establishments that reside around the Cradock and West Cradock Community.

The Cradock Civic League Members voiced additional concerns for objection ranging from:

- Large number of patrons loitering outside the business establishment.
- Possible increased foot traffic behind the store, next to residential housing.
- Current clientele consist of large numbers of minors, leading to potential sales to minors.

The Cradock Civic League Members are aware that this is a business decision made by the ownership of Mike’s Shop. The Cradock Civic League wishes to note that the ownership of Mike’s Shop has supported the Cradock Civic League and Cradock Neighborhood Watch in the past. We are thankful for their support and hope that it will continue. We are all in this together. The Cradock Civic League also wishes to emphasize that by writing this letter that we are trying to do what is best for the Cradock Community as voted by the membership.

The Cradock Civic League Members have voted not to support Mikes Corner Store application for “Wine and Beer off Premises” ABC License. In so doing, the application is contested by the Cradock Civic League and an administrative hearing is requested.

The Cradock Civic League submits this letter respectfully to the VA ABC Chesapeake board and asks that all concerned parties review and address the above listed concerns as required. Please help Cradock continue to build a strong community by supporting the Cradock Neighborhood. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Joanna Hall, President

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