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Pursuant to Standing Order 191, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly, today Tuesday 8th June, 2021.

THE REPORT OF THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH SERVICES ON THE INSPECTION VISIT TO QUIVER LOUNGE HELD ON 15TH MARCH 2021.

(Chairperson, Sectoral Committee on Health Services)

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NOTICE OF MOTION

Hon. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following motion; -

THAT, this Assembly adopts THE REPORT OF THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH SERVICES ON THE INSPECTION VISIT TO QUIVER LOUNGE HELD ON 15TH MARCH 2021, laid on the table of the Assembly on Tuesday 8th June, 2021

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SECOND ASSEMBLY – FIFTH SESSION

REPORT OF THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH SERVICES

ON

INSPECTION VISIT TO QUIVER LOUNGE HELD ON MONDAY 15TH MARCH, 2021 ON

ALLEGED CONTRAVENTION OF MINISTRY OF HEALTH COVID -19 GUIDELINES

Clerks Chambers
City Hall Buildings
NAIROBI

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PREFACE

Hon. Speaker,

01. The Sectoral Committee on Health Services is established under Standing Order No. 203 (1).

Its mandate pursuant to Standing Order 203 (6) is to: -

- a) investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned departments;
- b) study the programme and policy objectives of departments and the effectiveness of the implementation;
- c) study and review all county legislation referred to it;
- d) study, assess and analyze the relative success of the departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with its stated objectives;
- e) investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the County Assembly;
- f) vet and report on all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the County Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 196(Committee on Appointments): and
- g) make reports and recommendations to the County Assembly as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation.

02. Specifically, and in accordance with the Third Schedule of the Standing Orders, the Sectoral Committee on Health Services is mandated to consider all matters relating to: - *“health services, including, in particular County health facilities and pharmacies, ambulance services, promotion of primary health care, licensing and control of undertakings that sell food to the public, veterinary services (excluding regulation of the profession), cemeteries, funeral parlours and crematoria.”*

Hon. Speaker,

01. This Report contains the findings, observations and recommendations regarding the inspection visit at Quiver Lounge situated along Thika Road.

— It is important to note that the visit was occasioned by a Statement requested by Hon. Benson Mwangi, MCA whose response, upon deliberations during a virtual meeting held on Wednesday 18th November, 2020, was observed by both the Hon. Member and Committee as unsatisfactory.

— In view of foregoing, the meeting unanimously agreed that an inspection visit to the facility be organized by the Secretariat and a request be made to the Directorate of Health Services, Nairobi Metropolitan Services to designate Officers responsible for Environmental Health to accompany the Committee during the said visit.

02. The objective of the inspection visit was to undertake a fact finding mission on the allegations levelled against the facility in relation to strict adherence to Covid-19 guidelines. The Committee was to make its observations and recommendations.

The Committee comprises the following members:

1. **Hon. Peter M. Warutere, MCA - Chairperson**
2. Hon. Beatrice Gakuru, MCA
3. Hon. Julius Maina, MCA
4. Hon. Chege Mwaura, MCA
5. Hon. June Ndegwa, MCA
6. Hon. Charles Thuo, MCA
7. Hon. John Mukiri Ng'ang'a, MCA

8. Hon. Naftaly Mathenge, MCA
9. Hon. Samora Mwaura, MCA
10. Hon. Nancy Muthami, MCA
11. Hon. Naftali Ogola, MCA
12. Hon. Moses Ogeto, MCA
13. Hon. Jairus Omayo, MCA
14. Hon. Patrick Longendi, MCA
15. Hon. Stazo Omung'ala, MCA
16. Hon. Nimo Hajji, MCA
17. Hon. Maurice Gari, MCA
18. Hon. Emily Oduor, MCA
19. Hon. Maurice Ochieng', MCA
20. Hon. Paul Shilaho, MCA
21. Hon. Alvin Palapala, MCA
22. Hon. Catherine Okoth, MCA
23. Hon. David Mbithi, MCA

Secretariat

The Committee Secretariat comprised of the following officers: -

- i) Mr. Wilfred Manyi (Senior Clerk Assistant)
- ii) Ms. Mercy Senewa (Clerk Assistant)
- iii) Ms. Faith Wanjiru (Office Assistant)

Hon. Speaker,

The Committee undertook the inspection visit to Quiver Lounge on Monday 15th March, 2021 accompanied by Officers from the NMS namely; Mr. Onesmus Nzamba and Mr. Raphael K. Muli

— However, it was observed that the Hon. Benson Mwangi, MCA had conspicuously failed to accompany the Committee even upon a timely notification on the scheduled visit.

— The said Hon. Member also neither offered an explanation to the Committee which was unanimously felt as a total disregard and lack of respect for Committee work.

Hon. Speaker,

The Committee is grateful to the Offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of the County Assembly for the facilitative role that has remained effective. The Committee also extends its appreciation to its secretariat that has been supportive in the Committee work.

It is now my honor, on behalf of the Committee to present and recommend this inspection visit report to the County Assembly.

SIGN.......... DATE..........

HON. PETER M. WARUTERE, MCA - CHAIRPERSON

2.0 MEETING WITH MANAGEMENT OF QUIVER LOUNGE

The Committee met with the General Manager who was accompanied by two employees from the Human Resource and Finance Department which form part of the management of the facility.

It was stated as follows:-

- In the wake up of Covid-19 Pandemic, it was essential for bars and restaurants to strictly adhere to MoH guidelines/protocols in order guarantee the safety of customers;
- The inspection visit was part of a follow up mission to corroborate the response to statement provided by the NMS before a report was tabled in the Assembly;
- The management of the facility has a key role to play in so far as Covid-19 containment measures are concerned;
- The main objective of the visit was to inspect the facility and verify compliance licenses for Food and Chemical substances, Food and Hygiene, Liquor, Covid Negative Certificate and the inspection report of Sub county Health team.

On response, the General Manager informed the Committee as follows:-

- There have been challenges managing crowds especially in achieving social distance but management is committed to ensuring compliance to MoH guidelines;
- Disinfection of the facility is done every weekend and sanitizers and temperature screening gadgets are accessible at the entrance of the facility;
- Markings of tables was scheduled to be done by management;
- Plex glass/protection glass at the counter and kitchen had been fixed to serve as shield in order to limit staff-customer contacts;
- The parking lot available was used to decongest influx of revelers thereby achieving social distance; and,
- The food inspection certificate had expired and the management had till end of March, 2021 to have it renewed

2.1 COMMITTEE FINDINGS AND OBSERVATIONS

The Committee, having scrutinized all the licenses and certificates availed to it toured around the facility and observed as follows: -

- Every staff at the facility had a valid medical certificate;
- The food and chemical substances, food hygiene and liquor licenses and the Covid-19 certificate that is usually valid for Three (3) months had all expired;
- Soap and water was in plenty for hand washing;
- Plex glasses/protection glasses had been strategically fixed to shield against staff-customer saliva droplets when ordering for meals;
- There was some level of complacency by the reinforcement officer in ensuring that the facility fully complied with MoH Covid-19 guidelines and that it renewed most of its licenses

3.0 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee recommends as follows:-

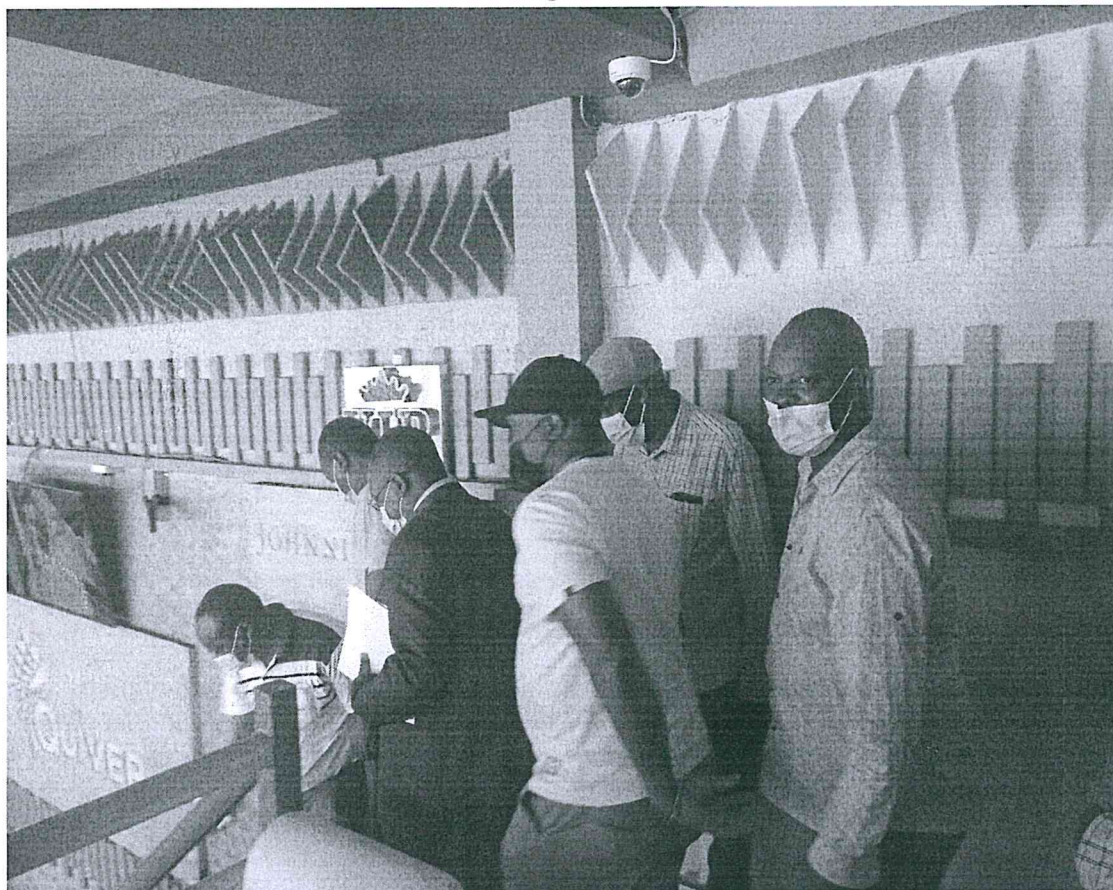
- The management of the facility moves with speed to ensure timely renewal of all expired operating licenses whose failure deprive the County Government of much needed revenue;
- The marking of the tables taking cognizant of the social distance should be done immediately and more sanitizers strategically positioned for use within the facility; and,
- There should be period assessment by health enforcement team in all bars and restaurants in the County to ensure strict compliance to MoH Covid-19 guidelines and failure to adhere to such requirements compel revocation of operating licenses

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ANNEX 1: Committee meeting with Environmental Health Officers, Nairobi Metropolitan Services and Management of Quiver Lounge



ANNEX 2: Committee Members being taken around the facility



ANNEX 3: Soap and water available for handwashing



ANNEX 4: Members checking on body temperature and sanitizing at the entrance



MINUTES OF THE 17TH MEETING OF THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH SERVICES HELD ON THURSDAY 13TH MAY, 2021 THROUGH
VIDEO TELECONFERENCING AT 10.00 AM

PRESENT

1. Hon. Peter Warutere, MCA - Chairperson
2. Hon. Emily Oduor, MCA
3. Hon. Stazo Omung'ala, MCA
4. Hon. Nancy Muthami, MCA
5. Hon. Beatrice Gakuru, MCA
6. Hon. Chege Mwaura, MCA
7. Hon. Jairus Omayo, MCA
8. Hon. Moses Ogeto, MCA
9. Hon. John Mukiri Ng'ang'a, MCA
10. Hon. Julius Maina, MCA
11. Hon. Maurice Gari, MCA
12. Hon. David Mbithi, MCA
13. Hon. Charles Thuo, MCA
14. Hon. Catherine Okoth, MCA

ABSENT WITH APOLOGIES

1. Hon. Paul Shilaho, MCA
2. Hon. Nimo Hajji, MCA
3. Hon. Naftaly Mathenge, MCA
4. Hon. Alvin Palapala, MCA
5. Hon. Maurice Ochieng', MCA
6. Hon. Samora Mwaura, MCA
7. Hon. Naftali Ogola, MCA
8. Hon. June Ndegwa, MCA
9. Hon. Patrick Longendi, MCA

SECRETARIAT -

COUNTY ASSEMBLY

1. Mr. Wifred Manyi - Senior Clerk Assistant
2. Ms. Mercy Senewa - Clerk Assistant
3. Mr. Melvin Wachira - Researcher

MIN No. 72/HSC/MAY/2021 - PRELIMINARIES

The meeting was called to order at 10.00am and commenced by Word of Prayer said by the Chairperson, Hon. Peter Warutere, MCA

MIN No. 73/HSC/MAY/2021- ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda of the meeting was adopted having been proposed by Hon. Nancy Muthami, MCA and seconded by Hon. Julius Maina, MCA as follows: -

- 1) *Prayer*
- 2) *Adoption of inspection visit report to Quiver Lounge held on Monday 15th March, 2021*
- 3) *Any Other Business*
- 4) *Adjournment*

MIN No. 74/HSC/MAY/2021– ADOPTION OF INSPECTION VISIT REPORT

The Secretariat recapped the findings and recommendations of the report of the inspection visit to Quiver Lounge held on Monday 15th March, 2021 and informed the Committee as follows:-

- There was some level of complacency by the reinforcement officers in ensuring that the facility fully complied with MoH Covid-19 guidelines and that the facility renewed most of its licenses;
- The management of the facility needed to move with speed to ensure timely renewal of all expired operating licenses which deprive the County Government of the much needed revenue;
- Periodic assessment by health enforcement team needed to be extended across all bars and restaurants in the County to ensure strict compliance to MoH Covid-19 guidelines and failure to adhere to such requirements compel revocation of their operating licenses
- Every staff at the facility had a valid medical certificate but the food and chemical substances, food hygiene and liquor licenses and the Covid-19 certificate had all expired;

The report be unanimously adopted having been proposed by Hon. Nancy Muthami, MCA and seconded by Hon. Hon. John Mukiri Ng'ang'a, MCA as the true findings and recommendations of the Committee.

- The inspection visit report was to be tabled in the Assembly once the Session resumed

MIN No. 75/HSC/MAY/2021– ANY OTHER BUSINESS & ADJOURNMENT

- There being no any other business, the meeting was adjourned at Thirty Minutes past Ten O'clock. The next virtual meeting was to be held on Wednesday 19th May, 2021 at 10.00am.

CONFIRMED AS TRUE COPY OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

SIGN DATE..... 13/05/2021

CHAIRPERSON

SIGN DATE..... 13-05-2021

SECRETARIAT