

IN THE MATTER of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act
2012

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application by The Sterling Waihi
Ltd pursuant to s. 14 of the Act for the
renewal of an on licence in respect of
premises situated at 112 Seddon Street
Waihi known as "The Sterling Tavern".

BEFORE THE HAURAKI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Quorum: Chairperson – Paul Milner

DECISION

Introduction

1. I have before me an application by The Sterling Waihi Ltd for the renewal of the on licence in respect of premises situated at 112 Seddon Street, Waihi. The general nature of the business to be undertaken for the premises trading as The Sterling Tavern, is that of a Family Restaurant & Bar. The hours sought are between Monday to Sunday from 8am until 1am the following day.
2. A report on the application was received from the District Licensing Inspector, the Medical Officer of Health, the Police and FENZ.
3. The Inspector, the Medical Officer of Health and the Police do not oppose the application.
4. FENZ objected on the grounds that the Evacuation Scheme has not been maintained through trial evacuations / training programme. However, Council received an up to date report from FENZ dated 5 June 2026 to advise that FENZ were no longer opposed to this application.
5. The application was duly advertised and did not attract any public objection.

Committee's Decision and Reasons

1. There are no objections to the goods and/or services that the applicant is engaged in with relation to the principal activity of the business and there is no reason to believe that the applicant is not suitable to continue to hold a liquor licence.
2. The applicant has the appropriate systems, staff, and training to comply with the law. Certificated managers are employed at the licensed premises

3. There has been no reported nuisance, loitering, nor vandalism over the previous 12 months that could be attributed to the activities of the premises. There is no evidence to suggest that the amenity and good order of the locality has been reduced to more than a minor extent by the effects of the existing licence.
4. I am satisfied as to the matters which I must have regard as set out in s.105 of the Act, and I am satisfied that the application meets the purpose and object of the Act. Accordingly, I grant the applicant an on licence.
5. I refer any party who wishes to appeal this decision or part of this decision to sections 154 through to 158 of the Act.

Conditions

The following designations are recommended:

Gaming room and outside covered smoking area: **restricted**

Public bar (bar leaners): **supervised**

Dining room, pool room and outside garden seating area: **undesignated.**

Dated at Paeroa this 15th July 2026

Paul Milner
Chairperson