



**Essen Haus German Restaurant**

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Letter of Intent

Madison Plan Commission

This letter is in regards to the Essen Haus' desire to install a temporary sand volleyball court in the existing parking lot.

Olp Construction, LLC will be the contractor installing official volleyball equipment. The overall sand footprint will be 36' x 70'. The court itself will be 30' x 60' measured by string with bungee cords at the corners to keep the official court dimensions accurate. A 9' net will surround the entire 36' x 70' area.

We will be using official dust free volleyball sand that will be placed on the existing asphalt approximately 1' by 2' deep. A black sock will be placed around the outer edge of the 36' x 70' area and a filter will be placed in the existing water drain to prevent sand from reaching the city sewer system (see erosion control section).

The court will utilize 16 parking stalls in the parking lot but will not disrupt other parking or drives and parking lot lanes. Once the court is removed we will regain use of the 16 parking stalls.

The district Alderman, Marsh Rummel, was notified of our intent on January 2, 2013. This volleyball court will create another wonderful outdoor activity for area residents to enjoy as well as fill the need for more volleyball courts in the downtown area.

This approval for the sand volleyball court shall be for 2013 only. During the 2013 season, the use will be monitored by staff and a report regarding the use, and any complaints thereto, shall be provided to the Plan Commission with a request to extend the use into 2014 and thereafter. An extension to allow this use in the future years shall be allowed only following the approval of a PD alteration by the Director of the Planning Division in consideration of the recommendations from the district alderperson. A public hearing with the Plan Commission may also be required.

Sincerely

Robert Worm

**Prosit To You Inc.**

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## **Volleyball at Essen Haus**

**Noise/volume/sound:** No extra speakers or sound producing devices are going to be added to the volleyball court. Any music or audio will come from the current patio setup as is. This will help ensure that volume levels do not go above any current levels. With the capacity staying the same and no additional speakers, no excess noise should be produced over what the patio already produces. Neighbors are well respected and were volumes to get too loud we would work to correct the problem. No excess noise above current levels is expected. The Essen Haus will research and purchase a sound blocking heavy mesh banner to be installed on the Germania Condo (Franklin Street) side of the court extending to the E. Washington side of the court. This banner will further block sound on the Germania Condo side of the court while still allowing the court to be viewed and monitored by the Essen Haus staff.

**Hours of Court use:** Games will be held Monday thru Friday 5:30 pm to 10:30 pm and Sunday noon to 9:00 pm beginning May 12, 2013 and ending September 8, 2013. The latest the court would be used is 10:30 pm.

**Lighting:** Current plans call for installation of direct lighting in addition to the existing parking lot lights. The new lights will be positioned on current parking lot poles and focus only on the court. They will be approximately 35 candle watts which, in addition to the 10 candle watts of existing parking lot lights will provide 45 candle watts suggested for outdoor volleyball play. The new lights will have separate power switches and be on only when the court is in use after natural lighting becomes insufficient.

**Traffic:** To ensure that no disturbances are created to traffic on S. Blair Street or Franklin Street, a 9' net will be installed surrounding the entire 36' x 70' court parameter. This will ensure no lose hit volleyballs will enter either street or the neighbors property.

**Erosion control:** As per city engineering requests regarding erosion control, the entire 36' x 70' sand footprint will be surrounded by a black sock. This will create a barrier to hold all sand in place but still allow water to drain from the court. In addition a filter will be placed in the existing sewer drain at the SE corner of the court to prevent sand from entering the city sewer system.