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House Rules Lounge (Last updated May 2025)

404 Ionia Ave SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Parking & Transit.

A DASH bus stop is located directly across the street, providing convenient public transit access. A nearby surface lot offers pay-to-park spaces with gate-arm access; however, no clearly marked accessible parking spaces were observed during the visit. The area is illuminated by standard streetlamp lighting.



Entrance.

The main entrance is located on Ionia Avenue. Visitors parking across the street must use the crosswalk to access the entrance. From there, guests can either use a large, flush ramp or stairs to reach the front doors. The entrance features a set of double manual swinging doors leading into a

vestibule, followed by a second set of similar doors into the main lounge.

Inside & Layout.

The interior of House Rules Lounge is on a single level. Upon entry, guests are met with a variety of seating options, including high-top tables, low-top tables, and bar

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seating with chairs. A decorative wall of drinks adds visual interest.

The walkways between seating and fixtures are narrow in some areas, which may make navigation difficult, particularly for guests using mobility aids. Structural pillars throughout the space can further restrict movement in certain spots.

Lighting & Atmosphere.

Lighting is a mix of overhead fixtures emitting a warm, yellow-toned hue and natural light from the front-facing windows. The atmosphere is modern and social, with ambient noise that may increase significantly during peak hours.

Restrooms.

The venue provides gender-specific, multi-user restrooms (men's and women's). Both restrooms feature manual sinks with open knee space and grab bars. However, the men's room includes three grab bars, while the women's has only two.

Doors are manual, single-entry push/pull style. Stall doors use twisting knobs and provide only limited turning space, which may pose challenges for some users.

