THE EXTENT TO WHICH RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS OPERATING WITHIN THE NAIROBI CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT ARE SATISFIED WITH SERVICES OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

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ABSTRACT

This study was conducted with the objective of finding out the extent of the level of customer satisfaction for hotels and restaurant within the Nairobi central business district with services received from the city council of Nairobi and to identify goods and services which these hotels and restaurants are satisfied with and which they are not satisfied with. The main objective of the study was to determine the factors that influence the extent of the level of customer satisfaction in the local authorities sub-sector as well as to classify the factors that influence the level of customer satisfaction.

To achieve the above objectives, primary data was collected from 50 respondents, 20 hotels and 30 restaurants within the city of Nairobi central district. Stratified random

sampling technique was used for purpose of selection. A semi structured questionnaire was used and respondents were required to rate each of several factors indicating satisfaction with city council services on a five point likert scale.

The major findings of the study were that hotels and restaurants within the central business district were somewhat more satisfied with services of water, roads, drainage and sewerage, cleaning and beautification of city streets and street lighting. Attributes influencing the extent of the level of customer satisfaction pertaining to these goods and services from the council were fair price of water, regular, available and reliable water services, regular repairs of drainages and sewerages; regular road repairs and maintenance, regular cleaning of streets and repair of pavements, constant beautification of streets and adequate street lighting.

The most dissatisfying services from the council included garbage collection, car park spaces, licensing and issue of business permits, removal of hawkers and other nuisances, fire brigade and ambulances. Attributes to the extent of the level of this dissatisfaction were found to be irregular garbage collection, official bureaucracy, corruption,

employees lack of responsiveness to customer complaints, employees unwillingness to help customers, employees lack of readiness to provide services and lack of customer focus on the part of the council as an institution with no clear policy on petty traders and small scale businesses.

Recommendations drawn from the study were that players in the public sector should take concern of the identified factors or attributes that were deemed crucial in determining the extent of level of customer satisfaction. If these attributes are considered and implemented, then the public service can be sure to have a competitive edge over other sectors that do not realign their processes and sub processes to these attributes.

The researcher proposes further researches could be more focused and deeper in details about one or two attributes of the extent of the level of customer satisfaction for hotels and restaurants within the wider city jurisdiction and also for all services provided.

Further research could also be done for the entire consumer segment of the city council services within the central business district.

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CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION

1.1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1.1The concept of customer satisfaction

The market place is changing as a result of major societal forces such as increased knowledge, globalization, deregulation, technological advancements (Kotler 2000). Organization therefore have to offer "value for money" as customers are increasingly expecting higher quality service and excellent customer service. Lanning (1998) further adds that organizations have to aim for high customer's satisfaction because customers who are just satisfied still find it easy to switch.

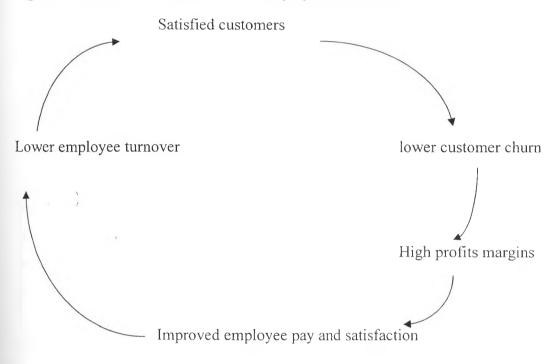
Vavra (1988) highlights that many executives, managers, employees and researchers are wondering why their customers are irritated, switching off and deserting them. Sheila (1988) contends that measuring and managing customer satisfaction is an effective strategy that works to improve customer satisfaction, perceived market value, employee satisfaction and share holder satisfaction enabling a firm to stay afloat in the market place (Mburu, 2001).

Literature indicates that the philosophy of customer satisfaction dates back as early as 1906 with Sir Henry Royce declaring that in Rolls-Royce "the ambition is that every purchaser of a Rolls-Royce car shall continue to be more satisfied". According to Professor Sandra Vandermerwe the true test of the appeal (or value) of a product or service is not what goes in (the quality of the product or service). The concept of customer satisfaction is about delivering high value to the customer that goes beyond customer expectations, so that there are no gaps between what a customer expects of the products or services to do and the actual performance after he or she acquires or purchases the product or service. Customer satisfaction aims at retaining and locking the customer to the business for a life time value.

Customer satisfaction is a concept that focuses on customer and good service giving customers what they want and when they want. It emphasizes on a zealous respect for the

value of customer and on how to gather, analyze and use customer data to increase business. Secondly, Kaplan (1996) pointed out that a firm has many stakeholders including employees, suppliers, dealers, governments and shareholders and must operate on the philosophy of balance, delivering high customer value subject to acceptance levels of satisfaction to other stakeholders given its total resources. Schlesinger and Heskitt (1997) have demonstrated through the cycle of good service that customer's satisfaction is about employees and shareholders satisfaction.

Figure 1: Customer satisfaction and employee satisfaction



Source: **Sheila K**: Measuring and managing customer satisfaction: going for gold. Wheeler publishers. Delhi, India. 1998. Page 15.

The cycle conceptualizes that satisfied customers tolerate higher prices that produce high profit margins that are used to better employees pay. This boosts employee morale, returns high value to shareholders which in turn helps to produce satisfied customers.

Organizations need to balance and juggle the conflicts of profits, consumer needs, satisfaction and public interests.

1.1.2 Hotels and restaurants in the central business district of Nairobi city

The city of Nairobi hosts several leading hotels and restaurants in Kenya. Hotels such as the Hilton, the Stanley, Norfolk, intercontinental. Serena, safari park, are world class and leading hotels of Africa. The city has about 50 hotels and 90 restaurants within the central business district vide appendix 4. Hotels receive guests from all over the world who come as tourists, visitors and conferences delegates to city of Nairobi which is the regional economic and commercial hub. Hotels and restaurants are both catering units, registered, classified and regulated by the Kenya hotels and restaurant authority under the ministry of tourism and wildlife.

Hotels provide services such as food, beverages and bar rooms,

laundry, health club facilities, while restaurants mainly provide food, beverages and bar. Due to the increasing regional, commercial, economic, financial and governmental activities with the city of Nairobi playing a strategic role, hotels and restaurants hospitality is essential and of paramount importance. Kenya government through the vision 2030 aims of making tourism, retail trade, agriculture and manufacturing Kenya's economic pillars. This means the roles of hotels and restaurants in partnering with the government to realize this dream is imminent and critical.

However for hotels and restaurants to playa leading role and partnership with the government in promoting tourism and other economic activities in Kenya, they require to their full satisfaction certain inputs such as water, security, parking spaces, good drainages and sewerages, roads and good roads, street lighting, beautiful streets, garbage collections, market, cleaned streets, parks and an appealing city environment and infrastructure. The city council of Nairobi is lawfully mandated and required not only to provide the above goods and services to hotels and restaurants but to establish, maintain, promote, control hotels and restaurants developments within the city jurisdiction. Hotels and restaurants are important customers of the city council and source of revenue in form of property rates, business licenses and permits, parking fees, water charges and waste

management charges among others, which they pay to the council so as to be provided with the above mentioned goods and services in return.

1.2 Services provided by city council of Nairobi

Historically the provision of various public services to the populace has been shared between central and the local governments (councils). The specialization arose from the fact that certain tasks are better done by one level of governments compared to the other. Services such as urban cleaning, street lighting, housing, nursery schools, water supply, sewers and so forth are best done by an authority that can operate at the local or grass root level. The concept of local government is founded on the premise of representative democracy where Nairobi city residents elect councilors who represent them and articulate their needs and priorities in the councils polity making body.

According to Tangri (1999) councils need to ensure that the needs, customs, urban forms, social priorities and environmental conditions correspond and respond to the expectations and aspiratins of their customers, clients and the general public of the cities residents. Councils form the smallest service centre at the community level, and their primary responsibility is the provision of services as provided in the local government Act, Cap 265 (revised edition, 1978).

Services provided to hotels and restaurants by the city council includes:

Provision of land for building hotels and restaurants

Licensing of hotels and restaurants

Cleaning of streets, pavements, footways and roads next to hotels

Repair and replacements of worn out pavements along hotel premises

Provision of car parks for hotel customers and restaurants

Removal of hawkers and other nuisances and obstructions along city hotels pavements

Issue of certificates of medical fitness to hotel staffs and hotel health fitness.

Street lighting, maintenance and beautification next to hotels and restaurants.

Water supply, sewerage and sewers to hotel and restaurants.

Roads maintenance and roads construction next to hotels and restaurants.

Approval of hotel building plans for hotels and restaurants development within the city.

Garbage, refuse collections from hotels and restaurants

Provision of fire brigade services and disaster response facilities to hotels and restaurants.

Provision of market centres, market stalls and open air markets for cafes and restaurants.

Provision of cemetery, mortuaries and burial sites.

Provision of basic education and health facilities to hotels and restaurants.

Provision of vocational training in hotel keeping, for hotels and restaurants staff.

Provision of hotels and restaurants in parks and other recreation areas.

Provision of boats, dams, pools to hotels and restaurants in parks and recreation areas.

1.3 Statement of the research problem

Mbau (2000) contends that the marketing environment has changed posing serious challenges to the survival and profitability of firms. Pearce and Robinson (2003) have analyzed the business environment forces such as global political views, emergence of democratic cultures, networked business, increase of technology, explosion of knowledge to have had profound impact on consumers, shifting their preferences inexplicably and no firm thinking of survival can ignore such customer dynamics.

According to Kibera and Waruingi (1988) firms are critically evaluating their internal and external environments with developments of more effective customer service strategies. Other organizations have gone on to embrace value driven marketing which focus not only on the customers but on how to create value for them (Churchill and peter, 1998). With clamour for increased government openness and accountability, competitively stiff elections after every five years, convergence of consumers' preferences, explosions of knowledge, desire to be international and world class, provision of quality public services in Kenya and customer satisfaction is getting high priority (Mwenda1987.)

A study carried out by Maina (2001) on perceived quality of service and satisfaction in the telecommunications industry established that a gap exist between services provided and customers expectations and on average most customers were not satisfied studies carried out by Mwenda (1987) on services from Kenya Ports Authority and customer satisfaction, Ngatia (2000) on service provision in retailing industry and Sossian (2003) survey on customer value proposition on telephone services provision in Nairobi, all showed that gaps exist and on average customers were dissatisfied.

This study is borne of the need to cover a gap in research undertaken by various researchers on customer satisfaction. The research is also triggered by the fact that there has been a change of management of the city council of Nairobi perceived to be more customer focused and client value driven. Secondly, as far as I am concerned no study in the recent past has been carried out on customer satisfaction on city council of Nairobi services with reference to restaurants and hotels within and around the central business district with the aim of determining the extent of the level of customer satisfaction. The question therefore is to what extent are the restaurants and hotels operating in and around the central business district of the city of Nairobi satisfied with services from city council provided to them?, is the city council providing services in a manner that is satisfactory to their customers (restaurants and hotels) within the central business district.

1.4 Objectives of the study

- To determine the extent of the level of customer satisfaction among hotels and restaurants within the central business district with services from the city council of Nairobi.
- 2. To find out the city council services which hotels and restaurants operators are satisfied and dissatisfied with.

1.5 Importance of the study

- i)The results of the study will provide useful information to the managers of the city council of Nairobi and other local authorities in Kenya.
- ii) Results of study will provide useful information to potential investors in hotel industry within the central business district.
- iii) The results of the study will provide useful information to ministry of local government and other state agencies that supervise, guide and direct local councils in their policy formulation and implementation.
- iv) Results of the study will provide useful information for further study in the area of customer satisfaction.

CHAPTER TWO: LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Customer satisfaction

Customers are individuals and organizations that buy and use a firm's product and services. Aaker (2002) highlights that marketing concept requires customer satisfaction rather than profit maximization to be the goals of organization. In other words organizations should be customer oriented and try to understand customer requirements and satisfy them quickly and efficiently in ways beneficial both to the organization and to the customers.

Customer satisfaction has been viewed or defined as an outcome or process. The outcome definition characterizes satisfaction as the end state resulting from consumption experience. Westbrook and Reilly (1983) defines satisfaction as an emotional response to the experiences provided by and associated with particular products or services purchased, retail outlets or even molar patterns of behaviour such as shopping and buyer behaviour. Churchill (1982) defines satisfaction as an outcome of purchase and use resulting from the buyer's comparison of the rewards and the costs of purchase in relation to the anticipated consequences.

As a process customer satisfaction has been considered as a process emphasizing the perceptual, evaluating and psychological processes that contribute to satisfaction. Engel and Blackwell (1982) defined satisfaction as an evaluation that the chosen alternative is consistent with prior beliefs with respect to that alternative. In this regard customer satisfaction is the consumer's response to the evaluation of the perceived discrepancy between prior expectations and the actual performance of the product as perceived after its consumption (Tse and Wilton 1988).

Customer satisfaction therefore is about satisfaction with a product, with a purchase decision experience, with a performance attribute, with consumption experience, with a store or institution or with a pre-purchase experience (Vavra, 1988).

2.1.1 The importance of customer satisfaction

Increased sales and profits; Reichheld (1996) highlighted that once customers get to know a firm and are satisfied with the quality of its services relative to that of its competitors, they tend to give more of their business to the firm. Kotler (2000) adds further that completely satisfied customers will even pay and tolerate higher margins. Humburg et al (2005) contends that satisfied customers will pay more. Buzzel and gale (1987) contend and provided in their study that there is a link between customer satisfaction and profitability and those firms with high customer satisfaction make high return on investment

Increased market share; customer satisfaction leads to improved market share. Rust and Zahorik (1993) through their study showed that retained customers through customer satisfaction bring the highest additional business to the organization.

Foronel and Wemefelt (1988) while investigating the link between market share, servicing costs and satisfaction found out that there is a positive relationship between effective complaint management, retention and market share.

Improved industrial competitive advantage; customer satisfaction improves a firm's competitive posture within the industry (Kotler, 2000). Customers satisfaction enables firms to compete in quality focused economies. Japanese industrial revolution and super-performance is closely related to customer satisfaction with results being integrated into business decisions and strategies.

Employees retention; customer satisfaction reduces employee's turnover.

Schlesinger and Heskitt (1991) showed that customer satisfaction is about employee and shareholders satisfaction. Customer satisfaction enables employees to enjoy high pay, product knowledge and confidence, creating loyalty to the firm and to customers and enhancing retention which reduces employees turnover.

Lower costs: customer satisfaction reduces customer attrition and loss, reduces cost of setting up new accounts, advertising and promotion costs. It is less expensive to keep satisfied customers than dissatisfied ones.

Free advertising; satisfied customers advertise a firm product freely through the word of mouth and give a firms products and image endorsements to the market.

Satisfied customers bring new customers to the firm through referrals to the firm's products and services.

Social and special benefits: satisfied customers remain loyal even when there are inconveniences from the firm, they give a benefit doubt. Existing satisfied loyal customers provide valuable information to the firm of competitor moves and they act as providers of market signals.

2.1.2 Customer expectations and satisfaction

Organizations build customer satisfaction by first understanding the value of a customer as they are the most valued assets to the firms and without them there is no business. Customers are after solution, cost, convenience and communication regarding the firm's products and services so as to maximize the greatest benefits (Kotler 2000). Pearce and Robinson (2003) states that customer's preferences are dynamic and keeping on changing and shifting inexplicably. Rodgers (1986) points out that today's customers are becoming hard to please. They are smarter, more price conscious, more demanding, less forgiving and are in high demand from many competitors (Kotler 2000).

Not knowing what customers expect is one of the root cause of not delivering customer expectations. This creates gaps between customer expectations of a service and the firms understanding of those expectations. Such gaps, according to Sossion (2003) may be due to lack of direct interaction with the customers, unwillingness to inquire about customer expectations and lack of preparedness in addressing the gaps. Customers value convenience, less time and effort as a basis for making decisions.

Customer satisfaction leads to repeat business. Kotler (2000) contends that satisfaction is a function of performance and expectations, satisfaction leads to a feeling of pressure resulting from a customer comparing a products perceived performance in relation to his or her expectations. If the performance matches with the expectations the customer is satisfied and if the performance exceeds the expectations of the customer the customer is very satisfied.

2.1.3 Customer perceived value and satisfaction

Perception is the process by which individuals select, organize and interpret stimuli into a meaningful and coherent picture of the world (Schiffman and Kanuk 2000). Individuals act on a basis of their perception and not on the basis of objective reality. Therefore, thinking customer value helps organizations to understand value as perceived by the customer.

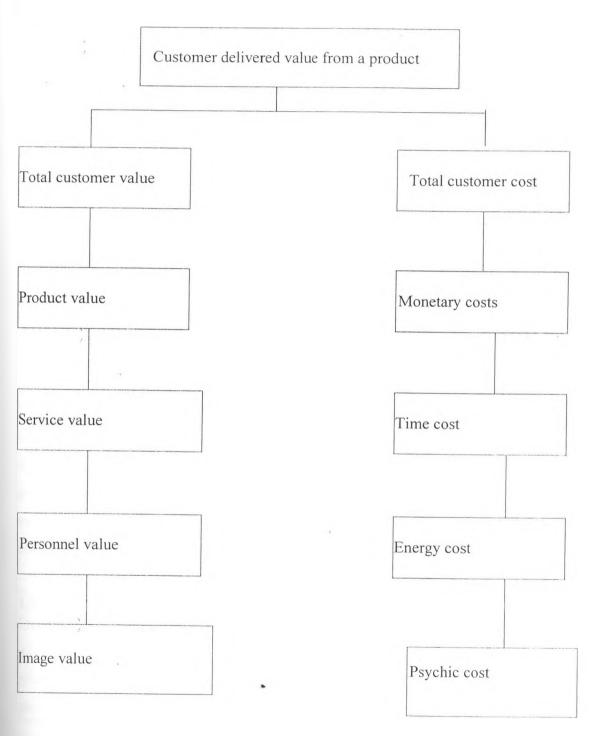
Customer perceived value is the difference between customer benefits from a product less cost. It is the perceived monetary value economically, functionally and psychologically a customer expects to benefit from a product less its costs (Kotler 2000). According to porter (1990) costs includes the product price, the buyers time, energy and psychic costs.

Customers perceive value in a product in terms of reliability, durability, performance, resale price, delivery, training, maintenance, responsiveness of personnel and corporate image. Mukiri (2001) states that customers will buy from the firm they see offering the highest perceived value. Value therefore reflects the growing customer concern of getting more money value, time and efforts invested in obtaining the product. It is paramount that organizations maintains a closer touch with their customers and adjust their services and products to feature value, lower the cost of distribution activities and meet customer needs quickly (Kotler, 2000).

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Kotler (2000) in responding to customer perception of value illustrates as follows:

Figure 2: Customer perception of value



Source: Kotler: marketing management, page 60, 11th edition.

2.1.4 Firms value proposition and customer satisfaction

Value proposition is the net value of both a product and service, starting from the process of finding, ordering and receiving it. Tapcott (1999) notes that every organization or industry is based on a value proposition, the value proposed and consumed by customers. Berry (2002)_argued that the aspects of service that are believed to affect consumers include its value, its importance and whether it can be obtained elsewhere or at another time.

Rice (1997) notes that more effort will go into the process of creating "emotional value" as a way of distinguishing an organization product from those of its competitors. Beckwith and Warner (1997) pointed out that value is not a competitive position but value is what every service promises implicitly or explicitly and is fundamental to survival. Gitomer (1998) notes that organizations must deliver superior value to their stakeholders regardless of their, corporate or cultural heritage because of increased competition, globalization of capital markets and the increasingly active and powerful class of institutional investors that is demanding unequalled performance.

However, Porter (1990) notes that firms should create value for their customers that exceeds the cost of creating it and for organizations to thrive in the business environment they must provide offering and deliver a constantly evolving and superior value proposition to stakeholders. Thompson and Stickland (2003) contend that buyers' judge value based on such signals as price, attractive packaging, content, image, advertising campaigns, seller's facilities, professionalism and personality of seller's employees.

2.1.5 Customer complaints, relations and satisfaction

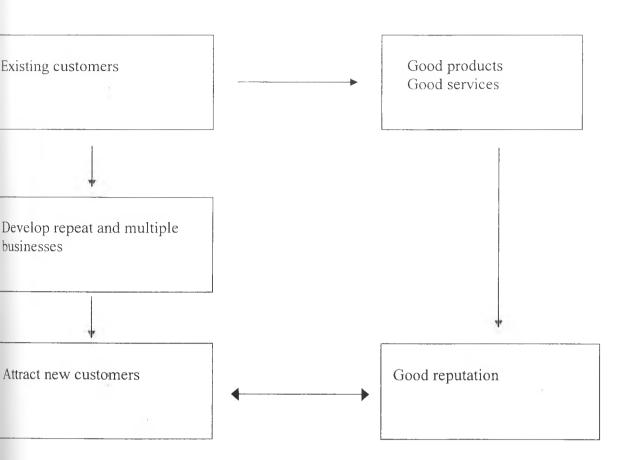
Customer satisfaction involves quick and constructive response to complaints, by making it easy for customers to complain as customers provide clues for developing new products, products features, prices, channels, messages and other marketing mix elements.

Mcathy (1993) noted that 3m company did excel tremendously through products and business improvements by listening from customers. Kotler (2000) pointed out that in service delivery customers generally rely on word of mouth, price and physical cues. Pickton (2001) contends and notes that customers who have complained and had their complaints satisfactory resolved tell an average of five people of the good of the organization. handling complaints is part of value creation and it closes gaps between perceived services and expected and ensures performance exceeds expectations, fostering high customer satisfaction.

Customer complaints help to energize 'organizations responsiveness and willingness to satisfy customers leading to improved relations and enhanced customer satisfactions (Paraguayan, 1991). Buzzel (1987) points out that through customer complaints top management becomes committed to service, high quality standards, putting up complaints monitoring systems and emphasis on employee satisfaction for customer satisfaction. By individualizing and personalizing customer relationships organizations are increasing social bonds with customers (Segupta 1990) while Collins (1994) outlines that thoughtful organizations are turning their customers into clients. Customers relationships through discounts, award programs, strategic alliances and by integrating voices of the customer in all business decisions and enabling customers to reach to the relevant personnel to express their needs, perception and complaints bonds customers close to the company and builds customers satisfaction upwards (George 1994). Through excellent customer relations organizations are able to identify causes of customer attrition and device counter measures to recover the lost customers (Lanning 1998).

Future business depends on reputation which is created by both satisfied and dissatisfied customers talking to friends and colleagues. People tell more of the bad than the good experiences. Dissatisfied customers can therefore do immeasurable damage to a business (Walker, 1994). Cook (2002) study on excellent customer care demonstrated the power of the existing customers and the need to retain them as they help to bring in other customers and push them through the loyalty ladder.

Figure 3: The power of existing customers



Source: Sarah Cook (2002), **customer care excellence**: How to create effective customer focus. Kogan limited. London., UK pg 8

2.1.6 Total quality management and customer satisfaction

Customer satisfaction is about customers being satisfied with a firms quality of its good and services. Segupta (1990) a quality focused organization satisfies most of its customer needs while Gitomer (1996) highlights total quality as the key to value creation and customer satisfaction. Arthur (1992) states that for successful customer service leading to customer satisfaction a strategy is required that aligns stakeholders processes, resources and organization culture towards the target customers and markets. Allan (1994) contends that organizations must be matched to the customer and ensure that services and products performance conform to customer expectations.

Porter (1990) points out that organizations must deliver quality in identifying customer needs, communicate customer expectations to their employees, have their engineers design products properly, ensure accurate and timely orders deliveries, conduct adequate customer training and instructions on product use and stay in touch with customers after sale to ensure that they are satisfied and remains satisfied, and gather customer ideas for product and service improvements. For customer satisfaction organizations must accept widely and entirely too continuous improvements of their processes, products and services. Buzzel (1987) noted that each activity of an organization must be performed to high standards and quality, high standards in leadership, in people management, in policy and strategy, in resources and processes, if it is to realize people and customer satisfaction and impact on society and business results.

2.2 Services delivery and customer satisfaction

Kotler (2000) defines service as any act or performance that one party can offer to another that is essentially intangible and does not result in the ownership of anything. Services are characterized by intangibility, inseparability, variability and perishability (Cathy1993)

Segupta (1990) points out that service are perishable and cannot be stored while Mburu (2001) highlights that services have peak and off peak demand, that poses substantial marketing challenges due to fluctuations of demand. Challenges in service delivery include:

Multiple processes: services require different approaches so as to deliver satisfactory service due to complexity of service provision. Kotler (2000) points out that to satisfy customers of services, organizations require customer experience engineering where organizations must picture customer perception of an experience and design a consistent set of performance activities and context clues that supports that experience. Clear sense of target market is required for customer satisfaction (Bitner 1996).

Standardization of the processes: Christopher (1996) describes services as variables and to satisfy customers requires standardization of the service provision process throughout the organization. A blue print depicting events and process in a flow chart like is necessary to build customer satisfaction to the service provided. Porter (1990) pointed out that organizations must excel in designing a better and faster delivery system that ensures reliability, on time delivery, quick in handling transactions, emergencies, product recalls, answering queries and being innovative in creating a better information system. This closes gaps between perceived service and expected service and enhances the level of customer satisfaction.

Customizing services: services delivery means customer precise desires and expectations are tailored to services provided making services tangible and positioning the services delivery process.

Synchronizing supply and demand: services are not inventoried or stored. Services pricing, reshaping of services demand and supply is critical to success of service delivery.

Human performance and motivations: services involve contact between the service giver and the service receiver. Baker (2003) highlights that motivating employees, the people factor can make a lot of difference in customer satisfaction as service customers rely on word of mouth, on price personnel and physical cues to judge quality. The assurance, knowledge and courtesy of employees, their ability to convey trust, confidence and offer individualized attention to customers is of strategic essence to enhancing the level of customers satisfaction (Kotler 2000). Parasuraman (1991) contends that employees' reliability, ability to perform a service accurately,

responsiveness and willingness to help customers and to provide prompt and timely service is key to enhancing customer satisfaction in service delivery. Employees' competence, caring attitude, initiative, problem solving skills and agility to work coupled with physical and presentation features or traits of improved service quality, enhances customer satisfaction (Baker 2003).

Employee satisfaction is tantamount to customer satisfaction as employees are the internal customers and first customers of the firm. Service delivery involves employees getting feedback from a customer which is utilized to put customer first (walker 1994). Walker (1994) demonstrated how services can be delivered using the following service delivery strategy model.

Customer Vision Competitor Service strategy Material service Material Product quality Service skill and Product knowledge Service Environment Service attitudes Delivery systems People systems Customer Perception of service Feedback Feedback Monitoring

Figure 4: Service Strategy Model

Source: walker (1994) Customer First; A Strategy For Quality Service. Gower publishers England page 8

2.3 Public services, products and customers satisfaction

Hardwick (1994) defines public goods as products or services such as defense, roads, street lighting, free primary education and so forth, the consumption of which by one person does not reduce its availability to others in society. They are goods supplied to one another and are available to others at almost zero cost. Public services have the following characteristics:

Non-excludability: public services are goods or services provided almost to all. Individual consumption of public goods or services does not reduce its availability to others.

Impossible to reject: (Kotler 2000) notes that an individual cannot reject consumption of public goods or services as they feature a free ride and are almost accessible to all e.g. street lighting, roads, street beautification and cleaning, a bridge, a road etc.

Difficult to measure: true individual consumer utility and preference is missing on the part of public services due to lack of direct cash purchase as public services are financed through public budgetary allocations. With public services it is difficult to measure sales volume and therefore revelation of true preferences and utility is difficult to tell. Informed consumers and a highly informed customer base are perquisite in such measures.

Multi-conceptual: Public service involves many concepts and values for example education involves teachers, books, classrooms, curriculum content, strategy and leadership goals and directions, same with roads and streets lighting.

Minimization of bads and hazards: public services involves reductions of social bads such illiteracy, pollutions, diseases, darkness, disorders, lack of housing, lack of roads, alcoholism, poverty, prostitutions, unemployment, among others.

Maximization of social goods and infrastructure: public services involves increases and additions of social goods such as schools, public health dispensaries and clinics, clean environment, sewers, street lighting, markets, car parks, sports facilities among others.

Determinants of the level of customer satisfaction for public services includes:

Product and services features: Ostrom and Lacobucci (1995) states comfort or smoothness of roads, ease of congestion and cleanliness of water enhances customer satisfaction level for such public services.

Service quality dimensions: quality dimensions such as reliability of supply of the products, assurance, regularity of the flow of goods and services, attention to defects and breakages enhances the level of customer satisfaction.

Perception of fairness and equity: fairness in the treatment of all consumers and customers, fair play in pricing to the rich and to the poor, equitable development, resource allocation in decentralization, better quality in provision of services, when bench marked enhances the level of satisfaction.

Employees skills factor: responsiveness of employees to customer complaints, readiness to provide service, possession of the required skills, attitudes, competencies, courtesy, their approachability by customers and ease of contact, their ability to be prompt in services delivery, their decorum in handling customers, their professionalism care and agility to work enhances the level of customer satisfaction (Muriagoro, 2006).

Employee's credibility: employees honesty and their ability to create assurance to customers, their capacity to be trusted and to be believed by customers enhances the level of customer satisfaction.

Communications to customer: Kotler (2000) contends that keeping customers informed of product changes, policy changes, business changes, price changes, changes in design and colour in a well communicated, clear, simple, effective language helps to enhance the level of customer satisfaction as communications reinforces clarity, preciseness and convenience to the customers.

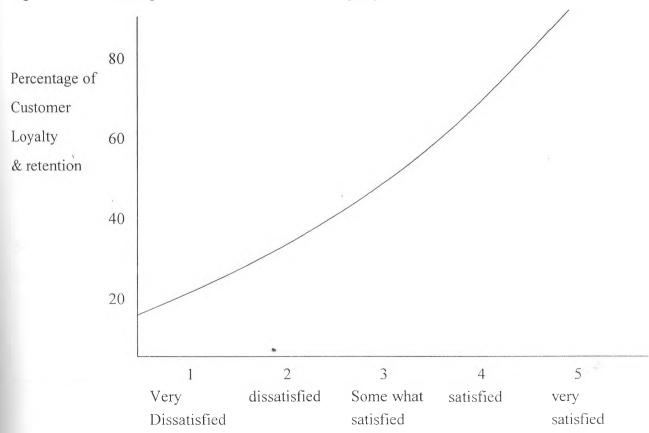
Organization infrastructure and resource base: the tangible appearance of physical facilities, equipments, vehicles, buildings, personnel, plant and machinery, network distribution, branch density tends to reassure customers of service delivery success. The neatness of the banking hall, the cash office, the office security back up, computerization level, the store arrangements, the neatness of employees, good

appearances of vehicles, painting of buildings enhances the level of customer satisfaction (Payne, Christopher and Peak, 1995).

2.4Measuring the level of customer satisfaction

According to Kotler (2000) customer satisfaction is rated on a rating scale from one to five. The rating is done by levels. Level I is the level of very dissatisfied customers, level 2 is the level of dissatisfied customers, and level 3 rates some what or moderately satisfied customers, level 4 rates the customers that are satisfied with organization goods and services and levels 5 rates the very satisfied customers. At level 5 customers are very likely to repurchase the organizations products and even spread a good word of mouth about the firm. At this level of customers satisfaction an emotional bond with the brand or the firm is created and not just a rational preference. The result is customer loyalty and the key to generating high customer satisfaction from customer loyalty is to deliver high customer value, (Lanning 1998). Heskett et al (1997) presents the relationship between satisfaction and loyalty as follows:

Figure 5: Relationship between satisfaction and loyalty



Source: James L. Heskett et al, "The service profit chain; how leading companies link profit to loyalty, satisfaction and value. New York, the free press

CHAPTER THREE: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

3.1 Research design

Survey design was used in this study since it was found to be best suited to learn about people's knowledge, beliefs, preferences, satisfaction and to measure these magnitudes in the general population. Ary Jacobs et al (1985) defined survey research methodology as a technique where data is collected by posing questions to respondents such that it becomes possible to fix explanations to the social phenomena in question.

3.2 Population of the study

The population of interest for this study comprised all restaurants and hotels operators within the central business district of Nairobi city. Hotels are catering units comprising a restaurant, a bar and lodging rooms or suites, while restaurants are catering units without lodging rooms or suites. The central business district was selected by the research because of accessibility, number of hotels and restaurants, level of customer awareness and limitations of research resources such as time and finances.

3.3 Sampling frame

According to Kenya hotels and restaurants authority, vide Kenya gazette, special issue, Vol CV - No. 62 dated 13th June 2003, there were 90 restaurants and 50 hotels within Nairobi central business district (appendix 4).

3.4 Sample size

A sample of 50 catering units was chosen for study, 30 restaurants and 20 hotels (appendix). The respondents constituted operational managers, beverage managers, customer relations managers, for hotels and managers for restaurants, who were asked to fill the questionnaires. Selection was done using stratified random sampling techniques. The central business district was stratified into five avenues namely; Moi avenue, Haile Sellasie avenue, Harambee avenue, Koinange street, Uhuru highway all along Museum road, Kipande road, Globe roundabout to Moi avenue.

3.5 Data collection method

Primary data was collected through a questionnaire (appendix 3), using drop and pick method. The questionnaire was both structured and semi-structured. It was pre-tested before fieldwork commenced to test clarity. The questionnaire was divided into three sections; section A aimed at obtaining information on attributes the hotels and restaurants considered important, which to an extent has increased their level of satisfaction with the services of the council. This section also aimed at seeking information on services which hotels and restaurants were satisfied with and which they were not satisfied with.

Section B consisted of questions aimed at gauging the hotels and restaurants operator's perception and their satisfaction with the council employee's responsiveness to their complaints, employee's knowledge of work, their willingness to help customers, readiness to provide services, decorum in handling customers and their agility to work.

Section C on the other hand consisted of questions aimed at gauging the perception of central business district hotels and restaurants operators with regard to the city council as an institution. Also the section aimed at harnessing hotels and restaurants operator's recommendations on how they feel the council can improve or do better in service delivery. A five point Likert scale was used to rate the different variables in the area of study.

3.7 Data analysis

Descriptive statistics such as frequency distribution tables, diagrams or graphs, percentages were used to summarize and present the data, as they provide tools for describing collections of statistical observations and reduce information to understandable form(Jacobs et al 1985). Frequency_distribution tables were used to compare mean scores of satisfaction ranking occurrences between hotels and restaurants of the variables. Spearman's rank order correlation analysis and the chi-square frequency test were used to measure whether there was any significant difference in the mean scores between hotels and restaurants as to the extent of the levels of customer satisfaction.

CHAPTER FOUR: ANALYSIS AND RESULTS

4.0 Introduction

This chapter analyses the data collected. It also presents and discusses the findings of the study gathered from respondents of the study. Out of 50 questionnaires given to respondents, all were returned duly filled and completed. This was deemed satisfactory for the analysis to draw valid conclusions. The response rate was a presented in table 1 below.

Table 1: Customer Response Rate

Customers	Response	Percentage
Hotels	20	40
Restaurants	30	60
target	50	100

Source: Research data

4.1 Extent of respondent's satisfaction with services offered from the council Respondents were asked to indicate the extent to which they were satisfied with the services offered by the city council. Mean score of the frequency rankings was used to analyze the results which are summarized on the table 2 below. A mean score of 5 represent the extent of customer satisfaction as very satisfied, rank 4 satisfied, rank 3 somewhat satisfied, rank 2 dissatisfied and 1 very dissatisfied.

Table 2: Council services and customer satisfaction mean scores ranking

Services offered from city council of	Hotels ranking	Restaurants mean
Nairobi	mean (average)	(average) score
	score	
Water	4	4
Drainage and sewerage	4	3
Cleaning of pavements and streets	3	3
beautification		
Garbage collection	2	2
Street lighting	3	3
Car park spaces	2	2
Licensing of business	2	2
Road maintenance	3	2
Removal of hawkers and other nuisances	2	2
Town planning	3	2
Fire brigade and ambulance	2	2

Source: Research data

The table above shows that both hotels and restaurants were satisfied with water services with both mean scores of 4, it is worthy noting that both hotels and restaurants were dissatisfied with garbage collection, car park, licensing of businesses, removal of hawkers/nuisances, fire brigade and ambulance services.

4.2.1 Customer value perception and the extent of the level of customer satisfaction

There was need to establish what the customers perceived value to be whilst on consumption of services from the council. This part of the study aimed at establishing those attributes which the customer perceive as determinants of the extent of customer satisfaction pertaining to services from the council. Likewise mean score ranking was taken to facilitate the analysis as presented in table 3 below.

Table 3: attributes of customer satisfaction mean score ranking

Attributes	Customer perception		
	Hotels	restaurants	
Fair price or services	4	4	
Convenience and availability of products	3	3	
Regular repairs of drainage bursts	4	3	
Regular roads maintenance	4	3	
Regular cleaning of streets and pavements	3	3	
Constant beautification of streets	4	3	
Reduced corruption	2	2	
Reduced bureaucracy	2	2	
Efficient and quick responses to customers complaints	2	2	
Shortened procedure in issuing licenses, inspections and business permits	2	2	
Regular replacement of street bulbs and traffic lights	2	2	
Pace of garbage collection	2	2	

Source: Research data

These attributes or determinants of customer satisfaction were ranked as from 1-5. rank 5 depicting very satisfied, rank 4 satisfied, rank 3 somewhat satisfied, rank 2, dissatisfied. and rankl, very dissatisfied. The table shows that customer (hotels and restaurants) were satisfied with the pricing of council services, they were also satisfied with the convenience and availability of services, regular repairs and maintenance of roads, drainages and cleaning of streets but dissatisfied with paces of reduction of corruption, bureaucracy, time in issuing licenses and business inspections, responses to customer complaints and pace of garbage collection.

4.2.2 Customer perception of council employees in service delivery

There was need to establish how customers (hotels and restaurants) perceive council employees services delivery. This part of the study aimed at establishing employee skills, competence, attitudes and skills that customers regard as important and crucial pertaining to services provision. Likewise, mean score percentage rankings were taken to facilitate the analysis as presented in table 4 below

Table 4: council employees competences percentage mean score rankings

Employee skills competences and	Customers hotels rankings	Customers	restaurants
attitudes		ranking	
Knowledge of work	60%	55%	
Responsiveness to customer complaints	40%	45%	
Readiness to provide services	30%	35%	
Willingness to help customers	40%	50%	
Decorum in handling customers	40%	30%	
Agility and determination to work	40%	30%	

Source: Research data

These determinants of customer's perception of employee's service delivery were ranked in percentages, where hundred percent depicts very satisfied, eighty percent ranks satisfied, sixty percent ranks somewhat satisfied, fourty percent ranks dissatisfied and twenty percent ranks very dissatisfied. The table shows that on average both hotels and restaurants within the central business district were some what satisfied that city council workers are knowledgeable of their work but on overall were dissatisfied with their readiness to provide services, willingness to serve customers, decorum in handling customers, their responsiveness to, customer complaints and their agility and determination to work.

4.2.3 Customer perception of the council institution and its image value

There was need to establish what customers (hotels and restaurants) perceive of the council as a provider of social and infrastructural goods and services to its customers and of its management, customer focus, resource base and leadership. This part of study aimed at establishing customer (hotels and restaurants) perception of the council pertaining to its image in service delivery. Likewise mean score rankings were taken to facilitate the analysis as presented in table 5 below.

Table 5: council institutional image mean scores ranking

City council as a public	Hotels mean score ranking	Restaurants means score
organization		rankings
Social returns (value for money)	2	2
Management of the city affairs	3	3
Customer focus	2	2
Efficiency and effectiveness in service delivery	2	2
Leadership styles and city development	4	3
Resource base	3	4

Source: research data

Customers (hotels and restaurants) within the central business district perception of the city council as an institution were ranked from 1 to 5. 5 depicted very satisfied, 4 ranked satisfied, 3 ranked somewhat satisfied, 2 ranked dissatisfied and 1 ranked very dissatisfied. The table shows that on average both hotels and restaurants were somewhat or satisfied with the way the city council management was running the city, besides its leadership and development work which was satisfactory. However on overall average both hotels and restaurants were dissatisfied with the social returns (value for money), pace of service delivery and customer focus on the part of the council.

4.3 Correlation analysis

There was need to establish whether there was correlation between hotels and restaurants in terms of the extent of customer satisfaction. This part of study aimed at establishing whether there is significant difference between the mean score from hotels and restaurants.

4.3.1 Spearman's rank-order correlation (rho)

Since the data is based on ordinal scale of measurement spearman's rank co-relation co efficient (rho) was used, as presented in table 6 below.

Table 6: Spearman's rank order for council services customers satisfaction

Service from city council of	Hotels means	Restauran t	D	D2
Nairobi	score ranking	mean score	difference	
		ranking		
Water	4	4	0	0
Drainage and sewerage	4	3	1	1
Cleaning of pavements and	3	3	0	0
streets				
Garbage collection	2	2	0	0
Street lighting	3	3	0	0
Car park spaces	2	2	0	0
Licensing and issumg of	2	2	0	0
business permits				1
Roads maintenance	3	2	1	1
Removal of hawkers and other	2	2	0	0
nuisances				
Town planning	3	2	1	I
Fire brigade and ambulance	2	2	0	0_

Source: research data

using rho formula

The spearman rank order correlation for hotels and restaurants = 0.986

The result indicates that hotels and restaurants are positively and closely correlated and therefore no significant difference between the mean scores.

$4.3.2\chi^2$ (chi-square test for mean score of frequencies

Again there was need to retest statistically further to check whether there could be any significant difference between means of hotels and restaurants with regard to the extent of customer satisfaction on goods and services from the city council. The chi-square test for frequencies as presented in table 7 below was used.

Services	Hotels	Restaurants
Water	4	4
Drainage and sewerage	4	3
Cleaning of pavements	3	3
Garbage collection	2	2
Street lighting	3	3
Car park spaces	2	2
Licensing / permits	2	2
Roads maintenance	3	2
Removal of nuisances	2	2
Town planning	3	2
Fire brigade	2	2

Source: research data

Customers ranked as satisfied 3, 4, and 5 mean scores

Customers ranked as not satisfied I and 2 mean scores

Formula for chi-square, $\chi^2 = \sum (0 - E)^2$

E

Where,

0 is the observed frequency

E is the expected frequency

Table 7: chi-square test of frequencies

Observed frequency

customers	Satisfied	Not satisfied	Total
Hotels	ci 11	cii 9	20
Restaurants	cm 11	civ 19	30
total	22	28	50

Source: research data

Expected frequency

ci (cell one) =
$$22 \times 20 = 9$$

50

Cii (cell two) =
$$28 \times 20 = 11$$

50

Ciii (cell three) =
$$22 \times 30 = 13$$

50

Civ (cell four) =
$$28 \times 30 = 17$$

50

$$\chi^2 = \sum (O-E)^2$$

E

$$\chi^{2} = \underbrace{(11-9)^{2} + (9-11)^{2} + (11-13)^{2} + (19-17)^{2}}_{9}$$
9 11 13 17

$$\chi^2 = 0.44 + 0.36 + 0.31 + 0.24$$

$$\chi^2 = 1.35$$
, degree of freedom = 1.00

Signifance level of 95 % was taken

At 0.05, (from χ^2 tables, appendix 5) the critical value in 3.841, since the computed χ^2 = 1.35 is less than critical value of 3.841, there is no significant difference between the extent of the level of customer satisfaction for hotels and restaurants with regard to services from the city council.

4.3.3 Correlation of attributes of customer satisfaction

There was need to test the correlation of value attributes that contribute to customer satisfaction both to hotels and restaurants. The study aimed at establishing whether there were any significant differences between the mean scores of hotels and the restaurants, as presented below, using spearman's rank order correlation.

Table 8: Spearman's rank order correlation for customers' satisfaction attributes.

Attributes custom	Attributes customers mean score ranking			
	Hotels	Restaurants	Dif D	ference D ²
Fair prices	4	4	0	0
Convenience and availability of produ	ucts 3	3	0	0
Regular repairs of drainage bursts	4	3	1	1
Regular roads maintenance	4	3	1	1
Regular cleaning of pavements	3	3	0	0
Constant beautification of streets	4	3	1	0
Reduction in corruption	2	2	0	0
Reduction in bureaucracy	2	2	0	0
Quick responses to complaints	2	2	0	0
Quick issue of licenses/permits	2	2	0	0
Regular replacement of bulbs	2	2	0	0
Pace of garbage collections	2	2	0	0
rho = $1 - 6\sum D^2$, N = 12		$\sum D$	= 3	$\sum D^2 = 3$
$(h,r) N(N^2-1)$				

The spearman rank correlation for attributes to the extent of the level of customer satisfaction for hotels and restaurants = 0.99.

The result indicates that there is close and positive correlation between the mean scores and there is no significant difference of the mean scores of the attributes or determinants of customer's satisfaction between the hotels and restaurants

4.3.4 Correlation of the customer image perception of the council

There was too the need to establish whether there is any significant difference in mean score of the hotels and restaurants perception of the council as an institution, as presented below, using spearman's rank order correlation.

Table 9: Spearman's rank order correlation of the customers' perception of the council as a public institution

Customer perception of council of Nairobi as a	Hotels mean scores	Restaurants mean scores	D difference	D2
public institution	rankings	rankings		
Social returns	2	2	0	0
Management of city	3	3	0	0
affairs				
Customer focus	2	2	0	0
Efficiency and	2	2	0	0
effectiveness in service				
delivery				
Leadership styles and	4	3	1	1
city developments				
Resource base	3	4	-1	1

$$\Sigma D = O$$
, $\Sigma D^2 = 2$

Source: research data

rho =
$$1 - 6 \sum D2$$

h,r N (N²-1) N=6

$$r_{h_s} = 1 - \underline{6 \times 2} = 1 - \underline{12} = 1 - \underline{12}$$

 $6(36-1)$ 6×35 210 $r_{h_s} = 1 - 0.06, r_{h_s} = 0.94.$

Spearman's rank order correlation for hotels and restaurants image perception = 0.94. The result indicate that there is positive correlation between the mean scores and there is no significant difference in terms of hotels and restaurants perception of the city council as an institution as to services delivery and councils performance of its mandate to the city residents.

CHAPTER FIVE: SUMMARY, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

5.0 INTRODUCTION.

The objective of the study were to determine the extent of the level of customer satisfaction among hotels and restaurants operators within the central business district with services offered to them from the city council of Nairobi, and to identify the services from the city council which hotels and restaurants are satisfied with and those that they are dissatisfied with.

To answer the study objectives, this chapter now summaries the findings based on the analysis of data in chapter 4, makes conclusions about the study and possible recommendations.

5.1. SUMMARY

Since customer satisfaction is a wide concept comprising of several aspects, the researcher took the approach of coming up with factors that enhance each of the constituent of the broader concept. Critical analysis of chapter 4, shows that on overall, water services and improvements in water delivery was found to have the highest mean score in terms of customer satisfaction. This could be attributed to city council decentralization of water services through the formation of Nairobi Water Company. The delinking of water services from the main council system, and mandating Nairobi water company to specifically deal and handle water transactions on behalf of the council and make a return to the council was a strategic move that saw improvements in water billings, customer service, customer responsiveness, regularities and availability of water to the central business district. The company has taken water to customers other than customers coming for water from the council as it used to be. Integration of commercial management styles, attitudes, cultures, business acumenship and productivity through the formation of Water Company has led to enhanced customer satisfaction with council water services, even at the same fair prices as charged by the council.

The study found out that both hotels and restaurants were somewhat satisfied with drainage and sewerage services, streets beautification, cleaning of streets and pavements and street lighting. This could be attributed to the change of management at the council, which has been perceived to be more pragmatic and environmentally responsive by forming strategic alliances with key stakeholders and involvement of the wider Nairobi society in participating in the affairs of the city by way of social responsibility and joint ventures.

The study found out that hotels and restaurants operators were dissatisfied with a number of services from the council. Such dissatisfaction was in garbage collection, removal of nuisances and hawkers, car park spaces, licensing and medical inspections, fire brigades and ambulance services. For garbage collection services, dissatisfaction could be attributed to council tendering and procurement problems which were coupled with laxity, bureaucracy, corruption, nepotism and political arm-twisting. As a result, and failure by the council to involve true market competition and participation in collection and garbage management attributes highly to this dissatisfaction.

Dissatisfaction with slow pace of removal of hawkers and other nuisances from the central business district could be attributed to political activities of the season and council's lack of clear policy on small and petty traders. Dissatisfaction with car parks spaces, fire brigade and ambulances services could be 3rttributed to council's poor planning of Nairobi city and past corruption. Rwiria (2003) agrees that in 1992 the then city commission corruptly sold and disposed off every other assets and spaces meant for car parks, schools, dispensaries, fire brigade, sports grounds etc. Politics of corruption and patronage fashioned Nairobi against the forces of the market and morality (Rwiria, 2003). Dissatisfaction with licensing and issuance of business permits could be attributed to slow pace of corruption and bureaucracy reductions, lack of customer focus on the part of council employees, poor responsiveness to customer complaints, unwillingness to help customers, poor attitudes towards work and the council's failure to computerize most of its operations.

To build customer satisfaction level upwards the study found that it requires improving service quality, firms value proposition, response to complaint, and total quality

management of operations and distribution. The study also found out that there are several factors which determine the extent of customer satisfaction but at varying levels, with regard to public services and goods. Such factors includes price, where public services are fairly priced to the affordability of consumers, excellent customer service determined by employee knowledge of product and work, responsiveness to customer's complaints, promptness of service, readiness to provide services and competence and skillfulness in serving customers.

The study found that regularity in roads maintenance, constant beautification of streets and street lighting, regular repairs of drainage bursts and leakages, constant cleaning of pavements to have endeared to city residents to the extent of enhancing upwards their satisfaction with these council services. The study also found that staff factor is key to enhancing public service satisfaction. Customer accessibility to staff, their politeness, their approachability, ease of contact, respect, friendliness, appearance in public all determine and enhance customer satisfaction and the vice-versa. Study found out that products and services reliability in terms of availability, convenience, location, performance, accuracy and exactness contributed to enhancing customer satisfaction.

The study found out that good customer relations, communications and staff credibility to be key in enhancing the extent of customer satisfaction. The way enterprises information is perceived to be true, timely, exact, precise, honest, believable, trustworthy and clear in language, straight records and statements enhances the extent of the level of satisfaction. Study also found out that security from harmful effects of products, general perception and appearance or the image of the organization in terms of buildings, tools, personnel's understanding of customer needs contributes in determining the extent of customer satisfaction. Public perception of fairness and equity on the general treatment of all customers, fair pricing to all, better quality products, equity in network distribution, and availability of products to all were factors that enhanced upwards the extent of the level of customer satisfaction with regard to public services.

5.2 CONCLUSIONS

As indicated in chapters one and two due to dynamism in the business and today's public service environment in Kenya, characterized by stiff competition, deregulation. globalization, changing customer loyalty, increased knowledge in all spheres, increased stakeholders demand for participation in governance and commerce, there is need for service providers to cultivate a competitive edge for their customer loyalty by embracing the concept of customer satisfaction for their goods and services. For how can the city council determine the extent of the level of customer satisfaction for its goods and services? How can the council know which services the hotels and restaurants operators within the central business district are satisfied with or dissatisfied with. Conclusion drawn from this study may help to answer these questions.

The study has revealed the extent of the level of customer satisfaction with city council services for hotels and restaurants within the Nairobi central business district. None was very satisfied and none was very dissatisfied. Also noted was that no attribute was very satisfying neither very dissatisfying. The following were found out as major attributes to the extent of the customer satisfaction, customer service in form of employee's willingness to help customers and their knowledge of work and services, their regularity in making roads pavements, drainages, traffic lights repairs and maintenance, product and services like water and lights availability, convenience, reliable and timely, regular cleaning of streets and beautifications.

However the following too were found out to be major attributes to the extent of the level of customer dissatisfaction with the city council services, bureaucracy and corruption in issuing licenses and business permits, lack of staff responsiveness to customer complaints and poor garbage collection, slow pace of removal of hawkers and other nuisances in the central business district, inefficiency and ineffectiveness in service delivery and staff lack of decorum when handling customers. These factors are important to players in the public service as they help them in developing service delivery strategies and resource allocation if they are ever to maintain an overall positive customer satisfaction in aggregate.

5.3 RECOMMENDATIONS

The study has revealed several factors that determine the extent of the level of customer satisfaction as discussed earlier. These factors do matter and have to be considered while drawing up business strategies, services delivery action plans and allocation of resources to realign with the processes of the organization. Understanding attributes of customer satisfaction helps to identify customer expectations and perceived value that creates path ways for successful improvements both in operations, delivery and investments, based on customer definition of value and not the organization expectations.

Study recommends among others that

- During public service staff recruitments the city council need to emphasize on the need to select staff that are knowledgeable in customer service and have proven customer focus and sensitivity to the plight of customers.
- Staff training and development in **customer service**, operations, professional, technical areas and leadership should take a priority in the city council.
- Council leadership to be bold and effect a strategic change in the organization, embrace a customer focus culture, performance contracts, high staff remuneration, restructure its organization layers so as to "see" and "think" market. Radical legal an institutional changes are necessary if customer satisfaction and relevance of the city council to the market is to be enhanced and improved
- The council should **computerize** its operations, embrace technological advancements so as to improve its services, reduce its bureaucracy, costs, corruption and improve customer care and its decentralization programme.
- Respondents both hotels and restaurants recommends that the council acquire
 modern fire brigade equipments, retrain city council askaris on customer
 decorum, expand toilet facilities and open revenue collection offices along streets,
 estates that are computer networked for ease of increased operations and enhance
 its field supervisory levels and distribution.
- To enhance council relevance to the residents, many respondents recommends that the council to hold **annual budget days** and at least **two forums** in a year

with the residents, show that customers can exchange views, ideas and interactions with the mayor, councilors and top officers of the council. The respondents recommended direct adult suffrage in the election of the mayor by all city residents for a five year term and a five year job contract for the town clerk subject to one extra and final term renewal on satisfactory performance on service delivery for both of them.

 The study recommends private sector partnerships, collaborations and ventures in areas of garbage collection, waste management, council computerization, car park spaces provision and management, and a private sector annual audit of the successes and failures of the city council annually, besides civil societies and parliamentary audits.

LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY

Like many other studies the study was faced by a number of limitations. Some respondents gave very few answers making it difficult for the researcher to know their true satisfaction or dissatisfaction position. The study was also limited as it geographically covered the central business district of Nairobi city and therefore may be authoritatively limited to represent hotels and restaurants in the Nairobi city jurisdiction. The study is also sectorally limited as it only covered the hotels and restaurants industry, yet the council provides same services to shops, banks, churches, state and government offices, non-governmental organizations, individual city residents, schools, hospitals and other business enterprises. Therefore the study may not authoritatively represent the whole customer element of the city council goods and services.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY

This study focused on a rather wide concept of customer satisfaction and too wide for the time that was available. This may had the effect of making the study too wide. Further study could be more focused on geographical coverage and deepened in details on the extent of the level of customer satisfaction for hotels and restaurants as pertains to entire range of goods and services provided from the city council of Nairobi. Further study is needed with regard to the entire Nairobi city jurisdiction and also to be multi-sectoral or multi-consumer so as to take into account all the consumers of public services provided to them from the city council in aggregate.

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LIST OF HOTELS WITHIN AND AROUND CBD

	No of Beds	Star ranking
1. Hotel intercontinental	770	5 star
2. Grand regency hotel	388	5 star
3. Hilton hotel	353	5 star
4. Norfolk hotel	334	5 star
5. The Stanley hotel	434	5 star
6. Serena hotel	283	5 star
7. Marble arch hotel	77	5 star
8. Nairobi safari club	105	5 star
9. Ambassadeur hotel	190	5 star
10. Hotel boulevard	140	5 star
11. Six eighty hotel	544	5 star
12. Fig tree hotel	60	5 star
13. Milimani hotel	90	5 star
14. Hotel southern blue	112	5 star
15. Blue hut hotel	100	5 star
16. Karibu hotel	72	5 star
17. Silver springs hotel	184	5 star
18. Bounty hotel	100	5 star
19. Fair view hotel	163	5 star
20. Panafric hotel	46	5 star
21. Windsor golf club	72	5 star
22. Hotel sirikwa	210	3 star
23. Kwality Hotel	210	2 star

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6. Tin tin	4 star
7. Kowloon	4 star
8. Green comer	3 star
9. The porter house	3 star
10. The mara restaurant	3 star
11. Hong kong restaurant	3 star
12. Red bull	3 star
13. Garden square	3 star
14. Conference caterers	3 star
15. China place restaurants	3 star
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Letter of introduction to the respondents

Jackson Ireri Getah P.o. Box 29107 Nairobi 00625

Dear respondents,

Re: Request for Research Data

I am a Masters of Business Administration student at the University of Nairobi carrying out a research project as part of the MBA degree award requirement. The research topic is the extent to which restaurants and hotels operating within Nairobi city central business district are satisfied with services from the city council of Nairobi.

I humbly request you to fill the attached questionnaire and answer all the questions.

The information obtained is purely for academic purposes and will be held in strict confidence.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

Jackson Ireri Getah

HOTEL RESTAURANT MANAGER/SUPERVISOR QUESTIONNAIRE

SECTION A

Answer t	he questions	on the space prov	vided	

Ţ	. Name of notel/restaurant	
2	Location/street	

3. Date the hotel/restaurant commenced operations in Nairobi_____

4. To what extent are you satisfied with the services named below offered to hotels and restaurants by the city council of Nairobi? (Please Tick the appropriate box)

		5	4	3	2	1
	Services offered by city	Very	satisfied	Moderately	dissatisfied	Very
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	restaurants			satisfied		
1	Water					
2	Drainage					
3	Cleaning of Streets					
4	Garbage and refuse collection					
5	Street lighting and beautification					
6	Cars parking spaces		5			
7	Food handling medical fitness Certification					
8	Business permits and licenses					
9	Fire brigade and ambulance services					
10	Roads repairs and maintenance					

	Town planning, policing,					
	painting of buildings					
2	Removal of nuisances,					
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Readiness to provide services_					
Ethics or decorum in handling	customers				
Agility and determination to we	ork				
SECTION C					
8. To what extent do you agree	0	ith the fo	ollowing 3	2	1
City council of Nairobi st	trongly agree	agree	somewhat agree	disagree	strongly disagree
a) I get value for the money I pay to the council for rate Licensees and fees	()	()	()	()	()
b) The current council management is doing a good job.	()	()	()	()	()
c) the council has my interest as a customer at heart	()	()	()	()	()

d) The council provides Services at the right time	()	()	()	()	()
e) the costs of the council services are fair and affordable.	()	()	()	()	()
f) I believe the council is on the right direction on services delivery to customers	()	()	()	()	()
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IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by regulations 2 and 7 of the Hotels and Restaurants (Classification of Hotels and Restaurants) Regulations. 1988, the Hotels and Restaurants Authority classifies the hotels and restaurants listed in the schedule in the manner specified.

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The Stanley		P.O. Box 30630, Nairobi	434	Nairobi
Saran Park Hotel		P.O. Box 45038, Nairobi	285	Nairobi
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Fair View Hotel		P.O. Box 40842, Nairobi	163	Nairobi
Marble Arch Hotel		P. O. Box 12224, Nairobi	77	Nairobi
Landmark Hotel		P. O. Box 14237, Nairobi	2-2	Nairobi
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Silver Springs Hotel		P.O. Box 61367, Nairobi	133	Nairobi
Midland Hotel		P.O. Box 908, Nakurus	5 .5	Nakuru
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IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by regulations 2 and 7 or the Hotels and Restaurants. Classification of Hotels and Restaurants. Regulations, 1988, the Hotels and Restaurants Authority classifies the hotels and restaurants disterd in the schedule in the manner specified in the schedule.

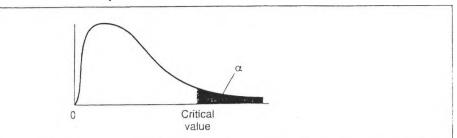
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ara Safari Clue	P.O. Box \$8581, Nairobi-		90	Narok
berdare Country Club	2.O. Box 449, Nyen		92	Nyeri
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TABLE F-3 Critical Values of the Chi-Square Distribution



df	Probability under H_0 that $\chi^2 \ge Chi$ Square				
	.10	.05	.02	.01	.001
1 2 3 4 5	2.71	3.84	5.41	6.64	10.83
	4.60	5.99	7.82	9.21	13.82
	6.25	7.82	9.84	11.34	16.27
	7.78	9.49	11.67	13.28	18.46
	9.24	11.07	13.39	15.09	20.52
6 7 8 9	10.64 12.02 13.36 14.68 15.99	12.59 14.07 15.51 16.92 18.31	15.03 16.62 18.17 19.68 21.16	16.81 18.48 20.09 21.67 23.21	22.46 24.32 26.12 27.88 29.59
11	17.28	19.68	22.62	24.72	31.26
12	18.55	21.03	24.05	26.22	32.91
13	19.81	22.36	25.47	27.69	34.53
14	21.06	23.68	26.87	29.14	36.12
15	22.31	25.00	28.26	30.58	37.70
16	23.54	26.30	29.63	32.00	39.29
17	24.77	27.59	31.00	33.41	40.75
18	25.99	28.87	32.35	34.80	42.31
19	27.20	30.14	33.69	36.19	43.82
20	28.41	31.41	35.02	37.57	45.32
21	29.62	32.67	36.34	38.93	46.80
22	30.81	33.92	37.66	40.29	48.27
23	32.01	35.17	38.97	41.64	49.73
24	33.20	36.42	40.27	42.98	51.18
25	34.38	37.65	41.57	44.31	52.62
26	35.56	38.88	42.86	45.64	54.05
27	36.74	40.11	44.14	46.96	55.48
28	37.92	41.34	45.42	48.28	56.89
29	39.09	42.56	46.69	49.59	58.30
30	40.26	43.77	47.96	50.89	59.70

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