



I move to recommend to City Council approval of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 4, Alcoholic Beverages, Article II. Administration and Enforcement Section 4-52 and Article III. Licenses, Division 1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri to Revise The Provisions Relating to the Administration of Liquor Licenses by the City.

Background:

The Alcoholic Beverage, Administration and Enforcement Ordinance provides procedures for the licensing and enforcement of liquor ordinances. The provisions of the ordinance mirror state regulations in most aspects to allow procedures focused upon safety and commerce. Requests for new licenses, renewals, changes in licenses, changes in managing officers and more are approved by Council per the ordinance, frequently are administrative processes and are usually approved by Council on the Consent Agenda. It is rare for Council to disapprove an application, and if so this is usually based upon information provided by the Director of Liquor Control. Requests for suspensions and revocations are also forwarded from the Director of Liquor Control to Council.

The proposed ordinance changes would designate the Director of Liquor Control the authority to review, approve or disapprove and suspend or revoke Alcoholic Beverage licenses. The proposed changes further allow for an appeal process to the City Council if a disapproval, suspension or revocation occurs. Council retains ultimate approval authority based upon the available appeal processes. Administrative handling of Alcoholic Beverage licenses will result in quicker, more efficient application processing for area businesses.

Administrative approval of Alcoholic Beverage licenses is utilized in the cities of Columbia, Independence, Kansas City, St. Louis and Springfield in Missouri.

Travis Forbes, Police Chief

Staff recommends approval