



CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS
Public Safety Committee Agenda Communication

Meeting Date: October 19, 2020

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Agenda Item: Addition of Class A Liquor License

Explanation: The City of Washington currently authorizes 10 Class A, or “bar,” licenses for the sale of alcoholic liquor at retail. All of those licenses are held. The City understands there is realistic and serious interest in opening a bar/restaurant in an existing facility that previously (not currently) housed a licensed establishment. The new venture is planned to include gaming. The Committee should consider an ordinance amendment that would make a Class A liquor license available.

Fiscal Impact: Liquor license fee of \$1,150 or \$1,250, addition of sales tax revenue.

Recommendation: We consider the addition of a Class A license in this case based on the proposed business, a restaurant licensed as a bar. The business would fill a vacant location and likely generate both municipal revenue and local employment. It would not unduly burden City services, including public safety. The developer’s description of the planned business is consistent with the character of the City and location. It does not appear that the business would focus on liquor as opposed to significant integration of food service and socialization.

Action Requested: Consideration and endorsement of the proposed ordinance amendment.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

Synopsis: Adoption of this ordinance would increase the number of Class A liquor licenses from 10 to 11, returning the number of available Class A licenses to the July, 2018 level. This change would allow accommodation to a proposed business.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 112 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ENTITLED "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES," BY INCREASING THE NUMBER OF CLASS A LIQUOR LICENSES

WHEREAS, the City Code of Ordinances at Chapter 112 provides for regulation of alcoholic beverages and related licensing; and

WHEREAS, The City of Washington is a home rule government pursuant to the 1970 Illinois Constitution, Article VII, Section 6(a); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its home rule power, the City of Washington may exercise any power and perform any function relating to its government and affairs including the power to regulate for the protection of public health, safety, morals, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Washington hereby finds that it is in the best interest of the public health, safety, morals, and welfare to add to the number of Class A liquor licenses:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, an Illinois home rule municipality, that Chapter 112.50 of the Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows, with additions shown in underlined font and deletions shown in strikethrough font:

Section 1. That paragraph (P), subsection (1) of § 112.20 entitled "Number of Licenses" is hereby amended by deleting said subsection (1) in its entirety and inserting the following as said subsection (1):

(P) Number of licenses.

(1) There shall be no more than ~~ten~~eleven (~~10~~11) Class A licenses for the sale of alcoholic liquor at retail in the City in force at any one time.

Section 2. That all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith be, and the same hereby are, expressly repealed.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2020.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk