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WORKSHOP ITEM *Cathy Sorensen, City Clerk*

OFF-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE REVIEW - CONTINUED

At the September 7 workshop Council requested more information to continue their discussion regarding off-sale liquor licenses.

Location Maps

The first map outlines current off-sale locations with the 1-mile radius per ordinance and a half-mile radius for discussion. The second map shows the parcels based on zoning that allow for off-sale liquor stores.

Surrounding Cities

Below is the number of off-sale licenses allowed by city and restrictions, if any:

Andover

Population 30,000

1/6,000 residents

5 licenses allowed - 3 available

Anoka - *municipal*

Population 17,142

Blaine

Population 64,188

1/7,000 residents, 1-mile radius

9 licenses allowed - 1 available

Coon Rapids (*recently amended*)

Population 62,359

8 Class A licenses, 1-mile radius, full off-sale, min floor area 2,500 sq ft

Unlimited Class B licenses; full off-sale in conjunction with primary use of minimum floor area 25,000 sq ft; eliminated restrictions for # and proximity

Fridley - *municipal*

Population 27,476

Ham Lake

Population 15,891

1/5,000 residents

4 licenses allowed, none available

Lino Lakes

Population 20,000

8 licenses, no population/proximity restriction

Ramsey

Population 26,000

3 licenses, no population/proximity restriction

Spring Lake Park - *municipal (currently)*

Population 6,805

Potential Options

Staff has prepared some options for Council review:

Option 1

Create an additional license type that would allow beer and wine only in conjunction with and secondary to an approved primary use with a minimum square footage requirement.

Example: Class B Off-sale Intoxicating Liquor Licenses. No Class B Off-sale liquor establishments shall be located within a 2-mile radius of any other licensed Class B Off-sale intoxicating liquor establishment. Class B liquor operations must be in conjunction with and secondary to an approved primary use which shall have a minimum floor area of 50,000 square feet and sell intoxicating malt liquor and wines only.

Option 2

Create an additional off-sale license type that would allow full intoxicating liquor in conjunction with and secondary to an approved primary use with a minimum square footage requirement.

Example: Class B Off-sale Intoxicating Liquor Licenses. No Class B Off-sale liquor establishments shall be located within a 2-mile radius of any other licensed Class B Off-sale intoxicating liquor establishment. Class B liquor operations must be in conjunction with and secondary to an approved primary use which shall

have a minimum floor area of 50,000 square feet and sell all intoxicating liquor.

Option 3

Amend the manner in which licenses are issued with regard to proximity, ratio, or both.

Reducing the proximity from 1 mile to 1/2 mile and population restrictions from 1/7,000 to 1/5,000 for example, would bring the number of allowable licenses from 9 to 13 and open up other available sites (see attached map); restrictions for schools and churches would still remain but could also be reviewed:

Example: Sec. 6-36. - License required; number of licenses.

- (b) The city council shall issue off-sale liquor licenses in such a manner that no license shall be issued to a property which is located within one-half mile of the location of an existing off-sale license. The number of off-sale licenses issued shall not exceed a ratio of one license for every [7,000] 5,000 population. The council is not required to issue the full number of off-sale licenses that it has available.

Option 4

Council could remove the proximity and population restrictions altogether:

~~Sec. 6-36. — License required; number of licenses.~~

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Option 5

Council could make no changes and leave the existing ordinance language in place.

Council direction is requested.