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Legislation Text

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WORKSHOP ITEM *Cathy Sorensen, City Clerk*

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT REQUEST - INVICTUS BREWING COMPANY

Invictus Brewing Company, 2025 105th Avenue NE, has requested that Council consider allowing live music in their taproom. Since opening in May they have noticed the taproom starts to clear out after 7:30 - 8:00 PM and by closing time they have approximately 20 people or less onsite. They are looking for ways to attract people to the taproom during the less busy hours, typically Fridays and Saturdays but occasionally during the week as well, and believe they have the capacity during those times to accommodate more people. Below is their proposal for using the space for live entertainment:

- Live music would range from a single musician playing guitar in front of the tanks to a local rock and roll/cover band of 5-6 people
- The intent is to utilize the existing space and operate within its capacity
- Would like to offer if karaoke on some week nights and/or weekends
- Any offsite festivals or concerts in the parking lot would require a special permit
- They do not anticipate traffic would be significantly impacted because of the evening hours suggested

The site is zoned I-2 (Heavy Industrial) and the current code does not allow for live entertainment as a permitted, accessory or conditional use. The definition of live entertainment is below:

Live entertainment: An activity performed in person by one (1) or more individuals for the purpose to amuse or interest an audience including, but not limited to bands and disc jockeys.

Items to consider include:

- Live music, as stated, is intended to bring in more customers which would impact current parking, already at times at maximum
- Additional traffic impacts to 105th Avenue, especially when music is scheduled concurrently with events at the National Sports Center

Provide staff direction on possible code amendment to allow live entertainment.