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To: Mayor Kemper & Members of the City Council;
Administrator Jonathan Teichert

From: Chaz Schumacher
City Clerk

Date: February 25, 2022

Re: Liquor License Renewals, License Term April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023

BACKGROUND:

Attached are all the completed applications for liquor license renewals within the City of Douglas for the license term of April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023. All fees have been paid, all attachments provided, and the applications have been filed with and reviewed for compliance by the Wyoming Liquor Division. At the time of this memo, all applications are considered complete. Publications were made for two consecutive weeks beginning February 2, 2022 with notice that the Public Hearing for all liquor licenses would occur at the February 28, 2022 regular City Council meeting. (*Hearing Notice Attached*) To date, no comments have been received in favor or opposition of any the applications. Following is general information regarding all liquor licenses under your authority as well as details specific to the current license term.

New/Transfer Licenses and Other Changes and Information:

- **Inventory Update:** There are no retail liquor licenses available and one available Bar & Grill liquor license as of April 1, 2022; all other license types are of an unlimited number and are not subject to formulas for availability under Title 12 of Wyoming State Statutes.
 - **Sapporo's** closed during the current license term and on March 31, 2022 the bar & grill license held by their business will become available.
 - **Friendz** closed during the current license term, they held a restaurant license and those have an unlimited availability and so there is no direct impact to license availability for the City.
- There was one retail liquor license transferred during the 2021-2022 license term and that was for House of Pinz – now owned by Pinz LLC.

State-mandated and Additional Compliance Checks:

The City received funding from WASCOP (Wyoming Association of Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police) to conduct two compliance checks, as well as funding from CCPA (Converse County Prevention Alliance) for an additional round of checks. As part of the compliance check process, the Police Department receives information from the State of Wyoming, including various training/prevention suggestions for owners and managers; training material developed specifically for employees in order to help ensure compliance; and TIPS calendars to assist in identifying people under 21 years of age. These materials are then distributed to all license holders. After each compliance check, our officers provide additional information to those who failed, including explanations of how the failure occurred and how to avoid this situation in the future.

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A total of three compliance checks were conducted during this licensing term. Checks of all licensed establishments were conducted in February, May, and November 2021, with two compliance failures occurring.

No Violations:

The following liquor license holders did not commit any violations and passed all compliance checks during the 2022-23 licensing term; approval is recommended and may be done with one motion from City Council.

1. Beggar LLC DBA The Liquor Cabinet (Retail)
2. CIB, LLC DBA College Inn (Retail)
3. Douglas Liquors LLC DBA Douglas Discount Liquors and Tobacco (Retail)
4. Four Seasons Chinese Restaurant DBA Four Seasons Chinese Restaurant (Restaurant)
5. GMRG ACQ 1 LLC DBA Pizza Hut 035922 (Restaurant)
6. H-4-U Inc. DBA Plains Trading Post (Retail)
7. Homax Oil Sales Inc. DBA Sunset Liquor (Retail)
8. Pinz LLC DBA House of Pinz (Retail)
9. Kota LLC DBA White Wolf Saloon (Retail)
10. Moose Lodge No. 602 DBA Moose Lodge (Limited Retail "Club")
11. Round Rock Entertainment LLC DBA LaBonte Bar (Retail)
12. Samuel Mares Post No. 8 DBA American Legion (Limited Retail "Club")
13. TBK Club LLC DBA Douglas Community Club 19th Tee (Retail)
14. Coopers Arena LLC DBA The Arena (Retail)
15. Coopers Arena LLC DBA The Arena (Microbrewery)
16. Restaurant Central LLC DBA Ranahan Steakhouse (Bar & Grill)

Violations:

The following licensees had at least one violation during the previous three (3) licensing terms as listed, including the current term. It is recommended to address these renewals separately in order to provide city council the opportunity to address any questions or concerns prior to renewal.

1. Depot (The) LLC, DBA The Depot (Restaurant): One Compliance violation in May 2021, for furnishing to an under-age person, the first such violation for this licensee and the only violation within a three-year period. No action was taken by the council in regard to this violation as no show-cause hearing was scheduled.
2. P&Z Inc., DBA Double D Liquors (Retail): Two Sales Tax Violations: November 2019 & September 2021; with the most recent one being the sixth such violation for this licensee. A show-cause hearing was held in October 2021, and the delinquent sales tax were paid at the time of the hearing. Council required the licensee to report verification of sales tax payments to the City Clerk, for the duration of time they continue to hold their retail liquor license. This licensee also had One Compliance Violation in February 2021, for furnishing to an underage person. This licensee has a total of nine violations: three compliance failures and six sales tax violations.
3. Gurwinder Singh Dhaliwal, DBA Chutes Restaurant and Bar (Retail): One sales tax violation in June 2020, the first such violation for this licensee and the only violation within a three-

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year period. A show-cause hearing was held due to this being a sales tax violation. The delinquent sales taxes were paid immediately upon notification of the delinquency, and there was no other action by City Council.

4. Underwood Ventures, Inc., DBA Northgate Liquor & Lounge (Retail): One Compliance violation in June 2020, second such violation for this licensee. No action was taken by council as no show-cause hearing was scheduled.
5. Three Boys, Inc., DBA The Waterhole (Retail): One compliance failure in August 2019, the second such violation for this licensee. A show-cause hearing was held in September, and Council required a review of the licensees' policies and procedures. The review was completed, and a few recommendations were made, although the policy was fairly strong.
6. Los Espinos, Inc., DBA LaCosta Mexican Restaurant (Restaurant): Two sales tax violations in April and September 2019, which were the second and third such violation of any type for this licensee. Show-cause hearings were held for both violations; the delinquent sales taxes were paid at the time of the hearing. There was no further Council action at the first hearing. The second hearing was held in October, and the licensee was required to pay a \$500.00 fine and report verification of sales tax payments to the Clerk. There were no other violations within the three-year period.

Alcohol Server Training Certifications:

All liquor license holders are current with their alcohol server training requirements, and at the time of this memo, almost all have provided verification of such; some individuals have attended training but have not yet received their cards.

Staff Recommendation:

It is the recommendation of staff to approve all liquor license renewal applications as presented, with no other contingencies or requirements. If there are remaining questions or concerns, staff recommends approving that particular license contingent upon other issues or concerns being resolved prior to March 31, 2022, if possible.

Thank you!