



City Administration

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FROM: Jason Tomanek, Assistant City Administrator

ITEM: Class E – Beer Only On/Off Sale | Request for New License

REQUEST

Consider directing City staff to make one Class E Beer-Only On/Off Sale licenses available for a sealed bid.

Please place this item on the March 9, 2021 City Commission meeting agenda.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

City Administration staff has recently been contacted by an individual that is working to open a new business in Bismarck. The individual has expressed a desire to offer beer on/off sale at the new establishment.

The quantity of Class E Beer-Only On/Off Sale licenses “may not exceed sixteen plus one additional license for each 2,500 people in excess of 60,000, as shown by the most recent official estimated census.” Currently there are 17 Class E licenses in-use. Based on the current Census estimate of 73,529 (July 2019), there is adequate population in Bismarck to issue one additional Class E license without exceeding the current limitations as set by City ordinance.

The process to issue a new Class E Beer-Only On/Off Sale license is based on a competitive, sealed bid that would be advertised in the Bismarck Tribune. The minimum bid amount for a Class E license begins at \$30,000. A Class E license was sold in October 2020 in the amount of \$35,500.

RECOMMENDED CITY COMMISSION ACTION

Consider the request for one additional Class E Beer-Only On/Off Sale license and direct staff on the appropriate next step.

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