



## **CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS**

### **City Council Agenda Communication**

- Meeting Date:** February 15, 2021
- Prepared By:** Chief Michael D. McCoy and Deputy Chief Jeff Stevens
- Agenda Item:** Increase the Allowed Number of Class A Liquor Licenses from 10 to 11
- Explanation:** The Council, in previous discussion concerning gaming ordinances, expressed its desire to facilitate re-opening of establishments closed during the pandemic. One such business is the establishment on the site that formerly housed McMahon's. A business has applied for a Class A license for that location and its application is under review. We do not expect any objection to the application. The City's current number of Class A licenses is 10 and all are filled. Granting a license at this location would serve the area (the closest similar establishments are in East Peoria and the closest Washington establishment is Bernardi's, just over 1 mile away. This change in number of licenses would return the level to the July, 2018 number (11).
- Fiscal Impact:** Granting a license covering the final 6 weeks of the license year would provide just over \$100 in immediate revenue, which we expect would be credited to the FY 21-22 license. Allowing the business to open this FY could provide minimal additional sales tax revenue and allow the business to seek gaming licenses sooner than a May 1 start. The primary impact would be to the betterment of the business itself, at no cost to the City.
- Recommendation/**  
**Committee Discussion Summary:** Given the previous Council discussion regarding the location in the context of gaming, this change has not been presented to Committee.
- Action Requested:** Consideration of the amendment increasing the number of Class A licenses from 10 to 11, which would accommodate this applicant, if approved for licensing.