



CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS

Public Safety Committee Agenda Communication

Meeting Date: March 8, 2021

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Agenda Item: Review and Rewrite of Liquor License Classifications and Ordinance

Explanation: Current Washington Liquor Licenses, Fees and Ordinances are believed to be outdated and hard to understand. The proposed changes make the Ordinance easier to understand and reduces the Liquor License Classifications to a more manageable level.

A summary of the proposed classifications is: Class A (bars & restaurants, may sell for consumption on the premises and package liquor, includes “beer garden”), Class B (package liquor only – for off-premise consumption), Class C (caterers and banquet facilities, allows for outdoor areas at a banquet facility), Class D (temporary special event conducted by an educational, fraternal, political, civic, religious or not-for-profit organization), Class E (temporary special event at a licensed Class A or C retailer).

Fiscal Impact: Proposed pricing with current businesses (plus 1 pending applicant) would preserve on-premise license pricing for this year and increase 1 package retailer’s license cost from \$1,000 to \$1,250. The FY 20-21 revenue was \$34,260. Licensees will see an administrative credit and price cap in 21-22, resulting in 21-22 revenue of \$15,740. FY 22-23 and 23-24 project at \$39,850 and \$41,900 (minus up to \$2,000 annually for clubs, if discounted).

Action Requested: Provide direction for content of ordinance for first reading after discussion at Committee of the Whole.