



*Las Vegas*

Agenda Item No.: 3.

**AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE**  
**RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF: AUGUST 14, 2007**

DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY  
DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC

Consent  Discussion

SUBJECT:  
NEW BILL

Bill No. 2007-35 Allows additional types of alcoholic beverage-related uses in the C-V (Civic) Zoning District. Bill requires a special use permit. Sponsored by: Councilwoman Lois Tarkanian

**Fiscal Impact**

- No Impact  Augmentation Required  
 Budget Funds Available

**Amount:**  
**Funding Source:**  
**Dept./Division:**

**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

Currently, the only alcohol-related use permitted in the C-V Zoning District is a tavern, which is permitted only by means of special use permit and only when the parcel or use is operated or controlled by a government agency. No provision is made in that district for alcohol-related uses that are more restrictive and of lesser impact. This bill will allow supper clubs, restaurant service bars, banquet facilities and other uses of similar impact in the C-V District, subject to the same approval process and limitations applicable to a tavern.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

ABEYANCE to 8/14/2007 Recommending Committee meeting pursuant to the 7/31/2007 Recommending Committee.

First Reading 7/18/2007; First Publication 7/21/2007

**BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

1. Bill No. 2007-35
2. Submitted at meeting - Written comments by Tom McGowan

Motion made by RICKI Y. BARLOW to Approve as a Do Pass

Passed For: 2; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0  
LOIS TARKANIAN, RICKI Y. BARLOW; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

Minutes:

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN declared the Public Hearing open.

## RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF: AUGUST 14, 2007

CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY STEED noted that this ordinance would apply to operations under government control. COUNCILMEMBERS TARKANIAN and BARLOW indicated that they expressed several concerns at the July 31, 2007, Recommending Committee meeting, when this matter was initially heard, about expanding alcohol uses. At that time, they requested staff further review the language for possible amendment. Since then, however, staff clarified all their concerns via memorandum, and they were ready to move forward with the bill as introduced.

TOM MCGOWAN, Las Vegas resident, expressed that all types of alcohol are available everywhere. He questioned the reason for introduction of this bill and its ramifications. He recommended denial.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN explained that with this bill, businesses in Civic Zoning would be permitted to apply for a supper club license, which is a less intense use than the already permitted tavern use. MR. MCGOWAN was still perplexed about allowing other alcohol uses in Civic Zoning. COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN explicated that the proposed ordinance will allow the supper club use, which requires that liquor be served with food. This is better than the allowed tavern use. MR. MCGOWAN said he hopes the City has the means of enforcement for the proposed bill.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN noted that the additional use in Civic zoning resulted from the Las Vegas Springs Preserve's desire to have the supper club use instead of a tavern use. The Springs Preserve will also monitor it closely.

TED RUSSELL, Las Vegas resident, stated that he perfectly understood the bill as introduced. However, he appreciates the Committee members' due diligence in this matter. He recommended approval.

CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY STEED indicated that the Springs Preserve prompted the ordinance, but it is not limited to the Springs Preserve; it applies to all Civic Zoning Districts. MR. MCGOWAN insisted that the City has to be proactive and diligent in its monitoring efforts, especially to avoid some of the concerns that have arisen in Ward 5. COUNCILMAN BARLOW said that he feels comfortable with this bill, because all applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis and by means of a special use permit. MR. MCGOWAN then recommended approval. COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN rejoined that she would not be moving forward with the bill as introduced had her concerns not completely been assuaged.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN declared the Public Hearing closed.