



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 3.

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RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF: JANUARY 19, 2010

DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY
DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:

Bill No. 2010-1 Authorizes, on a temporary basis, the waiver of the origination charge for new urban lounge and tavern-limited licenses. Sponsored by Mayor Oscar B. Goodman

Fiscal Impact:

☐ No Impact ☐ Augmentation Required
☐ Budget Funds Available

Amount:

Funding Source:

Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

This bill will authorize, for a period of one year, the waiver of the origination charge for new urban lounge and tavern-limited licenses. The availability of the waiver is intended to encourage and facilitate the establishment of these uses in the downtown area. The bill sets forth the requirements and limitations applicable to a waiver application and the approval thereof.

RECOMMENDATION:

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Bill No. 2010-1
2. Business Impact Statement

Motion made by STAVROS S. ANTHONY to Approve as Do Pass

Passed For: 2; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

RICKI Y. BARLOW, STAVROS S. ANTHONY; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN BARLOW declared the Public Hearing open.

DAVID BRATCHER, Major Projects Development Manager, Office of Business Development, indicated that this tavern-limited licenses within the Entertainment District. The tavern-limited license has an origination fee of \$20,000, and the urban lounge has an origination fee of \$50,000. These are temporary waivers in an effort to stimulate development in both the Arts District and Entertainment District. These licenses will still have the normal fees associated with the license application process. For the first six months, total fees for the Arts District would be

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approximately \$2,700 and \$2,250 for the Entertainment District. The origination fee waiver can only be applied once and there would be a two-year timeframe to apply for a new structure and one year for an existing structure, should the bill be adopted by the City Council.

MR. BRATCHER discussed with COUNCILMAN BARLOW the application process and pointed out that the applicant would need to apply for a special use permit, as a temporary license is not allowed for this type of waiver request. The waiver cannot be transferred to another business or sold, as it remains with the license holder.

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY questioned the reason for the one and two-year timelines. MR. BRATCHER replied that the two-year timeline is for new construction. The timeline for existing structures is one-year as it did not seem fair imposing a two-year timeline.

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY asked if the timelines could be extended. MARK VINCENT, Chief Financial Officer, responded that there have been no applications for urban lounges and tavern-limited businesses. It is uncertain at this point whether the origination fee is a deterrent from applying for a license. This is away of being business-friendly in the older districts. Staff feels one year is sufficient but can determine in the future if extension is beneficial.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW declared the Public Hearing closed.

