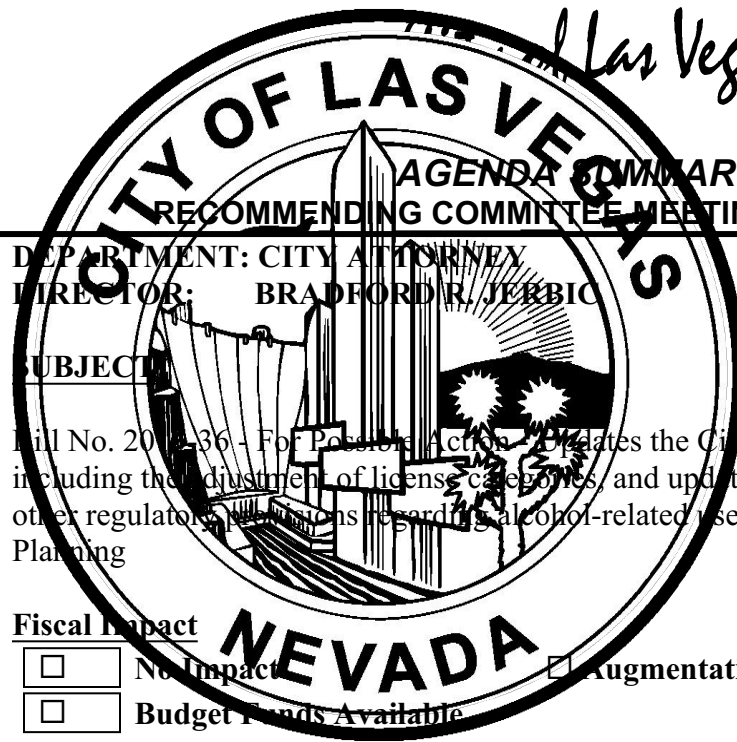




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Agenda Item No.: 4.

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RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF: AUGUST 20, 2013

DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY
DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:

Bill No. 2013-36 - For Possible Action - Updates the City's alcohol licensing regulations, including the adjustment of license categories, and updates corresponding zoning, gaming and other regulatory provisions regarding alcohol-related uses. Proposed by: Flinn Fagg, Director of Planning

Fiscal Impact

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No Impact

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Augmentation Required

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Budget Funds Available

Amount:

Funding Source:

Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

This bill is a general update to the City's alcohol licensing regulations, which includes the deletion, addition and consolidation of various license categories. The bill also includes updates to corresponding zoning, gaming and other regulatory provisions regarding alcohol-related uses.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Bill No. 2013-36

Motion made by STAVROS S. ANTHONY to Approve as First Amendment

Passed For: 3; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

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

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN BARLOW declared the Public Hearing open.

KAREN DUDDLESTEN, Business Licensing Manager, explained the efforts made by staff in working with the industry on simplifying the Code and clarifying definitions in relation to liquor. She detailed the amendments, noting that a number of licenses have been eliminated or combined to give businesses flexibility as the City prepares for its future.

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MS. DUDDLESTEN explained for COUNCILMAN COFFIN that a gallery license was not being utilized, so the proposed change reflects art galleries permit for a time certain and in a controlled environment, similar to an art gallery event. This particular permit is specifically for fine art; other businesses that do not have a liquor license would need to have a special permit.

Staff was asked to review this type of license, in an effort to encourage business within the Arts District, such as the First Friday events. If approved, the ordinance would be adopted next month, but COUNCILMAN COFFIN preferred to address it again in the future to ensure all issues are addressed. MS. DUDDLESTEN responded that notification was sent to every business with a liquor license, and a variety of issues were discussed in detail. A business impact statement was done, and staff believes that the proposed amendments address those issues.

ATTORNEY KAREN ROSS appeared on behalf of Circle K Stores and initially expressed opposition to the proposed amendments. After reviewing the proposed amendments regarding general retail store with MS. DUDDLESTEN and the Council members, ATTORNEY ROSS was made aware that her copy of the ordinance was not the latest version of the amendments. MS. DUDDLESTEN pointed out that several definitions were defined relative to general retail stores and the fact that grocery stores and convenience stores may remain separate because gaming is not permitted under general retail store. Given the industrys feedback and the clarification, ATTORNEY ROSS announced Circle Ks position was actually in support of the proposed amendments.

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED indicated staff met with representatives from sports beverage companies and read the proposed amended language to address and provide clarification on this industrys concerns regarding packaged liquor. In addition, Sections 30 and 36 entail parallel land use designations that are more expansive than necessary, so he read the proposed amendment to curtail these designations.

ATTORNEY JOE BROWN, Jones Vargas, expressed appreciation for staffs efforts in working with the industry.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW declared the Public Hearing closed.