



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 3.

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF: FEBRUARY 19, 2013

DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY
DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:

Bill No. 2013-5 - For Possible Action - Continues to authorize, on a temporary basis, the waiver of the origination charge for new urban lounge and tavern-limited licenses. Proposed by: Bradford R. Jerbic, City Attorney

Fiscal Impact

☐ No Impact ☐ Augmentation Required
☐ Budget Funds Available

Amount:

Funding Source:

Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

In February 2010 the City Council adopted an ordinance to authorize, on a temporary basis, the waiver of the origination charge for new urban lounge and tavern-limited licenses. The intent was to encourage the establishment of such operations in the downtown area. The Council extended that authorization by ordinance in 2011 and 2012. It has been proposed by means of this bill to authorize another one year extension.

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. 2013-5
2. Business Impact Statement
3. Submitted at Meeting - Proposed First Amendment to Bill No. 2013-5 by Staff

Motion made by BOB COFFIN to Approve as Do Pass 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:

By way of reading the item, COUNCILMAN BARLOW declared the Public Hearing open.

KAREN DUDDLESTEN, Business Licensing Manager, provided a brief overview of the waivers pertaining to the urban lounge and tavern-limited licenses within certain districts only and requested approval.

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COUNCILMAN BARLOW had FLINN FAGG, Director of Planning, identify the district boundaries.

COUNCILMAN COFFIN received confirmation from MR. FAGG that there has been some discussion regarding the expansion of these districts, but there are no current plans to do so. The Councilman stated that it might be worthwhile to look into expansion.

MS. DUDDLESTEN clarified for COUNCILMAN COFFIN that the licensing fees generated greatly exceed staff costs, but specific budgetary questions would need to be directed to the Finance Department. MR. FAGG added that the waivers account for approximately \$500,000 which is a very small percentage of the total license fees collected by Business Licensing which exceed \$25 million annually.

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY questioned how many businesses would not have opened had there not been a waiver of license fees. MS. DUDDLESTEN stated that although she does not have that information, the amount of growth and the lack of available lots in the affected districts would suggest that businesses are taking advantage of these waivers.

MS. DUDDLESTEN described the various licenses and associated fees that are being waived in the proposed bill.

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STINEBAUGH discussed the changes made as the first amendment. The waivers will not be available in the expanded downtown area.

MR. FAGG explained for COUNCILMAN BARLOW that there are no mechanisms for the applicants to request an extension, but the City Council reviews the waivers on an annual basis. He also told the Councilman that a couple of factors might trigger staff to recommend stopping the fee waiver, such as a lack of available space in the district.

By way of reading the next item, COUNCILMAN BARLOW declared the Public Hearing closed.