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TO: Mayor Ann Campbell and Ames City Council Members

FROM: Commander Geoff Huff – Ames Police Department

DATE: June 8, 2012

SUBJECT: Beer Permits & Liquor License Renewal Reference City Council Agenda
June 12, 2012

The Council agenda for June 12, 2012, includes beer permits and liquor license renewals for:

- Class C Liquor – Della Viti, 323 Main Street #102 (Applying for new 12-month license after 6-month "test period")

Della Viti is operating under a waiver of the prohibition against wine or liquor vending machines. We have not found any violations during the past 6 months. However, we have found one discrepancy in the waiver between the City and Della Viti. The agreement states that Della Viti will deactivate their vending cards at the close of business each night so that the next day, the patron would have to reactivate the card. A check by the Alcoholic Beverages Division found that the cards were electronically deactivated at 12 midnight instead of 2:00 AM. The police department investigated and found that Della Viti rarely stays open past 12 midnight and there appears to be a sufficient number of employees on duty to ensure that IDs are being checked and patrons are being monitored. In essence, the cards being used in the establishment are being used as another form of currency. The critical functions of ensuring underage patrons are not in the establishment and patrons are not being over-served appears to be working in this establishment under these specific circumstances.

The waiver that Della Viti is currently operating under does not currently reflect what is happening in the operation of the establishment. The waiver will need to be clarified to accurately reflect the business practice and this is currently being done.

The police department would recommend renewal of Della Viti's license for a 12 month license with a new waiver in place. The police department will continue to monitor their performance.