

TO: Mayor Ann Campbell and Ames City Council Members

FROM: Lieutenant Jeff Brinkley – Ames Police Department

DATE: May 6, 2013

SUBJECT: Café Mood License Renewal Reference City Council Agenda
May 14, 2013

The Council agenda for May 14, 2013, includes a 12-month liquor license renewal for Café Mood, 116 Welch Avenue. Since you approved the six-month license in December, our department has taken the following action:

- Cited two persons for on premises underage.
- Cited one employee for serving an intoxicated person.
- Completed one liquor license inspection.

Our liquor license inspection was completed on April 5, 2013. During that time we met with the regular bartender, Fadi Nijem. Nijem was very cooperative with our inspection. We found the license and occupancy notices to be properly displayed.

Nijem explained to us how the bar obtains its liquor and beer products. We did determine that some of the beer brands that were being sold were not purchased from a wholesaler as required by Iowa Code. We also spoke with co-owner Harmit Singh. Singh and Nijem agreed to remove the brands that were not purchased from a wholesaler from their coolers. They will make sure they buy any beer that is sold through their establishment from a wholesaler.

We have reduced the number of calls to Café Mood in recent months and you can also see that our enforcement action has been minimal during the six month license period. We will continue to monitor Café Mood for compliance with local and state liquor laws. At this time, our department would recommend renewal of a twelve month liquor license.