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TO: Mayor Ann Campbell and Ames City Council Members

FROM: Lieutenant Dan Walter – Ames Police Department

DATE: August 2nd, 2017

SUBJECT: Beer Permits & Liquor License Renewal Reference City Council Agenda

The Council agenda for August 8th, 2017, includes beer permits and liquor license renewals for:

- Class C Liquor - LC0042867 - JJC Ames 1, LLC, 2420 Lincoln Way, Ste. 103
- Class C Liquor, Catering, & Outdoor Service - LC0041979 - Iowa State Center, CY Stephens
- Class C Liquor, Catering, & Outdoor Service - LC0041978 - Iowa State Center, Fisher Theater
- Class C Liquor & Catering - LC0035738 - Es Tas Stanton, 216 Stanton Avenue *
- Class C Liquor - LC0032762 - El Azteca, 1520 S. Dayton Avenue
- Class B Beer - BB0017215 - Flame-N-Skewer, 2801 Grand Avenue, Ste. #1125
- Class C Beer & B Wine - BC0029616 - Hy-Vee Gas #5013, 4018 Lincoln Way
- Class C Liquor - LC0028804 - Deano's, 119 Main Street

A routine check of police records for the past twelve months found no liquor law violations for the above listed business. The police department recommends renewal of licenses for all of the above business.

*It should be noted that the area in and around Es Tas at 216 Stanton Avenue generated multiple calls for service including seven involving disorderly behavior, one involving public intoxication, one report of alcohol possession underage, and two involving assaults. Although the call volume appears high, a thorough review of these calls demonstrates that most calls came from the early intervention efforts of the bar staff. The disorderly-related calls for service were minor in nature and reported by bar staff with a request for police presence, usually as a result of a person that would not leave the bar. The public intoxication was also related to a patron that would not leave. The underage possession was reported by bar employees but never located by officers. These reports reflect the proactive management actions that we expect of bar staff.

One of the assault calls involved a violent confrontation that began in the bar but played out in the street outside. It's not clear that bar staff could have taken any additional actions to prevent this. We have trained bar employees to call the police when they see the potential for problems escalating. Based on our visits to the bar and the fact that most of the calls involve incidents that are resolved without charges, we believe this establishment is taking an early intervention approach. The area in and around this bar is very busy at night and the proactive approach of the bar staff is helpful in setting a positive tone for this area. These proactive efforts generate calls to the police but it is valuable to have these calls occur prior to the development of more serious outcomes. This proactive management effort is the basis for our recommendation to renew the license. The police department will continue to work with Es Tas and closely monitor the call volume and call nature in this area.