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TO: Mayor Ann Campbell and Ames City Council Members

FROM: Lieutenant Dan Walter – Ames Police Department

DATE: September 19th, 2017

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

The Council agenda for September 26th, 2017, includes beer permits and liquor license renewals for:

- Class C Liquor, B Wine, Catering, & Outdoor Service - LC0040413 - +39 Restaurant, Market, & Cantina, 2640 Stange Road
- Class C Liquor & Outdoor Service - LC0022381 - Wallaby's Grille, 2733 Stange Road
- Class C Liquor & Outdoor Service - LC0042058 - Blue Owl Bar, 223 Welch Avenue
- Class C Liquor - LC0040412 - Hy-Vee #1 Clubroom, 3800 W. Lincoln Way
- Class C Beer & B Wine - BC0029640 - Hy-Vee Gas #5018, 636 Lincoln Way

A routine check of police records for the past twelve months found no liquor law violations for +39 Restaurant, Wallaby's Grille, HyVee #1 Clubroom and HyVee Gas #5018. The police department recommends renewal of licenses for these businesses.

A records review for **Blue Owl Bar** disclosed one disorderly charge, one public intoxication arrest, and five underage on premise citations in the past year. The underage citations were all issued on one date during a single visit to the bar. After this incident, the owner made changes to the ID management and there have been no additional underage charges.

However, the licensee in this case has outstanding parking fines in excess of \$3,800. On September 21, 2017 the licensee paid approximately one-third of these outstanding fines. The state license requirements allow local entities to consider 'financial standing' and 'good reputation' when evaluating liquor licenses. In the past, the Council has denied renewal or made renewal contingent on payment of outstanding city charges. In this case, the operation of the bar is satisfactory but the accumulation of unpaid fines leads us to recommend against unconditional annual renewal of this liquor license.