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Item No. 27

To: Mayor and Council Members
From: Lieutenant Heath Ropp, Ames Police Department
Date: March 5, 2021
Subject: Sips and Paddy's Irish Pub Liquor License Renewal

The Council agenda for March 9, 2021 includes a liquor license renewal for:

- **Sips & Paddy's Irish Pub** (126 Welch Ave) – Class C Liquor License with Outdoor Service & Sunday Sales

At this time, the Police Department **would not** recommend a renewal of Sips/Paddy's Irish Pub license for the next year.

A review of police records for the past 12 months found 21 liquor law violations at this establishment. In that time, 20 individuals were cited for being underage on premise. Ten of those individuals were in possession of a fake ID. All 20 of the on-premises citations were written in 2021. **This is a very short period of time to have this number of violations and is not acceptable.**

The Police Department has made recommendations to the management of the establishment, such as providing additional staffing, staffing the rear exit, and utilizing the Iowa ABD Age to Purchase mobile application to scan identifications to ensure validity. Management acknowledged these recommendations and will put these additional measures in place.

Although approval of the requested 12-month license is not recommended, the Police Department would not object to approving a 6-month license. This would give the business and the Police Department a shorter period of time to evaluate changes to reduce the number of liquor law violations in the establishment. The process to initiate this would be for the City Council to deny the requested 12-month license and adopt a motion indicating the City Council would accept a six-month license application.

During this 6-month period, The Police Department will continue to monitor the above location by conducting regular foot patrols, bar checks and by educating the bar staff through trainings and quarterly meetings.