
TO: Mayor Ann Campbell and Ames City Council Members

FROM: Lieutenant Jeff Brinkley – Ames Police Department

DATE: May 23, 2014

SUBJECT: Charlie Yoke's Outdoor Service - May 27, 2014

The City Council agenda for May 27, 2014, includes a request on the agenda for outdoor service of alcoholic beverages at Charlie Yoke's, 2518 Lincoln Way. The specific area is a rear patio that has been updated and improved to comply with requirements put in place by Inspections and Police.

This request initially came before you on April 8, 2014. At that time, our position was that the fencing around the patio was inadequate, given the grade of the parking lot being higher than the patio floor. On that date, you did not take action on Charlie Yoke's request.

Since then, I have met with owner Jason Crimmins to talk specifically about our department's expectations and requirements to ensure that underage persons do not have access to the patio. Crimmins' staff has made improvements to the existing area that meet our expectations and to ensure that underage persons do not get access to the premises simply by hopping the fence.

I also want to report to you that there have been no additional liquor license violations at Charlie Yoke's since April 8. I think this due in large part to the work that has been done by ownership and management in tightening down operations in an effort to be compliant with Iowa law and city ordinances.

Our department supports outdoor service at Charlie Yoke's, pending the completion of the gate on the south side of the patio. Our department will provide final approval, in writing, to Charlie Yoke's and the City Clerk after approving the final work. I would encourage you to approve this request at this time.