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TO: Mayor Ann Campbell and Ames City Council Members

FROM: Lieutenant Dan Walter – Ames Police Department

DATE: October 4th, 2017

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

The Council agenda for October 10th, 2017, includes beer permits and liquor license renewals for:

- Class E Liquor, C Beer, & B Wine - LE0000085 - Hy-Vee Food Store #1, 3800 W. Lincoln Way
- Class C Beer - BC0021209 - Doc's Stop No. 5, 2720 East 13th Street
- Class C Liquor, B Native Wine, & Outdoor Service - LC0039552 - AJ's Ultra Lounge, 2401 Chamberlain St.
- Class E Liquor, C Beer, & B Wine - LE0000095 - Hy-Vee Food & Drugstore #2, 640 Lincoln Way
- Class C Liquor - LC0034931 - London Underground, 212 Main Street
- Special Class C Liquor - BW0094343 - Creative Spirits Ames, 4820 Mortensen Road, Ste. 101

A routine check of police records for the past twelve months found no liquor law violations for HyVee #1, Doc's Stop No. 5, London Underground and Creative Spirits. The police department recommends renewal of licenses for these businesses.

Both HyVee locations had a large amount of calls for service. The calls for service are a wide range of incidents to include motor vehicle accidents, thefts, suspicious persons etc. and are largely a result of their busy location. In November of 2016 HyVee at 640 Lincoln Way was cited for selling tobacco to a minor. HyVee takes these violations seriously and took immediate corrective action with no further incidents. The Police Department therefore recommends renewal of their license.

A records review of AJs Ultra Lounge disclosed a large number of alcohol related calls for service. The calls for service included 12-disorderly calls, 5-fight in progress incidents, 6 assault calls, 12-public intoxication calls and 7-minor on premise citations. Despite this large call volume, the bars size, location and activity level should be considered. AJ's continues to be the busiest bar in campustown, thus leading to a high activity level during the evening and at bar close with several of the calls for service occurring outside the bar on the street. The PD would like to see the number of on premise citations decrease and we are actively working with the owner and managers on this. It should also be noted that a high percentage of the calls for service were generated by bar staff who notified police of a problem or requested assistance which we encourage. AJ's owner continues to be very active and responsive with the management of the bar is usually present during operating hours on weekends. The Police Department therefore recommends renewal of their license.