

To: Mayor John Haila and Ames City Council Members
From: Lieutenant Mike Arkovich, Ames Police Department
Date: September 1st, 2023
Subject: Beer Permits & Liquor License Renewal Reference City Council Agenda

Headed to City Council on September 12, 2023 are:

- **Kum & Go #0217**, (3111 S. Duff Ave.) Class E Liquor License
- **Hy-Vee #1 Clubroom**, (3800 West Lincoln Way) Class C Liquor License with Catering Privilege
- **The Love Club**, (4625 Reliable Street) Class B Liquor License with Sunday Sales
- **Dollar General Store #22303** (3407 Lincoln Way) Class C Beer Permit
- **AJ's Ultra Lounge** (2401 Chamberlain Street) Class C Liquor License with Outdoor Service

A review of police records for the past 12 months found no liquor law violations for Kum & Go, Hy-Vee #1, The Love Club, and Dollar General. **The Ames Police Department recommends the license renewal for these businesses.**

A review of police records for the past 12 months found 29 Minors on-premise violations at AJ's Ultra Lounge. Of those 29, 21 involved fake IDs, about 72% of the on-premise violations. While the use of fake IDs is a recognized problem, it is also not meant to be an excuse for poor performance.

Other establishments are putting safeguards in place to better identify patrons attempting to use fake IDs. The Police Department will encourage AJ's to utilize these same safeguards, such as scanner use, training, conducting their own compliance checks, management training and accountability, etc. In addition, the Police Department will continue to monitor the above location by conducting regular foot patrols, bar checks, evaluating their use of safeguards and educating the bar staff through monthly ID training. There will be an expectation that AJ's improves their performance in identifying fake IDs.

It should be noted that AJ's Ultra Lounge has passed all compliance checks. Therefore, the Ames Police Department recommends the license renewal for AJ's Ultra Lounge as well.