



**To:** Mayor John Haila and Ames City Council Members

**From:** Lieutenant Tom Shelton, Ames Police Department

**Date:** June 10, 2025

**Subject:** Beer Permits & Liquor License Renewal

The following licenses are eligible for renewal:

- a. Iowa State @ Fisher Theater Class C Retail Alcohol License
- b. Iowa State @ Scheman Building Class C Retail Alcohol License
- c. Texas Roadhouse, 519 S Duff Ave Class C Retail Alcohol License
- d. Courtyard by Marriott, 311 S. 17th St Class C Retail Alcohol License
- e. Morning Bell Coffee Roasters, 111 Main St Class C Retail Alcohol License
- f. Main 3326 LW (Board & Brush) 3326 Lincoln Way Special Class C Retail Alcohol License
- g. Jethro's BBQ, 1301 Buckeye Ave Class C Retail Alcohol License
- h. 313 Bar, 115 5th Street, Class C Retail Alcohol License

**A review of police records for the past 12 months found no liquor law violations for Iowa State/Fischer, Iowa State/Scheman, Texas Roadhouse, Courtyard by Marriott, Morning Bell Coffee, Main 3326 LW (Board & Brush). The Ames Police Department recommends the license renewal for these businesses.**

Jethro's BBQ

A review of police records for the past 12 months found that Jethro's BBQ was issued one citation for serving an underage person during a compliance check on 5/1/2025. According to the report, the officer cited an employee for serving an alcoholic drink to a 20-year-old who used her current identification showing her to be 20. The employee admitted to not checking the ID.

As the violation occurred very recently, Jethro's has not yet been re-checked. Staff from Jethro's has not attended either of the last two bar meetings in February and May. Arrangements will be made to ensure Jethro's staff attends the next bar meeting/ID training, which the Police Department is hosting in fall 2025. **At this time, the Police Department recommends the license renewal for the above business. If there are further violations of serving underage, the Police Department will bring that information to Council for possible**

**action.**

313 Bar

A review of police records for 313 Bar shows that on 5/12/2024 the Police Department issued a citation for on premises and noted there was no one checking IDs at the door.

On 11/10/2024 the Police Department investigated an over-occupancy complaint. The occupancy of the bar is 120 people and officers noted there were approximately 150 people in the bar. The owner removed 30 people.

On 1/26/2025 officers responded to the bar and found one individual underage (17 years old) on premises. Officers located a fake ID. On 2/21/2025, officers met with the owner to issue a citation for allowing underage on premises.

The Police Department also investigated another over-occupancy complaint and sent the information on to the Fire Inspector for a potential citation.

Within this last year, officers have responded to four general assaults or fights in progress calls. Records indicate the owner attended a Quarterly Bar meeting in April 2024.

**While the Police Department has some reservations, the establishment has done a better job since the first of the year after meeting with the owner several times. The owner has also changed some staff in an effort to better manage the establishment. At this time, the Police Department will continue to monitor 313 Bar by conducting regular foot patrols, bar checks, evaluating the use of safeguards, and educating the bar staff through monthly ID training.**

**At this time the Police Department would recommend renewal of the license. If the establishment does not maintain this better performance since the first of the year, the Police Department will bring that information to Council for possible action.**