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MEMO

To: Mayor & City Council
From: Pauline Sumption
Date: September 28, 2011
RE: Process for alcohol license renewals

During the 2011 legislative session, an amendment to SDCL 35-2-1.2 was approved, in which they added the following language regarding alcohol license renewals:

"Any application for the reissuance of a retail license may be approved by the municipal or county governing board without a hearing unless in the past year the licensee or one or more of the licensee's employees have been subjected to a criminal penalty for violation of the alcoholic beverage control law or the license has been suspended."

What does this mean to the City of Rapid City? With this proposed ordinance amendment, alcohol licenses would only need to be on one agenda (instead of the current two), unless there was a violation that would require a public hearing. People would still be able to comment on the alcohol license renewal, just like any other item on the agenda; it just would not be in a "public hearing" format.

My recommendation would be to approve this ordinance amendment, as this would cut down on staff time, the council's time and shorten the agenda for the one meeting.



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