

May 8, 2008

To: Lynne Barnes, Heather Stevenson, Dennis Roberts, Brandon Bowersox, Robert Lewis, Danielle Chynoweth and Charlie Smyth

From: Laurel Prussing

Re: Tweaks to Ordinances passed May 5th

1. Liquor licenses for restaurants and caterers: lower to make more equitable

Amendment to Ordinance No. 2008-03-015: An Ordinance Amending Chapter Fourteen of the Code of Ordinances...Regarding the Schedule of Fees

A memo from Ron Eldridge and the proposed amendment is attached which creates a new Class R for restaurants. I have recommended lowering the liquor license for restaurants to \$1,000 below that for bars since liquor sales are a lower proportion of their business. (Currently restaurants pay more than liquor stores.) Although I think this is a matter of simple fairness, if we did this in one year it would lower our revenue by \$10,000, which is a bit much for next year's budget. At Ron's suggestion I am recommending that we phase in the change and lower it by \$500 this year and then another \$500 next year. This would mean \$5,000 next year in reduced revenue.

I am also recommending that we lower the caterer's license fee to \$350 from the current \$765 (scheduled to go to \$799 next year). Restaurants which also cater already pay a liquor license fee. So far this affects only one business, for a loss of \$449 from our next year's revenue.

2. Festival Liquor License: specify that fees to go to Public Arts Fund

Item (6) p. 3, needs a section (C) to specify that the fee based on 5% of the gross revenue should go into the Public Arts Fund:

(C) The fees for a T-3 license shall be paid into the Urbana Public Arts Fund.

Please let me know if you have any other additions or corrections to this ordinance.

Thanks!

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mayor Prussing
FROM: City Comptroller
RE: Ordinance Amending Schedule of Fees, Liquor Licenses
DATE: May 8, 2008

As requested, attached please find an ordinance that amends the Schedule of Fees, Liquor Licenses for the following:

1. Adds a new class, Restaurant, license cost is \$3,962. Previously, these restaurants were required to have a Class A license which costs \$4,462. Since there are 10 Restaurants affected, this change will reduce the city revenues from liquor licenses the amount of \$5,000 annually.
2. Reduces the cost of a Caterer's Retail license from \$799 to \$350.

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14, SECTION 14-7,
SCHEDULE OF FEES, LIQUOR LICENSES**

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana has heretofore adopted a Schedule of Fees for the fiscal year July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council find that the best interests of the City are served by amending said ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. The Code of Ordinances, City of Urbana, Chapter 14, "Licenses and Permits," Section 14-7, "Schedule of Fees," Subsection A(1) Alcoholic Liquor Licenses, is hereby amended as follows:

Add Subsection(r), Class R (restaurant drink/package-consumption on or off premises).....\$3,962

Amend Subsection (i), Class CA1-Caterer's Retail - Additional Site (consumption at catering location only)....\$350

Section 2. Those sections, paragraphs, and provisions of the Code of Ordinances, City of Urbana, that are not expressly amended or repealed by this Ordinance are hereby re-enacted, and it is expressly declared to be the intention of this Ordinance not to repeal or amend any portions of the Code of Ordinances, City of Urbana, other than those expressly set forth as amended or repealed in this Ordinance. The invalidity of any section or provision of this Ordinance hereby passed and approved shall not invalidate other sections or provisions thereof.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall not be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or a liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing prior to the effective date of this Ordinance; nor shall any right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this Ordinance.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

This Ordinance is hereby passed by the affirmative vote, the "ayes" and "nays" being called, of a majority of the members of the Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, at a meeting of said Council.

PASSED by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2008.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAINS:

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this _____ day of _____, 2008.

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor