

AGENDA ITEM #: _____

DATE: January 25, 2021

CAR #: 2021-7159



CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

SUBJECT: Recommend approval of an Owner Transfer for Series 7 (Beer and Wine Bar) liquor license for Tres Rios Golf Course at Estrella Mountain.

STAFF PRESENTER(S): Darcie McCracken, City Clerk

OTHER PRESENTER(S): James Bellows, Applicant/Agent

Summary: The applicant is requesting a recommendation of approval for an Owner Transfer of a Series 7 (Beer and Wine Bar) liquor license.

Recommendation:

Recommend to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control (DLLC) approval of Application No. 129827, a request from James Bellows, agent/applicant for Southwest Golf Management LLC, for an Owner Transfer of a Series 7 (Beer and Wine Bar) liquor license. No. 07070250, located at 15205 W Vineyard Avenue, Goodyear, Arizona 85338 (Generally located west of Estrella Parkway and south of Vineyard Avenue).

Fiscal Impact: The applicant paid the \$635 application fee for the license per the Goodyear Municipal User Fee Schedule. The business will continue to contribute to the tax base of the community.

Background and Previous Actions

Mr. Bellows has purchased the Tres Rios Golf Course at Estrella Mountain establishment, including the liquor license, and is applying for an Owner Transfer of the Series 7 (Beer and Wine Bar) liquor license. Tres Rios Golf Course at Estrella Mountain is currently open for business and operating under an Interim Permit issued by the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control (DLLC). An Interim Permit allows an applicant to sell, serve and store liquor under an existing license of the same series at the same location while the new license is processed.

The City Clerk's Office received the application from the DLLC on December 9, 2020. A Public Hearing Notice was posted on the property on December 31, 2020, to comply with the State mandated 20-day comment period. No petitions or protests from qualified persons were received during the comment period. A.R.S. § 4-201(B) defines a qualified person as "any natural person who is a bona fide resident residing or owning or leasing property within a one-mile radius from the premises proposed to be license".

The application was routed to the Police Department and the Development Services Department (Planning and Zoning, Code Compliance, and Building Safety), and any comments from these are listed below:

Department/Division	Comments
Police	None
Planning and Zoning	None
Code Compliance	None
Building Safety	None

Staff Analysis

The Series 7 (Beer and Wine Bar) liquor license is a "quota" license available only through the Liquor License Lottery or for purchase on the open market. Once issued, this liquor license is transferable from person to person and/or location to location within the same county and allows the holder both on- & off-sale retail privileges. This license allows a beer and wine bar retailer to sell and serve beer and wine (no other spirituous liquors), primarily by individual portions, to be consumed on the premises and in the original container for consumption on or off the premises.

The DLLC requires license owners, agents, and managers actively involved in the day-to-day operations of the business to complete a state approved management training course prior to the issuance of a liquor license. Mr. Bellows stated that three managers have completed state liquor training and are certified to serve alcohol. A manager will be present on site during all business hours, and the business will check ID of patrons that look 30 and younger to prevent the sale of alcohol to minors. ID will be checked at the clubhouse and have golf staff monitor on golf course consumption while rangers the golf course. Mr. Bellows states that he previously operated the golf course facility under a different business name from 1997 to 2010 and did not have one liquor license citation or major incident related to alcohol consumption.

There are no licensed childcare facilities, K-12 schools or churches within 300 feet of the location.

The City Council's recommendation of "Approval", "Disapproval" or "No Recommendation" will be forwarded to the DLLC for consideration at a public hearing of the State Liquor Board ("Board").

Attachments

DLLC Local Governing Body Report
Liquor License Evaluation Map
Liquor Licenses within One Mile