



Legislation Text

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Resolution to Approve a One-Time Refund of the \$100.00 Application Fee to the Nine Applicants who were not Selected for the City's On-Premise Quota Liquor License

This resolution for your consideration and approval refunds the \$100.00 application fees that were submitted by nine applicants for the City's new on-premise quota liquor license who ultimately were not chosen for the City's recommendation. City Council made a recommendation on February 4, 2008 that the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission award the available quota license to the City of Ann Arbor Leslie Park Golf Course.

The application fee for the new quota license was established by City Council on July 16, 2007 in order to recover the staff time and costs of reviewing numerous applications for the available license prior to the actual issuance of the license. The issuance of a new license, unlike all other transfers of Class C liquor licenses, begins at the local level requiring the City to conduct an extensive application review process prior to selecting a final applicant for recommendation to the State. This competitive process resulted in ten timely applications submitted to the Liquor License Committee for review, including the application by Leslie Park Golf Course (City of Ann Arbor).

Following the City Council's recommendation to award the license to the City's Leslie Park Golf Course, it was suggested by Mayor Hieftje that the original \$100.00 application fee be returned to the other applicants. This resolution will allow the City Clerk to proceed with the refunds for a total cost of \$900.00.

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Sponsored By: Mayor John Hieftje

Whereas, A new Class C liquor license is available under the State of Michigan's quota system;

Whereas, On February 4, 2008, the Ann Arbor City Council voted to recommend awarding the license to the City of Ann Arbor Leslie Park Golf Course "Above All Others";

Whereas, An application fee of \$100.00 to recover City costs for reviewing all applications was approved in July 2007 and assessed prior to the Liquor License Committee accepting any applications; and

Whereas, It is the City Council's prerogative to approve a one-time refund of the liquor license application fee to those applicants not recommended for the license;

RESOLVED, That the \$100.00 application fee paid by the following applicants in July and August 2007 for review of an on-premise liquor license application be refunded:

- Sweet Waters Café,
- Kaiten Sushi Restaurant,
- Café Japon,
- Red Hawk North Campus,
- Rio Wraps Restaurant,
- The Everyday Cook,
- Makkara Restaurant,
- Chipotle Mexican Grill,
- Caliente Grill;

RESOLVED, That any of the above applicants interested in applying for a Redevelopment District Liquor License for businesses within the Downtown Development Authority District may apply the \$100.00 refund towards that application fee in lieu of a refund payment; and

RESOLVED, That City Council authorizes the City Administrator and City Clerk to take all necessary administrative actions to implement this resolution.