



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
County Counsel



DATE: September 24, 2015
BOARD MEETING DATE: October 6, 2015
SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING: None
VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: County Counsel

SUBJECT: Resolution of Public Convenience or Necessity for Application for Alcoholic Beverage License by Hamdi Mohammed Alzghoul, for the Premises at 1165 Hillside Boulevard, Daly City, California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution determining that public convenience or necessity would be served by issuance of an off-sale general license to Hamdi Mohammed Alzghoul for the premises at 1165 Hillside Boulevard, Daly City, California.

BACKGROUND:

State law requires that the County determine whether the public convenience or necessity would be served by the issuance of an Alcoholic Beverage License if the establishment seeking the license is in a location with an “undue concentration” of establishments selling alcoholic beverages. The California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (“ABC”) has determined that an undue concentration of such establishments exists in the census tract at issue in this case and has requested that the County consider whether the public convenience or necessity (“PCN”) will be served by issuance of the requested license. This application is for a site located in the Broadmoor area of the unincorporated County and staff has therefore routed the request to the Broadmoor Police Department for review and input.

DISCUSSION:

This request relates to the Alcoholic Beverage License application made by Mr. Alzghoul in connection with an existing business, “Hillside Market,” currently engaged in the off-sale of beer, wine, and distilled spirits at the premises located at 1165 Hillside Boulevard, Daly City, California.¹ Hillside Market has been operated by the Alzghoul family since the late 1960s, and currently sells beer, wine, and distilled spirits for consumption off the premises under a valid ABC license (License Number 21-293453).

¹ In May 2015, the Board of Supervisors considered a separate PCN request from the same applicant for the gas station and convenience store located at 1216 Hillside Boulevard. The current application is unrelated to the prior application.

Mr. Alzghoul seeks to (1) sell his existing license to an out-of-area buyer, and (2) obtain a new license for 1165 Hillside Boulevard. Mr. Alzghoul intends to continue his existing market operations. The ABC has determined that the number of licenses already issued in the census tract in which this premises is located is more than the number allowed under the formula established by law. (Under this formula, four off-sale licenses would be allowed, and there are presently five.) Therefore, under state law, the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control may not issue a license to Mr. Alzghoul without the Board of Supervisors first determining whether the public convenience or necessity would be served by issuance of the license. (The ABC currently states that crime statistics were not reported for this area. However, as recently as May of 2015, the number of criminal offenses reported in the affected district (110) is less than the County-wide average (171 offenses per district).)

The matter was forwarded to the Broadmoor Police Department for its consideration and the Chief of Police Art Stellini has informed us that his department has no objection to the issuance of the license. Chief Stellini spoke with the applicant, conducted a site visit, and concluded the issuance of the license would not pose a safety concern to the community.

The site for the requested license consists of an existing liquor store/neighborhood market. The issuance of the requested license would allow the existing business to continue to successfully provide a range of goods for purchase to its customers.

Based on the foregoing, the recommendation is that this Board grant the applicant's request and find that the public convenience or necessity would be served by the issuance of a license.

Responding to the request of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control will contribute to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of collaborative community by providing necessary input to the Department to assist it in making a decision on the subject license.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact.

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