



CITY OF TEMPE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Council Meeting Date: 12/17/2015
Agenda Item: 5A13

ACTION: Hold a public hearing to recommend the approval of a series 09 liquor store license for Bhatt Enterprises, LLC, dba Jerry's Drive In Liquor, 1217 South Rural Road.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of this application because the applicant and location have met all city liquor licensing criteria.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Geeta Kumari Bhatt is the Agent for this application, license number 214525. This is a new business applying for a new license at a location whose previous occupant had a similar type of business operation and liquor license. This applicant is operating under an interim permit.

Tempe city code requires that the Tempe Police Department conduct a background investigation on all liquor license applicants. Additionally, the city code requires that business locations be inspected by Fire Prevention and Building Safety to ensure the establishment meets minimum city code licensing criteria. The Community Development Department has determined that a use permit is not required at this time. The premise has been posted for a 20-day period, per Arizona Revised Statute. No public opposition has been received regarding this liquor license application. State statute requires municipalities to make one of three recommendations to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control (AZ DOL):

1. Approval
2. Denial (this results in a public hearing set by the AZ DOL)
3. No recommendation (this may result in a public hearing set by the AZ DOL)

ATTACHMENTS: N/A

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