



Staff Report

TO: City Council
FROM: Christina Taylor, Community Development Director
DATE November 16, 2021
SUBJECT: Request for Verification of Approval Authority by California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control

Background and Analysis:

City staff has received a request from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) requesting a verification from City Council that the Planning Commission has been delegated the authority to approve applications for alcohol sales or service and, if needed, findings of public convenience and necessity (PCN) within the City of Beaumont.

The Beaumont Municipal Code Tables 17.03-3 and 17.19-1 establish permitted and conditionally permitted uses citywide. The Municipal Code also establishes the approval body for each type of application associated with a land use. In both the Downtown Area Plan and in zones outside of the Downtown Area Plan, alcohol sales, liquor stores, bars or lounges and restaurants with alcohol beverage sales require conditional use permit approval. Grocery stores and convenience markets with alcohol sales are also subject to Planning Commission approval of either a conditional use permit or a plot plan.

Beaumont Municipal Code, Table 17.02-1 Permit Approval Matrix, identifies the Planning Commission as the approval body for conditional use permits and plot plans (among other items) and identifies City Council as the appeal body. Since alcohol sales of any type require either a conditional use permit or plot plan, the Planning Commission is the appropriate body for approval.

Included with this staff report is a letter to the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control stating the information from the Beaumont Municipal Code as identified above and as requested by the Department.

Fiscal Impact:

Cost to prepare this staff report is approximately \$250.

Recommended Action:

Approve the letter for signature by the Mayor, and
Direct staff to remit the letter to the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage
Control.

Attachments:

- A. Letter to California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control