



TO: FRUITA CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR

FROM: DEBRA WOODS, INTERIM CITY CLERK

DATE: JANUARY 6, 2026

AGENDA TEXT: LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL – A request to approve the renewal of a Hotel & Restaurant – Malt, Vinous and Spirituous Liquor License for Strayhorn Grill, LLC dba Strayhorn Grill located at 456 Kokopelli Blvd., #10

BACKGROUND

The Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License for the Strayhorn Grill located at 456 Kokopelli Blvd. #10 is up for renewal. Their current license expires on **March 6, 2026**.

On November 10, 2025, the City Clerk's office was advised by the Liquor Enforcement Division that Strayhorn Grill sold an alcohol beverage to their minor operative. The establishment has been subjected to an administrative action consisting of payment of a fine in lieu of suspension of the liquor license.

The City Clerk's office has twenty-two current Alcohol Awareness Training certificates (or TIPS) certificates on file for Strayhorn Grill. The owners required all employees to take the ABT Colorado Training Course after the occurrence of the violation and had a meeting with them to discuss the gravity of the situation.

The Fruita Police Department report indicates that there have not been any violations or incidents at Strayhorn Grill reported to them in the last year and there is nothing unusual or of concern that would hinder renewal of the license.

The following information is provided as background on the liquor license renewal process:

Pursuant to State Statutes, the local licensing authority (City Council) may cause a hearing on the application for renewal to be held. No renewal hearing shall be held until a notice of hearing has been conspicuously posted on the licensed premises for a period of ten days and notice of the hearing has been provided the applicant at least ten days prior to the hearing. The licensing authority may refuse to renew any license for good cause, subject to judicial review.

This item is placed on the Consent agenda for the Council to determine if there is any cause for a hearing to be held on the renewal of the liquor license. If there is no cause for a hearing, the City Council should approve the renewal of the existing license. If there is cause for a hearing, the City Council should set a date to hold a quasi-judicial hearing to determine if there are sufficient grounds for suspension or revocation of the liquor license. The City Council may also temporarily suspend any license, without

notice, pending any prosecution, investigation or public hearing. No such suspension shall be for a period of more than 15 days.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

APPLICABILITY TO CITY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The City of Fruita is charged with protection of the public health, safety and welfare. The review and renewal of liquor licenses ensures that licensed establishments are operating by the rules and regulations adopted by the City and State concerning the sale or service of beer and alcoholic beverages.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COUNCIL

1. Renew the Hotel & Restaurant – Malt, Vinous, and Spirituous Liquor License for Strayhorn Grill
2. Schedule a hearing date to determine if there is good cause for the license to be suspended or revoked.

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of staff that the Council move to:

- **RENEW THE HOTEL & RESTAURANT – MALT, VINOUS AND SPIRITUOUS LIQUOR LICENSE FOR STRAYHORN GRILL LOCATED AT 456 KOKOPELLI BLVD, #10**