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**COUNCIL WORKSHOP
AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

TO: FRUITA CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR

FROM: ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

DATE: AUGUST 6, 2024

AGENDA TEXT: ORDINANCE 2024-13 – Second Reading – An Ordinance amending Chapter 5.20 of the Fruita Municipal Code to allow administrative approvals for certain liquor-related applications

BACKGROUND

At the request of the City Council, staff evaluated how liquor license applications are processed by other municipalities. Currently in Fruita, the City Council formally approves all liquor license applications such as new applications, renewals, special event liquor permits, and others. New applications for liquor licenses are evaluated during an individual public hearing, along with special event liquor permits and other miscellaneous applications such as Modifications of Premises and Changes of Corporate Structure. Liquor license renewals are generally placed on the consent agenda (unless there are any issues with the application), which also is a public hearing, but not individual to that item.

To help with decision making and to allow for flexibility of applications in the future, staff recommended that the City Council transition the approval of certain liquor license applications to administrative review at the City Council workshop meeting of June 25, 2024. The recommendation to City Council was for administrative approval of liquor licenses (except for new licenses) where all conditions for approval have been met or can be satisfied and there are no issues. If there are any issues with the application, the application would still go before the City Council. Further, if an applicant would like to appeal an administrative decision, that would still go before the City Council.

The First Reading of Ordinance 2024-13 was approved on the Consent Agenda by the City Council at the July 16, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting and set the public hearing (Second Reading) of the Ordinance for August 6, 2024. This ordinance, which is attached, is subject to public comment at this time.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact of this Ordinance.

APPLICABILITY TO CITY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The changes to the Fruita Municipal Code will permit a more streamlined process for issuance of certain liquor license applications and will allow a better use of the City Council's time in their decision making on other issues while also providing more flexibility for liquor licensees within the City of Fruita.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COUNCIL

1. Approve Ordinance 2024-13 on Second Reading – as presented
2. Approve Ordinance 2024-13 on Second Reading – with amendments
3. Opt for no action and continue having certain liquor license applications go before City Council for approval

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the staff that Council, by motion:

- **APPROVE ORDINANCE 2024-13 – SECOND READING – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5.20 OF THE FRUITA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVALS FOR CERTAIN LIQUOR-RELATED APPLICATIONS**