



## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

**FROM:** Susi Lampe, IaCMC, IaCFO – City Clerk/Treasurer

**DATE OF MEETING:** June 10, 2024

**ITEM TITLE:** Las Dos Marias Class C Retail Alcohol License Renewal

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### **BACKGROUND:**

On Saturday, February 24, 2024, I received an email from Iowa ABD that a renewal notice was sent to the contact person for Las Dos Marias Mexican Restaurant. On Friday, March 22, 2024, I received another email from Iowa ABD that the renewal was pending dramshop (insurance) review. On Wednesday, May 1, 2024, Iowa ABD sent me an email that said the renewal had been set to “Submitted to Local Authority” and prompted me to send it to the Building Official, Fire Chief, and Police Chief. On Thursday, May 2, 2024, Building Official Chesmore said the emergency lighting was inoperable, exit signs were either inoperable or half-lit, and the Ansul system was outdated (2021). These items would need to be addressed before he would approve the renewal. Las Dos Marias has stated that is the landlord’s responsibility to make the required repairs, not theirs. On Friday, May 3, 2024, Fire Chief Hayward agreed that those items would need to be addressed and looked back at last year’s inspection, and they had 3 violations as well that had to be addressed. Those items in 2023 were fixed, and the renewal was later put forth to the Council for approval. Also, on Friday, May 3, 2024, Police Chief Niedert approved the renewal.

Their license expired on May 4, 2024.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Staff would like to discuss how the Council would like to proceed on this matter. Staff feels that it would be appropriate to deny this application due to the timeline and the fact that these repairs have not been completed.

### **RESULTS:**

The City has established priorities during strategic planning sessions. This item supports the Vision from that session of Engaging and Catalyzing Community. This item helps achieve that vision by fulfilling the City’s requirement to inspect and ensure that life safety items are installed and operational.

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:**

N/A

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends a motion to deny the Las Dos Marias Class C Retail Alcohol License Renewal.