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TO: Mayor Weldon and Assembly
FROM: Katie Koester, City Manager
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DATE: January 2, 2024
RE: Resolution 3051 Petitioning the Alaska State Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to Issue Additional Restaurant or Eating Place Licenses (REPLs) within the City and Borough of Juneau

The purpose of this memo is to provide context to Resolution 3051 and help the committee decide if the body wishes to request additional REPLs, how many to request. As a reminder, the Human Resources Committee heard presentations on this topic at the [November 13, 2023](#) and [December 11, 2023 meetings](#).

Background

Recent changes to Title IV allow local governments to petition for additional Restaurant or Eating Place Licenses (REPLs serve beer and wine only with a 50% food requirement). Under Title 4 the procedure for a community to obtain additional REPLs is to pass a resolution, apply to the Alcohol and Beverage Control Board, and attend a hearing before the board. A decision can be made as soon as one month from submission. Note, a REPL is a year-round beer and wine license – the new changes allow for unlimited seasonal REPL licenses, not to exceed 6 months.

How Many REPLs Should Juneau Request?

If the Assembly decides to apply for additional REPLs, it needs to land on a number to request. Once a petition is submitted, a community cannot petition the ABC Board for one year (however, if the request is denied, it can amend the request). Wasilla and Valdez recently successfully petitioned for additional REPLs, 20 and 10, respectively. Currently, Juneau has 23 REPLs, which is the maximum allowable without submitting a petition for additional licenses. However, the new formula takes into account resident *and* visitor population – which means from a strictly mathematical perspective Juneau could have over 1000 REPLs.

Recommendation: Discuss Resolution 3051 petitioning the Alaska State Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to issue additional Restaurant and Eating Place Licenses in CBJ.

If the committee is supportive of requesting additional REPLs:

- Decide how many to request and amend lines 10, 45 and 59 accordingly.
- Recommend Resolution 3051 for introduction to the Assembly.