



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

PREFERRED AGENDA: September 6th, 2022 SUBMITTED BY: Jason Ogden, Captain REVIEWED BY: J. Lynn, City Manager Pro Tem	TITLE: OLCC Change of Ownership ATTACHMENTS: OLCC Application	TYPE OF ACTION: <input type="checkbox"/> RESOLUTION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOTION <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER
RELEVANT CODE/POLICY: ORS 471.166	TOWARD COUNCIL GOAL: 4: Economic Strength	

PURPOSE OF THIS MEMO: The Midway Market is changing ownership and the new owner, Raj Agasti, has applied for an “Off-Premises” liquor license. The location of the business is 3239 Highway 20, Sweet Home.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT: The Sweet Home Police Department is tasked with reviewing applications for liquor licenses that are within the City Limits of Sweet Home. The Midway Market is changing ownership. As with any change of ownership, the new owner must apply for a Liquor License through the Oregon Liquor Control Commission under their name. The new owner, Raj Agasti, has applied for an Off-Premises liquor license. This type of license allows beer and wine to be sold for off premises consumption only. This type of license is appropriate for this type of business.

The Police Department received this investigation August 30th, 2022, and has conducted an investigation into this request. As part of the investigation the owner, Raj Agasti, was contacted. The business will maintain its existing methods of operation and staff.

OLCC was also contacted, and I learned that they have no concerns over the change of ownership.

Based upon review of the investigation I found no reason to recommend denial to the Sweet Home City Council.

STAKEHOLDERS:

- *Midway Market* - A liquor license and the ability to sell beer and wine as part of a convenience store business.
- *Citizens/Community* – Midway Market creates additional opportunities and choices for the community.

ISSUES & FINANCIAL IMPACTS:

- Denial of an OLCC liquor license would have a negative impact on sales for Midway Market.

- There are no known or anticipated financial impacts for the Sweet Home Police Department or the City of Sweet Home.

OPTIONS:

1. *Do Nothing.*
2. *Direct further investigation prior to City's recommendation*
3. *Make a motion that the City of Sweet Home recommends an OLCC license be granted to Midway Market.*

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends option #3 - *Make a motion that the City of Sweet Home recommends an OLCC license be granted to Midway Market.*