

Board Agenda Item 7

DATE: March 1, 2016

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED BY: Jean M. Rousseau, County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: Determination of Public Convenience or Necessity on Application for Alcoholic Beverage

License Type 21 for Navneet Kaur Brar

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Consider and take action on request for determination of public convenience or necessity on application for Alcoholic Beverage License Type 21 filed by Navneet Kaur Brar located on 9942 E. Manning Avenue, Selma, CA 93662.

The applicant is applying for a Type 21 license (off-sale general) to be used at 9942 E. Manning Avenue, Selma, CA 93662. Business and Professions Code Sections 23958 and 23958.4 require a public convenience or necessity to be determined by the local governing body if the census tract or County has an undue concentration of alcoholic beverage licenses.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

There is no alternative action. Your Board must take action on this request per Sections 23958 and 23958.4 of the Business and Professions Code.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no increase in net County cost associated with the recommended action. A Board approved fee of \$235 to cover the cost of mailing notices to property owners was paid by the applicant.

DISCUSSION:

Navneet Kaur Brar purchased the facility on 9942 E. Manning Avenue, Selma, CA 93662 to open a convenience store to provide groceries, dairy products, beer, wine, distilled spirits and miscellaneous household items. Mrs. Brar filed associated paperwork to apply for a Type 21 license (off-sale general - sales of beer, wine and distilled spirits for consumption off of the premises where sold). At the time of writing this agenda item, Mrs. Brar had not developed a name for the business.

The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control has determined that an undue concentration of off-sale alcoholic beverage licenses exists in census tract 16. Four off-sale licenses are allowed in this census tract. There are currently four registered licenses.

Sections 23958 and 23958.4 of the Business and Professions Code requires the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to deny the application unless the local governing body of the area in which the applicant premises are located, or its designated subordinate office or body, determines within 90 days of notification of a completed application that public convenience or necessity would be served by the issuance.

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County policy requires the following three criteria be considered before a determination of public convenience or necessity can be met:

- 1) The issuance of a license would not tend to create a law enforcement problem and increase the level of crime activity.
- 2) The issuance of a license would provide a needed service to the community and that without this use there would be an inconvenience to the community.
- The issuance of a license will have a positive impact on the local economy including the creation of new jobs.

The applicant's written response to the above criteria is attached. The applicant will also be available to present her case to your Board at today's hearing.

Notices of today's hearing were sent to neighboring property owners within 600 feet of the applicant's premises.

A representative from the Sheriff's Department is available to provide a statement regarding any local law enforcement impacts.

OTHER REVIEWING AGENCIES:

The Sheriff's Department and the Department of Public Works and Planning have reviewed this application.

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

Census Tract 16 Map
Applicant Memo
ABC License Application (Form ABC-245)
On File with Clerk - PowerPoint Presentation

CAO ANALYST:

Ronald Alexander