



Board Agenda Item 8

DATE: February 10, 2026

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED BY: Paul Nerland, County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: Determination of Public Convenience or Necessity on Application for Alcoholic Beverage License Type 21 for Saif 1, Inc.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Consider and take action on request for Determination of Public Convenience or Necessity in regard to application for an Alcoholic Beverage Control License Type 21 (off-sale general) filed by Saif 1, Inc. to be used at 21007 S. Fowler, Ave, Laton, CA 93242.

Saif 1, Inc. (the Applicant) is applying for a Type 21 license (off-sale general) to be used at 21007 S. Fowler, Ave, Laton, CA 93242. The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) has determined that an undue concentration of alcoholic beverage licenses exists in Census Tract 74.0, where this business is located. However, Business and Professions Code sections 23958 and 23958.4 provide that even if the census tract or County has an undue concentration of alcoholic beverage licenses, ABC may issue a license if the local governing body determines that public convenience or necessity would be served by the issuance of the license. Two off-sale licenses are allowed in census tract 74.0. There are currently five registered off-sale licenses. The Applicant currently has a type 20 license (off-sale beer and wine) at this location and is applying for a type 21 license. This item pertains to a location in District 4.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

If your Board does not make a determination regarding public convenience or necessity within 90 days of notification of this request, ABC may still issue the license if the applicant shows ABC that public convenience or necessity would be served by the issuance, pursuant to Section 23958.4(b)(2) 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:

The Applicant filed paperwork with ABC applying for a Type 21 license (off-sale sales of beer, wine and distilled spirits for consumption off the premises where sold). The business where the license will be used is an existing grocery store (River Market) located at 21007 S. Fowler, Ave, Laton, CA 93242.

The Applicant's location is in Census Tract 74.0. ABC has determined that an undue concentration of off-sale alcoholic beverage licenses exists in this Census Tract. Two off-sale licenses are allowed in this census tract, and there are currently five registered licenses. At this location, the Applicant currently has a

type 20 license (off-sale beer and wine) and is applying for a type 21 license (off-sale of beer, wine, and spirits).

Sections 23958 and 23958.4 of the Business and Professions Code allow ABC to issue an off-sale license despite an undue concentration of off-sale alcoholic beverage licenses if 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. If the local governing body, or its designated subordinate officer or body, does not make such a determination within the 90-day period, then ABC may still issue a license if the applicant shows ABC that public convenience or necessity would be served by the issuance.

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.
3. 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 their case to your Board at today's hearing.

Notices of today's hearing were sent to neighboring property owners located 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.

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

Census Tract 74.0 Map
Applicant Letter
ABC License Application (Form ABC-245)
Presentation

CAO ANALYST:

Ron Alexander