



STAFF REPORT

Report To: Liquor and Entertainment Board **Meeting Date:** April 7, 2022

Staff Contact: Hope Sullivan, Community Development Director

Agenda Title: For Discussion Only: Discussion and presentation regarding the Liquor Hearings Officer's 2021 Annual Report. (Hope Sullivan, hsullivan@carson.org)

Staff Summary: Carson City Municipal Code ("CCMC") Chapter 4.13, which establishes the Liquor Board and Liquor Licensing and Sales ordinance provisions, allows the Liquor Board to appoint a hearings officer who has authority to review, approve, approve with conditions or disapprove liquor license applications. CCMC 4.13.150 requires the hearings officer to prepare and present an annual activity report to the Liquor Board. The report must include the disciplinary actions and penalties resulting from the hearings officer's decisions as well as the administrative citation process. This item includes a report on liquor licenses approved in 2021 as well as compliance checks.

Agenda Action: Other / Presentation

Time Requested: 5 minutes

Proposed Motion

N/A

Board's Strategic Goal

Safety

Previous Action

N/A

Background/Issues & Analysis

The Liquor Board granted liquor license approval authority to a Liquor Hearings Officer in 2017. The Liquor Hearings Officer schedules and conducts an administrative hearing when the Business License Division of the Department of Community Development receives a liquor license application. Liquor license administrative hearings are scheduled as needed to accommodate applicants. Community Development Director Hope Sullivan is the appointed Liquor Hearings Officer.

Hearings Officer Annual Report:

In 2021, the Hearings Officer held six meetings in which 18 liquor licenses were approved, of which seven were existing businesses with a change of ownership. Licenses were approved for the following businesses:

- Good Spirits Distributing, 6975 S Decatur Blvd, Las Vegas, Wholesale Distributor (change of location)
- Thai Bistro, The Basil, 311 N Carson (change of liquor manager to Dining Room with Beer/Wine license)
- Balin Beverage Co LLC, 405 Western Rd (new Reno-based General Wholesale Distributor license)
- A to Zen, 1803 N Carson Street (new Beer/Wine license)
- Antojitos La Jefa, 1701 N Carson St (new Dining Room with Beer/Wine license)

- Denny’s, 2299 N Carson St (new Dining Room with Hard Liquor license)
- El Aguila Real 3220 HWY 50 E #6 Carson City (new Dining Room with Hard Liquor license)
- Eve’s Eatery, 402 N Carson (new Dining Room with Hard Liquor license)
- Nevada Restaurant Services, Red Dragon, 1217 S Carson St (new Packaged and On-premise license)
- Staybridge Suites, 972 Retail Ct (new Combination Package/On-premise Beer/Wine license)
- Mangia Tutto, 200 N Stewart St (new Catering license to existing liquor license)
- Capital City Liquor & Food Mart, 1511 N Carson (Change Ownership of existing Package Liquor license)
- Fairview Food Mart, 1501 Fairview Dr Ste 4 (Change Ownership of existing Package Liquor license)
- Grocery Outlet, 1831 N Carson St (Change Ownership of existing Package Liquor license)
- Eagle Valley Market, 933 Woodside Dr #105 (Change Ownership of existing Package Liquor license)
- Rand Avenue Convenience Store, 1800 E William (Change Ownership of existing Package Liquor license)
- Round Table, 3325 Retail Dr (Change of Ownership of existing Dining Room with Beer/Wine license)
- The Tap on Rice St, 112 Rice Street (Change of Ownership of existing Tavern/Bar license)

The Hearings Office did not conduct any hearings related to revocation.

Alcohol Server Compliance Checks:

Alcohol server compliance checks were conducted in June and October 2021. A total of 116 businesses were subject to compliance checks, and 31 businesses failed the check and were issued citations.

For comparison, in 2020, 34 businesses were subject to compliance checks, and nine businesses failed the check. In addition to a misdemeanor citation for the violating server, a \$100 fine is imposed on the business for a first offense administrative citation, and a \$500 fine is imposed for a second offense citation. A third offense results in a \$1000 fine for the business and an administrative hearing, at which time the Administrative Hearings Officer may also suspend or revoke a license and/or impose additional conditions of approval.

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation

CCMC Chapter 4.13

Financial Information

Is there a fiscal impact? No

If yes, account name/number:

Is it currently budgeted? No

Explanation of Fiscal Impact:

Alternatives

N/A

Attachments:

Board Action Taken:

Motion: _____	1) _____	Aye/Nay
	2) _____	_____

(Vote Recorded By)

