



## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

**To:** Mayor Graham and City Council

**From:** Maryanne Fair, Deputy City Clerk  
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Walter Denton, City Administrator

**Date:** March 3, 2014

**Subject:** Liquor License Classification Additions

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**List of committees that have reviewed:** Mayor Graham, Dale Funk, and I have met on several occasions with numerous hours of research regarding comparing classifications and ordinances and statutes on liquor licenses between our City and cities of comparable size.

**Background:** There are two components that were considered. Our current ordinance classifications had not been reviewed or the fees for the licenses changed since Ordinance 1534 in 1992.

Several classifications are required to be added, as our current ordinance does not address them. For instance, a current licensee has two licenses (Class B and Class C-2) to cover their operations. Consolidating to one license (Class E) will greatly assist the business in obtaining a State license, as they have had issues with getting a State license smoothly because of our lack of having one classification. In addition, the Brew Pub license is required for the proposed restaurant that will be opening in the near future.

We currently have 52 liquor licenses which include restaurants, convenience stores, taverns, and retail stores such as Walgreens and Schnucks. These include twenty-four Class A licenses, thirteen Class B licenses, six Class C-1, six Class C-2, two Class D-1 and one Class D-2.

**Legal Considerations, if any:** Dale Funk has composed and researched the liquor license classifications.

**Budget Impact:** All fees will be modestly increased by \$100.00. Our current fee structure does not cover processing, supplies, etc. that go into the policing and administering of the holders of liquor licenses. Just a few comparisons – Collinsville charges a fee of \$1500 for a classification similar to our Class B (currently \$500) and Edwardsville charges a fee of \$750 for a classification similar to our Class B.

**Staff Recommendation:** To approve the Ordinances for Classification E and F.