



Legislation Text

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ITEM TITLE:

#18-04 - Amending Title 5, Chapter 5.08 Alcoholic Beverages of the Valdez Municipal Code by Amending Section 5.08.050 Related to Licenses and 5.08.060 Related to Hours of Operation. First Reading for Public Hearing.

SUBMITTED BY: Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk

FISCAL NOTES:

Expenditure Required: [Click here to enter text.](#)

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RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends approval.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Amendment to Section 5.08.050 is recommended for the purpose of remaining compliant with the provisions of Title 4 which establishes a limitation on the number of liquor licenses issued to a municipality. A bill was introduced during the last legislative session which proposes a number of amendments to the current statute language. Our lobbyist Kim Hutchinson is following this bill closely and the Clerk's office will continue to monitor the bill during the next legislative session. At this time, the city does not have the option of adopting language contrary to state statute regarding the limitation of liquor licenses, therefore it is recommended to amend Section 5.08.050 to simply incorporate state statute by reference.

Amendment to Section 5.08.060 regarding hours of sale by licensed premises has been brought forward for consideration by the city council in response to citizens concerns with the number of alcohol related offenses in the community. As stated in the attached memo from Police Chief Hinkle, many communities in Alaska have further restricted the hours which alcohol can be sold from what is currently allowable under State Statute. Currently the City of Valdez mirrors Title 4 statute language as follows:

"No person may consume, sell, offer for sale, give, furnish or deliver any alcoholic beverage on any licensed premises within the city between the hours of five a.m. to eight a.m. each day of the week."

The proposed amendment would prohibit consuming, sale, furnishing or delivery of any alcoholic

beverage on licensed premises within the city between the hours of **three a.m.** and eight a.m. each day of the week.