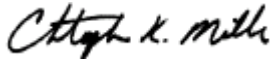


  
**ROSEVILLE**  
**REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Date: 07/23/12  
Item No.: 13.b

Department Approval



City Manager Approval



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Item Description: Consider Amending City Code Chapter 302 Regarding the Allowable Number of Off-Sale Liquor Licenses

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**BACKGROUND**

Over the past 7 years, the City Council has held several discussions on the number of allowable off-sale liquor licenses that should be permitted in the City. Those discussions centered on whether to modify Section 302.13, subdivision A, which reads as follows:

*A. Number of Licenses: The number of licenses which may be issued is ten (10)*

The discussions noted above were prompted by applicants that were seeking a change in City Code. They included Trader Joe's in 2006 and Roundy's (Rainbow Foods) in 2008. At the conclusion of each of these discussions, the Council chose to take no action. As such, the maximum number of off-sale liquor licenses (liquor stores) remains at 10 – all of which are currently spoken for.

The City recently received a formal request from Cost Plus World Market to amend City Code to allow them to obtain an off-sale license. Representatives from Cost Plus will be on hand to speak to their request.

During previous Council discussions on this subject, Staff had compiled some general information and suggested talking points to help facilitate the policy discussion. They are repeated here below:

- 1) Are there societal impacts or concerns that are tied to the number of liquor stores? If so, do they change when going from 10 liquor stores to 11, 12, or more?
- 2) With the exception of lawful gambling licenses, off-sale liquor licenses appear to be the only other locally-regulated business type that carries restrictions on the number of allowable licenses. There are no locally-imposed restrictions on the number of on-sale and other types of liquor licenses, tobacco sales, lottery ticket sales, gasoline stations, etc.
- 3) In a survey of 10 metro area cities that serve similar populations (25,000 – 45,000) and allow private liquor stores, the following observations were made:
  - a) 7 Cities had no restrictions on the number of off-sale liquor licenses
  - b) 1 City has no restrictions on the number of off-sale liquor licenses, however each location had to be at least 1,000 feet from the next location
  - c) 1 City restricted the number of off-sale liquor licenses to no more than 1 per 6,000 residents

33 d) 1 City restricted the number of off-sale liquor licenses to no more than 1 per 7,000 residents  
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35 When considering these talking points, the Council is reminded that off-sale liquor store sites must conform  
36 to both State requirements and local zoning ordinances. In addition, the current City Code specifies that the  
37 issuance of an off-sale liquor license can be denied if the presence of the liquor store would prove to be  
38 detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens including, but not limited to; the effect on  
39 market value of neighboring properties, proximity to churches and schools, and effect on traffic and  
40 parking.

41 **POLICY OBJECTIVE**

42 Not applicable.

43 **FINANCIAL IMPACTS**

44 Not applicable.

45 **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

46 Not applicable.

47 **REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION**

48 For discussion purposes only. No formal Council action is being requested.  
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Prepared by: Chris Miller, Finance Director

Attachments: A: Letter dated July 3, 2012 from representatives of Cost Plus World Market.



July 3, 2012

Chris Miller  
City of Roseville  
Finance Director  
2660 Civic Center Drive  
Roseville, MN 55113

Re: Cost Plus World Market, Roseville

Dear Mr. Miller:

Thank you very much again for meeting with me to discuss the hopeful reopening of the Cost Plus World Market ("Cost Plus") in Roseville. For some additional background, enclosed is a copy of my correspondence from September 19, 2011.

Cost Plus is willing to consider any option proposed by the City that will enable it to obtain a liquor license and reopen its Roseville location. However, I am particularly encouraged by our discussions regarding a text amendment for the Rosedale area that will enable additional liquor licenses. I have discussed this matter further with Cost Plus. Cost Plus would like to make a presentation to the City Council on July 23, 2012. The CEO of Cost Plus as well as Tom Erhlich from Tanurb Developments, Inc., the landlord, will be in attendance to address the Council and answer any questions that the Council may have.

Please confirm that we can be on the agenda at that meeting. We will provide submissions to City staff in advance of the meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Howard A. Roston".

Howard A. Roston

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