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~AD HOC REPORT~
Renew Liquor Permit-On Premise Consumption---Ordinance Sec. 11-8
Tuesday, March 24, 2015

Chairman Irving Fox called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 2015, in the Caucus Room, 3rd Floor, Danbury City Hall, 155 Deer Hill Avenue. Present were Committee members Christopher Arconti, Peter Nero, Deputy Corporation Counsel Les Pinter, Police Chief Alan Baker, and Ex Officio Members Joseph Cavo and John Priola and members of the public.

Mr. Fox noted the purpose of the meeting is regarding Ordinance Section 11-8. Recent Public Act 14-48 allows municipalities to adopt Ordinances requiring anyone applying to renew a liquor permit for on-premise liquor consumption through the Department of Consumer Protection to simultaneously give written notice of the application to the Chief Law Enforcement Official or his designee in the municipality where the business is located.

Mr. Baker noted Public Act 14-48 was signed by the Governor in May, 2014 and is another tool to help enforce liquor laws. Local municipalities are directed to notify local Law Enforcement 30 days in advance and law enforcement has 15 days in which to comment. Law Enforcement would then report comments to Consumer Protection. He endorses the Ordinance and noted there are approximately 45 on-premise licenses in Danbury. He responded to Mr. Cavo that this pertains to on-premise alcohol consumption - primarily restaurants and taverns. Mr. Baker responded to Mr. Arconti that this would most likely be assigned to a detective for background, then comments would come from Mr. Baker himself. Mr. Pinter noted the item is straightforward and has been codified. Mr. Nero commented that this allows the Police to get ahead of issues.

Mr. Baker and Mr. Pinter responded to Mr. Fox re: Penalties for non-compliance.

A motion was made by Councilman Arconti, and seconded by Councilman Nero, that the Ordinance be amended by adding Section 11-8 Notice of Liquor Permit Application. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Nero, and seconded by Councilman Arconti, to adjourn the Ad Hoc Committee. The motion passed unanimously at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Irving Fox, Chairman

Christopher Arconti

Peter Nero

Joseph Cavo

John Priola



ORDINANCE

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CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CITY COUNCIL

_____ A.D. 2015

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Danbury:

The Code of Ordinances of Danbury, Connecticut is hereby amended by adding a section, to be numbered Section 11-8, which said section reads as follows:

Sec. 11-8. Notice of certain liquor permit renewal applications.

Each person who files an application pursuant to section 30-39 of the Connecticut General Statutes for renewal of a liquor permit that allows on-premises serving or consumption of alcoholic liquor at a place of business located within the city shall simultaneously give written notice of such liquor permit renewal application to the Danbury Chief of Police or his designee. The chief or his or her designee may respond in writing, not later than fifteen days after receipt of such notice, to the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, with comments regarding the renewal application that is the subject of such notice.