

ORDINANCE NO. 4478

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GRAND JUNCTION MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 5.12.240 TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS BY AND THROUGH THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

Recitals.

Colorado Revised Statute 12-48-101 *et. seq.* authorizes the issuance of Special Events Permits for the sale, by the drink only, of malt beverages and spirituous and vinous liquors to qualifying organizations and political candidates, subject to applicable provisions of law and subject to the limitations imposed by law.

Prior to May 23 of this year the law required that applications for Special Events permits be made to the Local Licensing Authority and the State Liquor Enforcement Division. In order for a license to issue an applicant had to receive approval from both entities.

Senate Bill 11-066, considered and adopted by the Colorado Legislature in its 2011 session, amends 12-48-101 C.R.S. *et. seq.* to authorize the issuance of Special Events Permits for the sale, by the drink only, of malt beverages, spirituous and vinous liquors to qualified organizations and political candidates subject to law and the limitations imposed by the Local Authority approval only, providing that the Local Authority has enacted a law to solely issue Special Event Permits.

The City Council has considered the proposed ordinance and finds that issuing Special Event Permits solely at the local level is: a) a means to improve customer service, b) prudent as the City's process is very exacting, c) beneficial because the City Hearing Officer is more familiar with the specific circumstances of the various local Special Events, d) already reviewing the application thoroughly to ensure compliance with the law, and e) a more efficient means of issuing these unique licenses.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION:

Section 1.

Section 5.12.240 Special event permits is hereby repealed and reenacted as follows:

(a) As authorized by law, the local licensing authority has elected not to notify the State Licensing Authority to obtain the State Licensing Authority's approval or disapproval of an application for a special event permit. The Local Licensing Authority will report to the Liquor Enforcement Division, within ten days after it issues a permit, the name of the organization to which a permit was issued, the address of the permitted location, and the permitted dates of alcohol beverage service.

(b) Under the authority granted in § 12-48-107(1) and (2), C.R.S., an application for a special event permit shall be filed with the local licensing authority and shall be accompanied by a fee as established by resolution of the City Council for both investigation and issuance of such permit.

(c) A special event permit issued by the City for any event occurring in or on any public street, road, highway, and park or public way which is publicly owned shall not allow the possession and consumption of spirituous liquors.

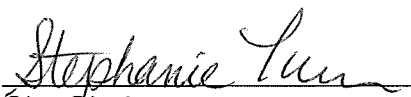
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President of the Council

ATTEST:



City Clerk