

Agenda Report

March 3, 2014 City Council Meeting

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Item No. 13

ISSUE: Alcohol policy at the community and events center

BACKGROUND:

Presently for events with groups attending in a range of 51-150 people that wish to serve alcohol during a rental at the Community & Events Center, there is a waiver of police personnel form that renters are allowed to fill out. This document is then submitted to the police chief to request that an off duty police officer not be required to be on site while alcohol is served. In the 3+ years Dennis has been reviewing these, he has not denied a single request for the waiver and there have had no police issues at any of these events that can be directly attributed to a lack of supervision when alcohol is consumed. The waiver review process can be tedious for him in that it involves having to make phone contact with each person that has applied for a waiver.

Chief McDaniel is now suggesting that the City amend the alcohol policy in a manner that does away with the waiver process for rentals under 150 persons, but maintains the existing requirement for a police officer to be present at events larger than 150 persons where alcohol will be served. The chief also suggests that each renter continue to be required to sign the alcohol policy so that there can be no denial that they were unaware of the City's requirements when alcohol is involved at an event. The proposed changes are attached for your review.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the change to the community and events center alcohol policy.

STAFF CONTACTS:

Jeffrey A. Fiegenschuh, City Administrator
Dennis McDaniel, Chief of Police

CITY OF WINDSOR HEIGHTS, IOWA

RESOLUTION NUMBER 14-0309

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ALCOHOL USE POLICY FOR THE WINDSOR HEIGHTS
COMMUNITY CENTER AND WAIVER AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the City of Windsor strives to provide high quality and aesthetically pleasing environment along with well built infrastructure and amenities for its residents and visitors; AND,

WHEREAS, the Community and Events Center is available for rent and with some events serving alcohol; AND,

WHEREAS, attached is an alcohol responsibility agreement and waiver; AND,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Windsor Heights City Council in session this 3rd day of March, 2014 hereby adopts the revised alcohol use policy, responsibility agreement and waiver

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 3rd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2014.

Diana Willits, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeff Fiegenschuh, City Administrator/Clerk