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From: Wilson, Grant J.

Casey-

It actually has not been that long since the charter and ordinances were amended to remove the food to alcohol sales requirements. I think it may be too early to report on our findings, but here are a few things to report. One item of note is that all wine licenses expire on April 1st. This will be the first year ever that our restaurants do not have to supply actual sales figures to the License Department along with this license renewal. I have no doubt that our license holders will find it significantly easier to renew their licenses, and my staff will have fewer documents to review when approving a license renewal application.

Another interesting item of note is that the tools that were placed into the liquor ordinances to replace the food to alcohol sales requirements, have already been used several times to deter problematic behavior occurring at on sale alcohol establishments. In particular, the section requiring management responsibility for monitoring noise and patron behavior has been helpful to staff and police.

We have not observed an increase in the number of restaurants seeking on sale wine licenses that we can attribute to the changes made to the charter, however there has been a steady increase in the annual number of on sale license requests for the past decade.

I would be more than happy to speak with the Charter Commission at their April meeting and will defer to your judgment in that regard.

From: Carl, Casey J.

Grant—

At its most recent meeting, the Minneapolis Charter Commission questioned what, if any, changes have been experienced by the City following passage of the charter referendum related to 70:30 liquor licensing requirements. They are interested in knowing if the change has improved internal processes, if additional businesses have requested licensing, if the process is easier to administer, what the reaction among business owners has been from your perspective, etc. If there really hasn't been any difference, I think we can simply report that via email; however, I wanted to check-in with you to see if perhaps this is a subject you'd like to report on to the full Charter Commission, and to address any other questions or related issues that might be raised by its members. The Charter Commission's next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 1, 2015, at 4 p.m. in the Council Chamber (Room 317).