

# **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT**

Requested Board Meeting Date: 08/16/2021

Title: Permission to Pursue Series 5 Government Liquor License for the Historic Pima County Court House

# Introduction/Background:

The Historic Pima County Courthouse, home of the Southern Arizona Heritage and Visitor Center has reopened and is welcoming back visitors and residents. The Courthouse is home to the Alfie Norville Gem & Mineral Museum, Southern Arizona Heritage and Visitor Center, January 8th Memorial, Dillinger Courtroom and will serve as the gathering point for both tourists and residents to explore information on attractions, parks, activities and historical/cultural sites to visit within Pima County.

### Discussion:

The Courthouse includes a conference room, auditorium and courtyard which will be available for public and private rental for meetings, conferences, weddings and special events. The ability to include controlled service of liquor would be important to utilize rental of space within the facility.

# **Conclusion:**

Obtaining a Series 5 Liquor License is necessary to ensure the safe service of alcohol in manner consistent with all State and local rules and regulations.

### Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Pima County Board of Supervisors approve staff application for a Series 5 Government Liquor License for the Pima County Historic Courthouse.								
Fiscal Impact:								
Increased use of the facility with rental fees applied towards Courthouse maintenance.								
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Memorandum

Date: June 29, 2021

To: Chuck H. Huckelberry

County Administrator

From: Ms. Diane Frisch

Director, Attractions & Tourism

Via:

Jan Lesher Chief Deputy County

Administrator

Re: Request for Permission to Pursue Series 5 Government Liquor License for

**Historic Pima County Courthouse** 

The Attractions & Tourism Department is requesting your permission to apply for a Class 5 Government Liquor License from the Arizona Department of Liquor Licensing and Control, (DLLC) for the Historic Pima County Courthouse. With the complete renovation and reopening of the Historic Courthouse and Southern Arizona Heritage Center we believe use of the rental areas within the building including the courtyard would be appropriate to allow the service of alcohol to the public for certain events in a controlled manner that is managed by the County within current DLLC rules. Current inquiries for use of the facilities include non-profit events, weddings, special business and community events and meetings.

Attractions & Tourism would work closely with Risk Management and Finance to manage and develop proper protocol for use of the license and would be the Agent for the County under the liquor license. A Manager for the County under the license would be selected by the County in accordance with all legal and appropriate County procedures.

Pima County currently holds Class 5 liquor licenses at other county sites including Kino Sports Complex, Rillito Racetrack and Colossal Cave Mountain Park. Should you agree and approve of our strategy to apply for a Series 5 Government Liquor License we will begin the formal process of submitting a completed application to DLLC. Once DLLC receives and approves the completed application, that application is sent to the local authority for recommendation. The local authority for the Pima County Historic Courthouse would be the Tucson City Council.

Pima County Attractions & Tourism

C.H. Huckelberry, County Administrator

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Approved Not Approved

C. H. Huckelberry, County Administrator

<b>RESOLUTION NO. 2021-</b>	
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# RESOLUTION OF THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ATTRACTIONS & TOURISM TO APPLY FOR A GOVERNMENTAL LIQUOR LICENSE IN CONNECTION WITH THE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE

### THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FINDS:

- 1. In conjunction with the preservation, renovation, and reopening of the Historic Courthouse at the Southern Arizona Heritage & Visitor Center, it is necessary for Pima County to obtain a government liquor license to allow the sale and service of alcoholic beverages for use at the Historic Courthouse, which is operated by the Pima County Department of Attractions & Tourism.
- 2. A.R.S. §4-205.03(B) provides that applications for government liquor licenses must be authorized by the respective governing body.
- 3. The Pima County Board of Supervisors desires to authorize the Director of the Department of Attractions & Tourism to apply for a government liquor license covering operations at the Historic Courthouse at 115 N. Church Avenue, Tucson,

NOW, THEREFORE, UPON MOTION DULY MADE, SECONDED AND CARRIED, BE IT RESOLVED:

The Director of the Department of Attractions & Tourism is authorized and directed to apply for a government liquor license covering operations and events at the Historic Courthouse.

	PASSED, ADOPT day of	ED AND APPRO , 2021.	VED by the Pima	County Board o	f Supervisors this
Sharon	Bronson, Chair		•		
ATTES	ST:				

Julie Castaneda, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Victoria Buckinger

Victoria Buchinger, Deputy County Attorney