

Introduced by: Council Member Albertson
Date: June 25, 2019
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CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution #19-07

A RESOLUTION BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL PROTESTING THE TRANSFER OF PACKAGE STORE LICENSE NO. 5533 FROM KUSKO LIQUOR, OWNED BY CEZARY MACZYNSKI TO ACC LIQUOR STORE, OWNED BY THE NORTH WEST COMPANY (INTERNATIONAL) INC. PROPOSING TO OPERATE AT 811 3RD AVENUE

WHEREAS, Cezary Maczynski doing business as Kusko Liquor and Northwest Company International Inc. doing business as ACC Liquor Store submitted an application to the Alaska Alcohol Marijuana Control Office (AMCO) to transfer Package Store License #5533 from Kusko Liquor to ACC Liquor Store;

WHEREAS, the proposed Package Store License Transfer would relocate the operation of the license from 801 Front Street, to 811 3rd Avenue, Bethel, Alaska;

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2018 the City of Bethel City Council adopted Resolution 18-03 Protesting the license renewal for AC Quickstop, located at 131 Akakeek St. owned and operated by the North West Company (International) Inc. citing many issues, one being the lack of control and oversight at the North West Company's business locations;

WHEREAS, this protest resulted in the denial of the AC Quickstop license renewal thereby closing AC Quickstop's operation effective May 23, 2018;

WHEREAS, while AC Quickstop was in operation not only did the total call for services in the community increase substantially but so did the calls for service at the location of their two stores: AC Quickstop, 131 Akakeek and AC Main Store, 135 Ridgecrest Dr.;

WHEREAS, the calls for intoxicated pedestrians at AC Quickstop totaled 51 in 2015, when the store was not operating, in 2017 when the store was in full operation, the call volume increased to 147, an increase of 188% in just that single location;

WHEREAS, the calls for service for intoxicated pedestrians at the AC Main store totaled 211 in 2015 and 967 for 2017, which represents a 358% increase;

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WHEREAS, liquor license holders and the policy standards they follow have significant impacts on reducing nuisances caused by the distribution of alcohol;

WHEREAS, during the time AC Quickstop was licensed, it was the sole package store operating within the City of Bethel;

WHEREAS, currently Caribou Traders is the sole package store in operation within the City of Bethel;

WHEREAS, having just one package store in operation for the months of January to May in 2017, 2018 and 2019 has allowed the City to do a comparison of the average calls for service by operator;

WHEREAS, the comparison clearly shows that for the same time period AC Quickstop the Police, Fire and EMS personnel responded to more calls for service on average per month than the operation period for Caribou Traders;

WHEREAS, the information below is derived from calls for service statistics provided by the Bethel Police and Fire Departments;

WHEREAS, the monthly average reflected for AC Quickstop used the calls for service from January 1, 2017- May 31, 2017 and January 1, 2018 – May 31, 2018;

WHEREAS, the monthly average reflected for Caribou Traders used the calls for service from January 1, 2019 - May 31, 2019 (except for the CFS for ETOH EMT/EMS, Assault and MVI was not available for May of 2019 so those averages are based off of four months);

Police	AC Quickstop Ave. per Mo.	Caribou T. Ave. per Mo.	AC Quickstop % Higher than Caribou T.
Total Calls Police	1598.4	1511.2	6%
Death Investigations	2	0.8	150%
Sexual Assault	3.8	3.6	6%
Assault	41.1	28.4	45%
Domestic Violence	26.3	18.2	45%
Intoxicated Pedestrian	480.7	393.4	22%
EMT/EMS			
Ethical Alcohol EMT/EMS	88	78.5	12%
Assault	13.3	8.5	56%
Motor Vehicle Incident	4.3	3.75	15%
Total Runs EMT/EMS	147.2	120	23%

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WHEREAS, when comparing the overall calls for service in the community it is clear through the calls for service detail to their business operations and throughout the City, the business practices of the North West Company is damaging to the welfare of the residents of the City and puts a strain on very limited City resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED with the information provided and all relevant facts considered the Council finds the issuance of a Package Store License to ACC Liquor Store to be a public safety concern due to the lack of security and operational control the Northwest Company (International) Inc. has at their places of business and protests the transfer of package store license No. 5533 from Kusko Liquor to ACC Liquor Store.

ENACTED THIS 25 DAY OF JUNE 2019 BY A VOTE OF _ IN FAVOR AND _ OPPOSED.

ATTEST:

Fred Watson, Mayor

Lori Strickler, City Clerk