



Item No. 8
MEMO

To: Mayor John Haila and Ames City Council Members
From: Lieutenant Mike Arkovich, Ames Police Department
Date: October 27, 2024
Subject: Beer Permits & Liquor License Renewal Reference City Council Agenda

The following licenses are eligible for renewal:

- a. AJ's Liquor III, (2401 "A" Chamberlain Street), Class E Retail Alcohol License
- b. Chocolaterie Stam, (230 Main Street), Class B Native Wine Permit
- c. Time Out, (120 Kellogg Avenue), Class C Liquor License
- d. Sam's Place, (125 Main Street), Class C Retail Alcohol License

A review of police records for the past 12 months found no liquor law violations for Chocolaterie Stam, Time Out, or Sams Place. The Police Department recommends the license renewal for these businesses.

A review of police records for the past 12 months found 19 Minors on-premise violations at AJ's Ultra Lounge (AJ's Liquor III). Of those 19, 16 involved fake IDs, about 84% of the on-premise violations. AJ's has improved from previous years on its number of on-premise and fake ID violations. The Police Department will encourage AJ's to continue utilize safeguards such as scanner use, training, conducting their own compliance checks, management training and accountability, etc. In addition, the Police Department will continue to monitor the above location by conducting regular foot patrols, bar checks, evaluating their use of safeguards and educating the bar staff through monthly ID training. AJ's Ultra Lounge has passed all compliance checks. Therefore, at this time, the Police Department also recommends the license renewal for this business as well.