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**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8.b**

**STAFF AGENDA REVIEW WORKSHOP AGENDA ITEM REPORT**

**DATE:** June 23, 2025

**SUBMITTED BY:** Kimberly Dillon

**ITEM TYPE:** Ordinance

**TEMP. ORDINANCE NUMBER:** TO2596

**AGENDA SECTION:** **Ordinance(s) Second Reading:**

**TITLE:** TO2596 - An Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Tamarac, Florida, Amending Chapter 15 of the City of Tamarac Code of Ordinances, Entitled "Parks and Recreation," by Specifically Amending Section 15-88, Entitled "Alcoholic Beverages," to Allow for the Sale and Serving of Alcoholic Beverages for Consumption in City Parks and Facilities; Providing for Codification; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The City Manager and the Director of Parks and Recreation recommend that the Mayor and City Commission adopt the proposed amendment to Chapter 15, Section 15-88 of the City of Tamarac Code of Ordinances on First Reading at its June 11, 2025 meeting, and on Second Reading at its June 25, 2025. This ordinance allows for the responsible sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages in City parks and facilities in conjunction with city-sponsored or permitted special events, subject to specific conditions.

**BACKGROUND:** Cities across Florida and the U.S. have adopted ordinances allowing alcohol consumption on city-owned property under regulated conditions to enhance event programming and support local business development. Based on this model, the proposed ordinance amendment provides for a structured permitting process requiring compliance with all applicable City, County, and State regulations, including liquor liability insurance, licensing, and safety controls.

Alcohol consumption will be allowed only when approved in writing by the City Manager or designee and where the event organizer or responsible party obtains a valid state alcohol license when required, secures liquor liability insurance naming the City of Tamarac as an additional

insured, implements adequate security, sanitation, and event management protocols, and complies with all applicable legal and regulatory standards.

Permits for private functions such as family or group gatherings may also be issued, subject to similar safeguards. The prohibition on intoxicated individuals in parks remains in effect.

**ISSUE:**

Section 15-88 of the City Code, codified in 1975, currently prohibits the sale, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages in any City park. However, the volume, scale, and character of events hosted in Tamarac's parks and facilities have evolved significantly. Authorizing controlled alcohol service at permitted special events would align with contemporary municipal practices, enhance public engagement, and advance the City's economic development objectives.

**ATTACHMENTS:**