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FACTSHEET

TITLE: Amend Section 12.08.270 of the Lincoln Municipal Code to expand the locations where alcohol can be served for specific activities and events

BOARD/COMMITTEE: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

APPLICANT: Lincoln Parks and Recreation Dept.

RECOMMENDATION: For

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: For

OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED:
Law, LPD

SPONSOR: Lincoln Parks and Recreation Dept.

OPPONENTS: None known.

REASON FOR LEGISLATION

Amend Section 12.08.270 of the Lincoln Municipal Code to expand the list of outdoor and indoor locations where alcoholic beverages can be served for specific activities and events.

DISCUSSION / FINDINGS OF FACT:

Proposed amendments to LMC 12.08.270 are as follows:

1. **Jayne Snyder Trails Center** in conjunction with fundraising activities benefitting a City department.
2. **Jayne Snyder Trails Center** for events and activities by a condominium unit owner of the Active Living Center Condominium as authorized by a written agreement. (Please note the Jayne Snyder Trails Center is one of three condominium units in the Active Living Center Condominium. The other two are the Community Health Endowment and The Hub Café.)
3. **Auld Pavilion** in conjunction with fundraising activities benefitting a City department.
4. **Tower Square** in conjunction with fundraising activities benefitting a City department.
5. **Tower Square** for events and activities that promote economic development in Downtown Lincoln and that are sponsored by the Downtown Lincoln Association.
6. **Pinewood Bowl** in conjunction with fundraising activities benefitting a City department.
7. **Pinewood Bowl** for events sponsored by the contracted operator of the Pinnacle Bank Arena with approval of the Parks and Recreation Director.

The proposed amendments expand the list of outdoor and indoor locations where alcoholic beverages can be served during fundraising activities benefitting a City Department. Today, fundraising events to benefit City departments that are planned as outdoor events in parks or public gardens are constrained by not having options for indoor rain locations. This makes it very challenging to adequately plan for such an event.

In addition to better facilitating fundraising activities benefitting City departments, the proposed amendments support economic development in Downtown Lincoln by allowing for alcohol to be served in conjunction with special events that promote this goal and are sponsored by the Downtown Lincoln Association. Tower Square

at 13th and P Street and the adjoining public right-of-way areas were planned to serve as an event space in Downtown Lincoln. While alcoholic beverages can be served in the public right-of-way with approval of a special event permit, the adjoining public space in Tower Square is excluded from the area where alcohol can be served today. The proposed amendment extends the ability to serve alcoholic beverages in the public plaza in conjunction with a special event. The amendments also clarify the provisions relating to the existing operations of the Pinewood Bowl for musical events programmed by the Arena operator.

The Active Living Center, including the Jayne Snyder Trails Center and The Hub Café, was planned to bring added activities and vibrancy to Union Plaza. The Hub Café has the ability to serve alcoholic beverages within its premises. The City and The Hub Café have an agreement that the café can utilize the trails center for special dinners and events. The proposed amendment would allow the City and the Hub Café to expand upon the existing agreement allowing alcoholic beverages to be served in the Jayne Snyder Trails Center during activities hosted by the café. This change will assist in maintaining the Jane Snyder Trails Center as a viable restaurant location.

POLICY OR PROGRAM CHANGE: X Yes No

OPERATIONAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT: Alcoholic beverages are allowed to be served today at several Parks and Recreation facilities for specific activities and events. These amendments assist in supporting fundraising to benefit City departments. Permits for special events at locations where alcohol would be permitted will continue to be addressed as they are today through the City's Special Events Committee and are not anticipated to have a significant impact on the management of special events.

COST OF TOTAL PROJECT: N/A

RELATED ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS: N/A

SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A

CITY: N/A

NON CITY: N/A

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