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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Village Administrator  
**FROM:** Mo Khan, Village Planner  
**THROUGH:** Jennifer Ramsay, Finance Director; Vijay Gadde, Community Development Director  
**DATE:** February 16, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** Liquor License and Video Gaming License Request for RR Itasca, LLC dba Ricky Rockets Fuel Center at 1221 N. Rohlwing Rd.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Move to approve the Liquor License and Video Gaming License Request by RR Itasca, LLC at the property located at 1221 N. Rohlwing Rd.

**INTRODUCTION**

RR Itasca, LLC. dba Ricky Rockets Fuel Center is requesting review and approval of their Liquor License and Video Gaming License Request in accordance with Chapter 112 of the Itasca Municipal Code.

**DISCUSSION**

The Village Board approved Ord. #1946-20, #1963-20 and #1991-21 that granted the construction of an automobile service station (gas station).

On January 17, 2023, the Village Board approved the Business License/Zoning Certificate for Ricky Rockets. Currently the gas/fueling station and convenience store portions of the business are operating.

Ricky Rocket's is requesting Class D Liquor License that will allow for retail sale of alcoholic liquors for off-site consumption per Sec. 112.18(G) of the Municipal Code. A Class D Liquor License allows the sale of alcoholic liquors between the hours of:

1. Monday-Friday: 6:00 AM – 12:00 AM
2. Saturday: 6:00 AM – 1:00 AM (following day)
3. Sunday: 12:00 PM – 12:00 AM

Ricky Rockets is also requesting for a Video Gaming License to operate ten (10) video gaming terminals within the building. Ten gaming terminals are permitted under state law for certain properties at least three (3) acres and projected to sell more than 10,000 gallons of diesel fuel per the State of Illinois Video Gaming Act.

Previous video gaming establishment in Itasca qualified a different provision of the Illinois Video Gaming Act (230 ILCS 40) and are limited to six (6) video gaming terminals under state law. However, Village Code

currently limits all establishments to five (5) video gaming terminals. This was the previous state limit when video gaming was originally approved in Illinois. Staff has asked Legal to clarify before Village Board final consideration of this item whether Itasca, as a non-home rule community, can limit video gaming terminals beyond the state license limits.

The proposed video gaming terminals will be located in a separate enclosed room that is secured and can only be accessed when unlocked by an employee. Only access to the room is from the interior of the building. The video gaming area is 496 ft.<sup>2</sup>, which is approximately 6% of the total floor area of the building area.

Video gaming hours will be limited to the same hours as a Class D Liquor License.

The Itasca Police Department has conducted and passed the background check on the applicants listed on the liquor license application.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The business will be generating tax revenue in multiple ways: Motor Fuel Tax, Sales Tax, Food & Beverage Tax, and Video Gaming Distributive Fund. According to information provided by the applicant, the business is expected to generate the following revenue annually:

Motor Fuel Tax	\$ 100,000
Sales Tax	\$ 20,000
Food & Beverage Tax	\$ 10,500
Video Gaming Revenue	\$ 75,000
<b>Estimated Total:</b>	<b>\$ 205,500</b>

The Motor Fuel Tax includes revenue from the sales of both diesel and gasoline fuel. Sales and Food & Beverage Tax revenues includes revenues from the sales of alcohol, food from Joe’s Donuts, and convenience store sales.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the item be forwarded to the Committee of the Whole on February 21, 2023 for consideration and approval of the Liquor License and Video Gaming License Request.

**AFTER ACTION STEPS**

If the Liquor License and Video Gaming License is approved, the applicant will have to pay the fees for their Liquor License and Video Gaming License. The Applicant will also need to obtain their State Liquor and Video Gaming Licenses before beginning the retail sale of liquor and operation of the video gaming terminals.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Liquor License Application