



CITY OF
GEARHART

Staff Report

For City Council Meeting - 3/6/2024

Subject - Old Business - OLCC License Renewal Update

Synopsis: In February, Council was given a list of OLCC licenses in our district set to expire 3/31/2024. Renewals need to remit a renewal application to OLCC by a date specified on their personal OLCC paperwork. They need to submit a copy of that application, a \$35 renewal fee, and the City's liquor license renewal application prior to 3/31/2024. Council has the option to make an unfavorable recommendation on any renewing license holder, provided it meets the list of unfavorable criteria (ORS 471.166). Council had until 3/1/2024 to make an unfavorable recommendation, otherwise, all licenses renew effective 4/1/2024 provided they met their OLCC renewal deadline. Council took no action in February, therefore making no unfavorable recommendations. However, Council was made aware of two licenses listed:

- 1) The Drifhaven at Gearhart still with a listed name of The Gearhart Ocean Inn;
- 2) Good Times with a now inactive business.

Staff was asked to follow up on these items. Per OLCC's Liquor Licensing Assistant Manager, Christopher Vossen:

Trade Name changes wouldn't be something that necessarily holds up a renewal. We request that they inform us of the change so we can update our records. I can let renewals know to include a change of info packet with our renewal notification for The Gearhart Ocean Inn (362157).

As for the business that is closed, they should inform us about surrendering their license, but often will just let it lapse. If you find a business is closed in your area but we still list the license as active, please reach out to our compliance division alcohol@oregon.gov to inform them, and they can go check out the location and take it from there.

Staff is waiting for April 1st to confirm Good Times did in fact let the license lapse. Then all is well. We would only take the compliance division route if it does not show as lapsed.

Recommendation: There is nothing else Council or City staff need to do on these matters.

Legal Analysis: N/A

Financial Analysis: N/A

Respectfully Submitted,


Chad