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City of Longmont

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Topic: Proposals from Licensing Subgroup - Comments

As a municipal government and as the 14th largest municipality in Colorado with approximately 175 active licensed establishments, we are deeply invested in the efficiency of the liquor licensing process. Our office has supported and served on the Liquor Working Group and finds great benefit in finding mutually beneficial processes and procedures for liquor licensing.

The City of Longmont would like to echo the comments submitted by Kristen Teague of City of Boulder and we support all of her statements and add our own additional comments as follows:

1-Clerks who handle the actual licensing process must be integrally involved in any process revisions and any proposals to change processes should be postponed until the Liquor Working Group can vet and discuss the proposals, in addition to other stakeholders.

2-Maintaining a single point of contact is critical for the efficiency of the process. Our experience has been that any communication received from LED to the applicant directly (even the cc emails on issuances and such) is confusing for the applicant/licensee.

3-An online application should not be pursued until the time when both local and state authorities can participate in the same single online platform.

4-Renewals should be kept to annual renewals unless the benefits can be shown for all involved - local, county, applicant, and state.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment. We are not able to attend the meeting on July 27th because it conflicts with our Local Authority hearing time but will engage for future meetings.

Regards,

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