



STAFF REPORT ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION

To: Mayor Gavin Buckley

From: Michael Mallinoff

Date: July 19, 2023

Subject: O-22-23: Business License, Taxes and Regulation - Creation of Art Establishment Beer and Wine License

Purpose of legislation

The purpose of this legislation is to create a City of Annapolis beer and wine license for specific art venues as authorized by MD. Alcoholic Beverages Code § 10-1002 per Senate Bill 472, signed by Governor Wes Moore on May 3, 2023; and generally related to the Alcoholic Beverages chapter of the City Code.

Impact of legislation on operations

This legislation and the State legislation affects Maryland Hall and other arts organizations in the City. Currently, these organizations seek one-time licenses and pay fees incrementally with each license. Under this legislation, a new annual license would be created. Operationally, this would require a one-time effort to add this license into the City's systems. Once implemented, this would decrease the volume of licenses that the Office of Law processes slightly. There remain some questions regarding exactly which organizations would be eligible to apply for this new license, so implementation of this legislation should include time to ensure that both the staff and the public clearly understand which organizations are and are not eligible to apply.

Impact of legislation on staffing

The decrease in the volume of licenses as a result of this legislation is not sufficient to impact staffing requirements in that office.

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