



MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert Klein, Chair, and
Members of the Board

DATE: July 11, 2017

FROM: Erika McConnell
Director, ABC Board

RE: Bethel—last remaining
package store license

The City of Bethel is permitted three package stores by population (AS 04.11.400). There is one remaining package store license available, and AMCO has received three applications for this license: Kusko Liquor (#5533), Tundra Liquor Cache (#5542), and ACC Liquor Store (#5544). The three applications are considered “competing applications” under 3 AAC 304.110, and shall be considered together. Selection among competing applications is governed by 3 AAC 304.112.

The City of Bethel has protested all three applications. Two public objections have been received for ACC Liquor Store (#5544) based on alleged posting violations and concerns about parking capacity. The Native Village of Nunapitchuk has objected to any liquor license in Bethel.

It is staff's understanding that Kusko Liquor (#5533) has been denied a conditional use permit and ACC Liquor Store (#5544) has not applied for a conditional use permit. The Bethel Planning Commission will review Tundra Liquor Cache's (#5542) conditional use permit at their meeting on July 13, 2017.

Recommendation:

Table this matter until the next meeting pending additional information from the City of Bethel..