



MEMORANDUM

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

DATE: September 13, 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 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.

On August 8, 2017, the City of Bethel rescinded its protest of Kusko Liquor (#5533), for which a conditional use permit has been approved.

The conditional use application for Tundra Liquor Cache (#5542) has been denied and the applicant did not pursue his option to appeal in Superior Court.

ACC Liquor Store (#5544) is expected to complete its application for a conditional use permit soon at which point it will be addressed by the Planning Commission.

Recommendation:

Table this matter until the next meeting to allow the City of Bethel additional time to consider the conditional use permit applications of all applicants.