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To: Chair and Members of the Board

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Re: How does the board wish to account for additional restaurant or eating place licenses (AS 04.09.210) that have been approved under AS 04.11.405.

Visual attachments 1-5 have been provided and are useful when understanding the issue.

Attachments 1 and 2 demonstrate the current method in use to account for any additional application spots approved within a municipality. This model creates the appearance that the additional license spots approved under AS 04.09.210 are calculated into the available license spots allowed by population count.

Attachments 3, 4, and 5 reflect possible versions reworking the way in which approved additional license spots are accounted for. The count of allowed licenses available by population is clearly presented and is unchanged by the approval of additional license spots. This amount may fluctuate up or down yearly depending only on population count. These possible versions clearly separate counts for allowed licenses by population from allowed license applications 'spots' under AS 04.11.405. The natural attrition process of licenses is made clearer.

License attrition can happen in several ways. If a license expires (surrender, non-renewal, revocation…) and at the time of expiration the actual count of licenses issued was over the count of licenses available by population, then that license 'spot' no longer exists and no 'spot' is free for new application. Additionally, the fluctuation of population from year-to-year and the subsequent recount may 'remove' a once available license spot because the population decreased.

Attachments:

1. Current Population and License Count Chart
2. Current Board Action Letter (ex. is City of Homer)
3. Version of what Board Action Letter could look like (ex. is City of Homer)
4. Version of Population and License Count Chart that incorporates new table
5. Version of Population and License Count Chart that inserts new column on existing chart