

**TO:** Mayor Robinson and City Council

**FROM:** Jeffrey L. McCormick, Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** Winery Liquor License Application

**DATE:** July 31, 2014

**BACKGROUND**

The City Ordinance was changed to address the unique operational nature of a banquet facility, which by design is only open for reserved events and does not serve two meals a day, as required by a restaurant to obtain a liquor license. The Cannon River Winery (Winery) is applying for a liquor license. They also hold a Farm Winery License which is allowed by State Statute. The license premises would be the entire building and sidewalk seating area. According to our City Code, the liquor license would be valid during a banquet facility event held at the Banquet Facility, if following the provisions of Section 111.001 and Section 111.089 (D) (3) or any days the winery chooses to comply with Section 111.089 (D) (3) requiring that at least two (2) meals at tables are served, including entrees, salads and sandwiches, on all days when on-sale liquor is sold, as our other liquor license holders are required do. The Winery does have the required Department of Health license for either option.

Once approved by the City Council the application would be forwarded to the State of Minnesota for approval and returned to the City for the actual license to be issued.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

I recommend that the City Council approve the Winery liquor license application so that it can be forwarded to the State of Minnesota for approval.

**REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION**

Motion and approval of the Winery liquor license application.