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Date: 3/29/2023 1:12:17 PM
Subject: RE: Question regarding "term limited" license

Hi Pete,

On behalf of Sarah Hicks, please see the following advice in response to your question regarding time-limited licensing.

The business licence issuance timeframes are set by the License By-law as being issued for the calendar year and all expire December 31st of each year. Neither Council, nor the Chief Licence Inspector, have the authority in the By-law to vary the expiry date from that set out in the by-law. While we do have the ability to require a new application during renewal at which time the Chief Licence Inspector can determine to refer the application to Council for decision, it is not a typical path taken. It is best practice for staff to work with businesses to identify areas of concerns and explore opportunities to mitigate impacts.

With the issuance of the dual licence, the location will be required to obtain a Time-Limited Development Permit that is reviewed on an annual basis to determine suitability with the area. The location is also required to sign a Good Neighbour Agreement, generally outlining their requirements as well as submitting an acoustic report that will identify acceptable music volumes to ensure compliance with the Noise By-law.

Regardless of whether Council supports the dual licence application, staff will be monitoring the site and working with the business to identify opportunities to mitigate potential impact of the operations on the neighbourhood. Complaints are reviewed by staff to determine appropriate next steps. These can include referral to VPD, warnings, orders, tickets, prosecution, and consideration of licence suspension or recommendation of revocation to Council.

Thanks,

Paul

From: Fry, Pete <Pete.Fry@vancouver.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2023 6:53 PM
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Cc: Direct to Mayor and Council - DL
Subject: Question regarding "term limited" license

Hi,

Regarding the upcoming dual license applications on Wednesday. Speakers to one of the items will be asking council about options for a "time-limited" license, with renewal as a condition of good operations (and presumably no complaints). I expect that annual business license renewal is a condition of good operations in the first place – regardless of the merits of any concerns or not, but anticipating this will come up for council, is a time-limited conditional license something we can prescribe?

Thanks in advance

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