Chapter 2.26

LIQUOR CONTROL/LIQUOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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2.26.010 Authority of Police Chief – Written Recommendation/Objection. The City Council hereby delegates to the Snohomish Police Chief or his/her designee authority to make written recommendations and objections regarding liquor license applications, and as appropriate and necessary, to request a hearing before the Liquor Control Board. The Council delegates to the Chief of Police final authority regarding submittal to the Liquor Control Board approval or objection to a liquor license application or renewal thereof.

2.26.015 Liquor Advisory Committee Established. There is hereby established an advisory committee which shall be known as the "Liquor Advisory Committee."

2.26.020 Membership—Appointment—Terms. The Liquor Advisory Committee shall consist of five (5) adult members to be appointed by the Mayor subject to confirmation by the City Council. The Committee's membership shall consist of three (3) residents of the City of Snohomish and two (2) Business Owners within the corporate City limits of the City of Snohomish. Among the five adult Committee members, the Mayor shall endeavor, but shall not be required to appoint one person who owns or manages a business which possesses a liquor license within the corporate City limits of Snohomish.

Initial appointments shall be made for terms of from one (1) to four (4) years so that the terms of not more than two (2) members shall expire in any one year. All subsequent appointments shall be for a term of four (4) years.

2.26.030 Membership Term—Vacancy. Vacancies on the Committee shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments and shall be made for the remainder of the term of the member being replaced. All members shall conform to the attendance requirements set fourth in SMC 2.06.020, and may be replaced or terminated in accordance with that section.

2.26.040 Compensation. No member of the Committee shall receive compensation for services performed.

2.26.050 Meetings—Officers—Rules. The Committee shall make its own rules for the election of officers and for time and place of meetings, PROVIDED, the Committee must be prepared to meet quickly and timely when the Liquor Control Board provides notice of application or renewal. Action by the Committee shall require a majority of the members be present.

2.26.060 Duties of the Committee.

A. The Committee shall act in an advisory capacity to the Chief of Police or his/her designee.

B. The Committee, at the request of the Chief of Police or City Manager, shall review the Police Chief's written recommendations to the Liquor Control Board for new applications or for renewal of liquor licenses, make recommendations, and either approve or disapprove the Police Chief's written recommendations. The Police Chief may consider the Committee's recommendations and comments but the Chief of Police has final authority regarding submittal to the Liquor Control Board approval or objection to a liquor license or renewal thereof.

C. The Committee may, but shall not be required to, take Public Comment.

D. The Committee shall focus on issues and problems generally in the area of whether the liquor license at the proposed location or to the applicant business will detrimentally impact the safety, health, or welfare of the community.

E. With the assistance of the Chief of Police or his designee, the Committee shall write an annual report to the City Council on its activities for the previous year and make special reports as necessary in response to specific Council requests.

2.26.070 Staff Support. The City of Snohomish shall provide staff support for the Committee, subject to the approval of the City Manager.

2.26.080 Public Records. The Committee shall keep a public record of its rules, procedures, and minutes of meetings conducted by the Committee.

2.26.090 Severability. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or should any portion of this ordinance be preempted by state or federal law or regulation, such a decision or preemption shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this ordinance or its application to any other persons or circumstances.