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To: Chairman Todd Wallace and Members of the Plan Commission

From: Russell Colby, Planning Division Manager

Re: Additional Business Items

Date: May 13, 2016

Plan Commissioner Doyle has submitted the attached advisory resolutions for the Plan Commission's consideration.

If passed by Plan Commission, the resolutions would be forwarded to the Planning & Development Committee of the City Council for review.

After reviewing the resolutions, the Committee may elect to direct Staff to file an application for General Amendment.

The General Amendment application would follow the normal process, including a public hearing before Plan Commission.

City of St. Charles, Illinois Plan Commission Resolution

A Resolution to the City Council Regarding Zoning Use Restrictions for Taverns/Bars Located Within or Adjacent to Predominately Residential Areas

Passed by Plan Commission on _____

WHEREAS, the St. Charles Plan Commission is empowered to prepare and recommend to the corporate authorities, from time to time, plans for specific improvements in pursuance of the official Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, to preserve the character of the City's existing residential neighborhoods, the Plan Commission and the Planning and Development Committee recently recommended approval of General Amendments to Title 17 of the St. Charles Municipal Code to restrict the location of 'Alcohol and Tobacco Sales Establishments' in the BL and CBD-2 zoning districts to locations that front on arterial streets^{*}; and

WHEREAS, 'Taverns/Bars' remain a special use, without limitation to location, in the BL zoning district; and

WHEREAS, pending amendments pertaining to the location of 'Alcohol or Tobacco Sales Establishments' in the BL zoning district are more restrictive than what is allowed for 'Taverns/Bars';

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the St. Charles Plan Commission to recommend to City Council that the City staff be directed to prepare applications for General Amendments to Title 17, for review and consideration by the Plan Commission and the Planning and Development Committee, to restrict the location of Taverns/Bars in the BL zoning district to locations that front on arterial streets.

^{*}cf., General Amendment to Title 17 of the St. Charles Municipal Code (Zoning Ordinance) pertaining to establishing an Alcohol or Tobacco Sales Establishment use category

City of St. Charles, Illinois Plan Commission Resolution

A Resolution to the City Council Regarding Use Standards for Gun Sales Establishments and Public Firing Ranges

Passed by Plan Commission on _____

WHEREAS, the St. Charles Plan Commission is empowered to prepare and recommend to the corporate authorities, from time to time, plans for specific improvements in pursuance of the official Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of promoting the public health, safety, comfort, convenience and general welfare, as well as implementing the goals and objectives of the St. Charles Comprehensive Plan, Title 17 of the St. Charles Municipal Code defines and regulates more than one hundred land uses, including such specific uses as 'Alcohol or Tobacco Sales Establishments' and 'Police Firearms Training Ranges'; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Commission and the Planning and Development Committee have recently resolved that it is in the public interest to better align the City's zoning use restrictions with community expectations as they relate to appropriate locations for certain regulated land uses^{*}; and

WHEREAS, Title 17 of the St. Charles Municipal Code does not define or regulate 'Gun Sales Establishments' or 'Public Firing Ranges'; and

WHEREAS, amending Title 17 of the St. Charles Municipal Code to define 'Gun Sales Establishments' and 'Public Firing Ranges,' and identify such appropriate zoning use restrictions that are aligned with community expectations, would add clarification to existing requirements by differentiating these establishments from the general retail sales use and/or recreational use categories;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the St. Charles Plan Commission to recommend to City Council that the City staff be directed to research use standards for 'Gun Sales Establishments' and 'Public Firing Ranges' that have been enacted by other Chicagoland municipalities and accordingly prepare applications for General Amendments to Title 17 for review and consideration by the Plan Commission and the Planning and Development Committee.

^{*}cf., General Amendment to Title 17 of the St. Charles Municipal Code (Zoning Ordinance) pertaining to establishing an Alcohol or Tobacco Sales Establishment use category