CITY OF WEST DES MOINES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNICATION

Date: February 9, 2015

ITEM: Ordinance Amendment – Amend Title 9 (Zoning), to define and establish regulations for brewery tap rooms – City Initiated – AO-002599-2014

MOTION: Refer to Plan and Zoning Commission

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Undetermined.

BACKGROUND: Brain Fox, Fox Brewery, has requested that a tap room be allowed in conjunction with a brewery. Currently tap rooms are not allowed in the city except under a bar classification (SIC 5813). Beverage manufacturing (SIC 208) is a Permitted (P) use in the General Industrial district of the City, and Permitted Conditionally (Pc) in the Business Park and Light Industrial zoning districts; however, bars are not permitted in any of these districts. This ordinance would allow retail tap rooms, to be allowed in conjunction with a brewery.

At this time staff is requesting the City Council initiate the rezoning request and refer it to the Plan and Zoning Commission for their review and recommendation. The initiation of the ordinance amendment by the City Council does not indicate support or opposition to the request. The initiation of the request responds to the due process rights of the petitioner.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends initiation of the ordinance amendment and forwarding it to the Plan and Zoning Commission for their review and recommendation.

Lead Staff Member: Kara Tragesser, AICP

Staff Reviews:

Department Director	
Appropriations/Finance	
Legal	
Agenda Acceptance	

PUBLICATION(S) (if applicable)

Published In	n/a	
Date(s) Published	n/a	
Letter sent to surrounding property owners		n/a

SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW (if applicable)

Committee	Development and Planning Council Subcommittee		
Date Reviewed	January 29, 2015		
Recommendation	Yes X	No ☐	Split ☐