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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE • EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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June 10, 2002

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 02-48, regarding a report on conditions set forth prior to the issuance of a liquor license, Chair of the License Commission Benjamin Barnes reports the following:

While the License Commission has the power to impose conditions on alcohol licenses, most licensees have paid a great deal of money to obtain a transfer of a license. A condition limiting a transfer of such licenses could prevent banks from loaning money to potential licensees.

However, since the Commission does on occasion issue new alcohol licenses in non-capped areas and/or where applicants can prove overwhelming neighborhood support, proof of need and lack of harm to the area, the Commission may impose a condition that it not be transferred before a period of time passes. Since these licenses are generally termed "no value" licenses but can be transferred, loans will not come into play. The Commission may also place a condition that requires that a new licensee turn the license back into the Commission upon the licensee's departure. This could only be done on new licenses.

Upon any new applications that are submitted and heard, the Commission may consider these conditions.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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