

Responses from Full Service Restaurant Licensees
Regarding the Proposed Change to the
License Renewal Fee

(Agenda Item # 7)

Bryant Howe - utah state legislature

From: Julie Celia <ramblin_scrambler101@hotmail.com>
To: <bhowe@utah.gov>
Date: 6/28/2011 12:22 PM
Subject: utah state legislature

Received your letter about License Renewal Fee

Sounds great and fair to me, less hassel for everyone

Thank You

From Julie and Martha Celia @ Ramblin Roads Restaurant

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Bryant Howe - liquor renewal license fee

From: "Rusty Aiken" <aiken@infowest.com>
To: <bhowe@utah.gov>
Date: 6/29/2011 3:30 PM
Subject: liquor renewal license fee

Rustys Restaurants
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Milts Stage Stop and Rustys Ranch House

Dear Business and Labor Interim Committee,

First, thanks for the chance to reply to the proposed rule change on liquor license renewal fee. I think the DABC recommendations for a flat fee for all license holders is unfair. Smaller volume establishment will pay as much as the large volume ones. I like the system that is in place now or even do a percentage of liquor sales to determine the renewal fee, this way large stores pay more and smaller stores pay less. I think you may want to look at a minimum however like the \$ 850.

I think if the DABC recommendation is put into effect a lot of the smaller establishments in rural Utah will be forced to give up selling liquor because of the higher renewal fees, sometimes it not always about sale volume but providing liquor for patrons through out Utah.

Sincerely,

Rusty Aiken

Bryant Howe - Proposed change to your license renewal fee

From: vincent hess <vinnyhess@hotmail.com>
To: <bhowe@utah.gov>
Date: 6/30/2011 8:55 AM
Subject: Proposed change to your license renewal fee

It would be a benefit to us to have a one time set fee each year. This seems like a better idea than the fee being based upon our alcohol revenue.

Thank you,

Lupita's Mexican Food
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Bryant Howe - License renewal fees proposal response

From: William Coker <billcoker@me.com>
To: <bhowe@utah.gov>
Date: 6/30/2011 10:17 AM
Subject: License renewal fees proposal response

Business & Labor Interim Committee,
Utah Legislature,

Please be advised that as the owner of two full service restaurants that we would like to see the proposed changes made in the renewal fee structure changing from a graduated fee schedule to a single renewal fee and application that is renewable online. Thank you for allowing us to make this input.

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Bryant Howe - proposed license change

From: Jeffrey Davis <jeffree2011@hotmail.com>
To: <bhowe@utah.gov>
Date: 7/5/2011 5:38 PM
Subject: proposed license change

I currently have two full service restaurant licenses. La Hacienda Restaurant and Jeffrey's Steakhouse, both located in Moab. I very much agree with the proposed license renewal fee \$1430.00 Thank you, Jeffrey Davis

From: Victor Cooper <rockingv@kanab.net>
To: <bhowe@utah.gov>
CC: Cooper Victor <rockingv@kanab.net>
Date: 7/15/2011 11:04 AM
Subject: Full Service Restaurants Liquor Licenses & Proposed change in Fees

To the Business and Labor Interim Committee of the Utah Legislature,

As small business owners, we're always hearing from government that small businesses are the backbone of the economy and that without small businesses the economy would tank. We work hard, pay taxes and create jobs.

Yet most decisions made by government, especially in the state of Utah, actually hurt small businesses.

Why would the state of Utah charge a small family-owned and operated restaurant that brings in around half a million dollars a year in revenues, the same amount for a liquor license, as the state charges a large corporate-owned chain, with millions in revenues?

If anything, the state should have a more graduated scale for liquor license fees. Making the top fee bracket "equaling or exceeding \$25,000" is a joke. The chains who make more should pay more.

At a time when the state of Utah is in serious financial trouble, this would be an easy way to bring in more revenue in a matter that is fair. You make more, you pay more. How hard is that?

Please, we urge you, use some common sense for a change and shift to a graduated fee schedule that does not have the little guy paying the same amount for a liquor license, as a huge corporate entity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Victor Cooper
Owner
The Rocking V Cafe
Kanab

Bryant Howe - Proposed License Renewal Fee Changes - June 27, 2011 notice

From: george lopez <utahresolutions@yahoo.com>
To: <bhowe@utah.gov>
Date: 7/18/2011 12:29 PM
Subject: Proposed License Renewal Fee Changes - June 27, 2011 notice
CC: <glopez@resolutioncounselors.com>, Norma Lopez <nrmlpnorma@yahoo.com>

To Business and Labor Interim Committee:

On behalf of Don Antonio's Mexican Restaurant, I write against the proposed changes for a full liquor service restaurant license renewal; UCA Section 32B-6-204

The proposed changes, represented by the third paragraph of your memorandum dated June 27, 2011, recommend a flat "full-service restaurant license" renewal fee of \$1,430. In practice, this will have a greater impact on the small "mom and pop" type establishments like Don Antonio's. Don Antonio's regularly has a "gross cost of liquor sold" annually of less than \$5,000. I understand Don Antonio's last annual renewal fee was just \$750.

Unique mom and pop restaurants are fast losing ground to the taste, sound and smell of look alike chain restaurants. We believe a major reason for this is the failure of leaders to carve out protections for smaller unique businesses as long-term revenue operations.

Although we have a 43 year track record (how many big guys and chains can say that) our gross annual sales averages only about \$300,000.00. This is down \$140,000 since 2007 and significantly lower than comparative chain operations. Therefore, we beseech the Legislature to carve out a different formula for the small but long term operations or, keep the renewal fees based on actual cost to sales performance. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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