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OFF-SALE LIQUOR ORDINANCE REVIEW TO BEGIN WITH JUNE 23 CITY COUNCIL GOVERNANCE MEETING

What changes – if any – are needed regarding the City of Burnsville’s Ordinances regulating the location and operation of off-sale liquor stores? The City Council will study and discuss the issues involved with this topic at a City Council Governance Meeting held Tuesday, June 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Burnsville City Hall, 100 Civic Center Parkway.

The City Council reserves one meeting a month to consider ‘governance’ topics, issues that require considerable research and community input prior to Council dialogue. Items placed on the governance agenda follow a four-step process. First, the item is introduced through a white paper prepared to frame the issue. Next, the Council hears expert testimony on the issue. Then, the Council conducts a public input session to listen to concerns and comments from the community. After gathering all information, the Council will dialogue on the issue to determine what - if any – changes should be made to city ordinances or policy.

Burnsville’s current ordinance requires all off-sale liquor stores to be located in a free-standing structure, with the exception of one store. The ordinance also requires a one-mile distance between stores. Currently, there are seven off-sale liquor stores in Burnsville.

The white paper and expert testimony processes will take place on Tuesday, June 23 and the process will continue with public input and Council discussion scheduled for the Tuesday, July 28 City Council Governance Meeting. For more information, please contact Bridget Dalrymple at 952-895-4473.

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