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**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

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**TO:** Mayor & City Council                      **DATE:** January 7, 2013

**FROM:** John McDonough, City Manager

**AGENDA ITEM:** Proposed amendment to Chapter 6 of the Sandy Springs Code of Ordinances to permit transfer of existing alcohol license to a new location within the City

**MEETING DATE:** For Submission onto the January 15, 2013, City Council Regular Meeting Agenda

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*BACKGROUND INFORMATION: (Attach additional pages if necessary)*

See attached:

Memorandum

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APPROVAL BY CITY MANAGER:                     JPM                     APPROVED

PLACED ON AGENDA FOR:                     1/15/2013                    

CITY ATTORNEY APPROVAL REQUIRED: (  ) YES      (  ) NO

CITY ATTORNEY APPROVAL:                     [Signature]                    

REMARKS:



**To:** Mayor and City Council

**From:** Andrea Hall, Economic Development Director

**Date:** January 2, 2013 for Submission onto the January 15, 2013 City Council Meeting Agenda

**Subject:** Proposed amendment to Chapter 6 of the Sandy Springs Code of Ordinances to permit transfer of existing alcohol license to a new location within the City

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***Background:***

Recently, there have been existing City Alcohol License holders that have moved from one location to another within the City. Current City Code does not allow for the transfer of the license to a new location, which results in existing License holder having to submit a new application and fee. Changing this requirement could make the City more business friendly and streamline internal processes.

The staff recommended amendments would affect only those Licenses changing locations under the same applicant and same licensure. Any changes to persons holding the license would still be required to apply for a new license and submit the required license requirements. In addition, the License holder would still have to submit a land survey to Revenue to verify that the new location meets the distance requirements of the Code.

***Discussion:***

In order to accomplish the above, the following specific ordinance amendment is proposed:

1. Amend Section 6-67 (a), currently entitled "Transferability of license", to read:

Except as provided in this section, no license shall be transferable to any other person ~~or location~~. A license may be transferred to another location, within the City limits, without financial penalty, provided that the new location meets all the qualifications of the ordinance. Applications seeking a transfer of a license in any respect shall be made upon application forms provided by the city manager and shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee in an amount as set by resolution of the city council, which amount shall remain in effect until modified or amended by subsequent resolution adopted by the city council.

***Alternatives:***

To continue to require a new application for location changes and therefore, not to amend the ordinance.

***Recommendation:***

That the proposed amendment be approved and adopted by Mayor and Council.

***Attachments:***

None