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Substitute resolution establishing an Alcohol Beverage Licensing Task Force.

This resolution establishes an Alcohol Beverage Licensing Task Force to study the current alcohol beverage licensing process, evaluate the extent to which this process maintains proper checks and balances in decision making, and make recommendations for changes or improvements to this process. The task force shall present its findings and recommendations to the Common Council within 6 months of adoption of this resolution. Upon submission of the report, the task force shall automatically be dissolved.

Whereas, The Common Council's Licenses Committee is responsible for reviewing and making recommendations to the Common Council relating to denying, granting, renewing, nonrenewing, suspending and revoking alcohol beverage licenses in the city; and

Whereas, The Licenses Committee weighs and considers all available evidence, including input from the applicant, citizens, the district Council member, the Milwaukee Police Department and the City Attorney's Office, prior to rendering any alcohol beverage license recommendation; and

Whereas, The Common Council, taking under advisement the recommendation of the Licenses Committee, renders the final alcohol beverage license decision; and

Whereas, While this system has served the citizens of Milwaukee well for over 75 years, recent activities have called into question the integrity of the alcohol beverage licensing process; and

Whereas, It is imperative that the citizens of the City of Milwaukee, individuals and businesses alike, have an overriding sense of confidence and trust in the alcohol beverage licensing process; and

Whereas, The creation of an Alcohol Beverage Licensing Task Force, comprised of persons knowledgeable in licensing systems, to thoroughly study, evaluate, and propose changes to the alcohol beverage licensing process is in the best interest of the City of Milwaukee; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that an Alcohol Beverage Licensing Task Force is created and shall consist of the following 9 members:

1. One member appointed by the Common Council President.
2. One member of the Tavern League of Wisconsin, appointed by the Tavern League of Wisconsin.
3. One member of the Great Lakes Beverage Association, appointed by the Great Lakes Beverage Association.
4. One member of the Wisconsin Restaurant Association, appointed by the Wisconsin Restaurant Association.

5. The Mayor or the Mayor's designee.
6. The City Clerk or the Clerk's designee.
7. The Chief of Police or the Chief's designee.
8. The City Comptroller or the Comptroller's designee.
9. The City Attorney or the Attorney's designee.

; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Common Council President shall designate the Chair of the task force; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the task force is directed to study the current alcohol beverage licensing process, evaluate the extent to which this process maintains proper checks and balances in decision making, and make recommendations for changes or improvements to this process; and, be it

Further Resolved, That should the task force find that in the course of its study its recommendations also have applicability to other licenses which are granted by Common Council action, the task force shall include those findings in its report; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the City Clerk's Office shall provide staff support to the task force; and, be it

Further Resolved, That all City departments are authorized and directed to cooperate with and assist the task force in carrying out its mission; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the task force shall submit its findings and recommendations to the Common Council within 6 months of adoption of this resolution and shall thereafter be dissolved.

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