



Agenda Action Form Overview

The Board is requested to approve an amendment to the Durham Center for Senior Life lease at 406 Rigsbee Street to permit the sale and consumption of alcohol at the facility, pursuant to the Ordinance Enacting Article III of Chapter 2 of the Durham County Code of Ordinances Regulating the Possession, Sale, and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages on County Property.

Background/Justification

Durham County owns the facility located at 406 Rigsbee Street, and leases the facility to the Durham Center for Senior Life (DCSL), an independent non-profit organization which programs and operates the facility. DCSL provides activities and services for Durham's older adults (age 55+), including meals, transportation, health and exercise programs, and an adult day care. DCSL approached Durham County administrators to ask whether alcohol could be served at the facility for certain social and fundraising events, and private parties. The lease agreement between Durham County and DCSL specifically prohibited the sale or consumption of alcohol on the Senior Center property.

On June 24, 2019, The Board of County Commissioners adopted the Ordinance Enacting Article III of Chapter 2 of the Durham County Code of Ordinances, Regulating the Possession, Sale, and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages on County Property. This Ordinance was required to permit alcohol sales in the two restaurant lease spaces in Admin II, but was expanded to specifically include the DCSL, public libraries, and Memorial Stadium. Amendment of the existing lease between Durham County and DCSL is necessary to permit them to serve or sell alcohol onsite and set forth the rules and regulations for alcohol service pursuant to the Ordinance.

Policy Impact

The action requested is in alignment with Board policy, as expressed in the enactment of the referenced Ordinance on June 24, 2019.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

Recommendation

The County Manager recommends that the Board approve an amendment to the Durham Center for Senior Life lease at 406 Rigsbee Street to permit the sale and consumption of alcohol at the facility, pursuant to the Ordinance Enacting Article III of Chapter 2 of the Durham County Code of Ordinances, Regulating the Possession, Sale, and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages on County Property.