

**Subject: Request for Public Need or Necessity finding for Hop Dogma Brewing Company**

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Here is the **liquor license application process**:

An application for a liquor license is submitted to the State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control ("ABC"), which has jurisdiction over the liquor license process.

The County's Planning Department confirms that the proposed use is allowed in the Zoning District and whether or not a use permit is required for the use.

In areas of "undue concentration" as defined by state law, (either the ratio of the number of licenses in relation to the population of the census tract where the premises are located exceeds the county wide ratio of licenses to the population or, when the applicant premises are located in a crime reporting district that has a 20 percent greater number of reported crimes than the countywide average for all crime reporting districts. In the case of the application before the MCC it is due to the number of licenses in census tract number 6105.

Therefore in this case, the process is as follows: ABC refers the application to the County for a determination as to whether the Public Convenience and Necessity (PCN) would or would not be found in the granting or not granting of the application. County Counsel refers the application to the Sheriff's Office and to the appropriate municipal advisory body for a recommendation on the application. County Counsel then prepares a Board letter and resolution for a final determination regarding the PCN finding. The County has 90 days from receipt of the application to respond to ABC with the outcome.

Historically the County has denied "off site" licenses for the North Fair Oaks area of San Mateo County. The application before the MCC is for an "on-site" brewery/tasting room. In my previous e-mail, I attached the census tract and list of existing licenses.

I hope this provides some clarity about the ABC and PCN process, please contact me if you have any further questions.

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