

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: December 11, 2017

To: The City Manager

From: Gregory M. Turner, Assistant City Manager

Council Action Requested:

Ordinance Establishing Standards for the Operation of Trolley Pubs in City Streets by the Addition of Article XIII to Chapter 78 of the City Code.

Strategic Focus Area: Economic Vitality and Diversity

Strategic Objective: Promote Travel and Tourism

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

The Public Safety Committee of the City Council received a proposal from Mr. Kai Kaapro, submitted on behalf of a company known as either “Trolley Pub Hospitality, LLC” or “Trolley Pub of North Carolina, L.L.C”, to commence operation of a trolley pub business in Winston-Salem. The Public Safety Committee requested that staff prepare a draft ordinance for the Committee’s consideration to regulate the introduction of trolley pubs in the City. The requested ordinance was first presented to the Public Safety Committee in November for information purposes. The Committee requested that the ordinance be presented again in December for a vote, and be edited to change the renewal period for certificates from three (3) years to one (1). The appropriate edit was made to section 78-352 of the attached ordinance. The Committee also expressed a desire to ensure that the operation of trolley pubs which depend solely on the pedaling of passengers for forward propulsion be prohibited within the City limits. The ordinance which was previously presented to the Committee in November already contained language to that effect, in subsection 78-357(a) (“No trolley pub that is solely passenger-powered may be driven or operated within the corporate limits of the City of Winston-Salem.”). However, additional language has been added to section 78-352 to say that “No certificate of public convenience and necessity shall be granted for any trolley pub which lacks a motor or electric battery and which depends solely on the pedaling of passengers for forward propulsion” and that the operation of such trolley pubs within the City limits is expressly prohibited.

Committee Action:

Committee	Public Safety 12/11/17	Action	Approval
For	Unanimous	Against	

Remarks:

A few additional edits have been made, as well. Section 78-364 was amended to require that trolley pub drivers wear shirts emblazoned with the names of the certificate holders' businesses for which they work.

Subsection 78-359(c)(10) was modified to specify that a trolley pub's braking system will be approved by a state-certified safety inspector, rather than the police department.

Section 78-355 has also been modified to require \$1.5mm in auto liability insurance, \$1mm in commercial general liability, \$1mm in liquor liability, and \$5mm in umbrella coverage, given that the trolley pub permits up to twelve (12) riders to consume alcohol in an open-air vehicle. The insurance limits were crafted by splicing together the limits for limousines and sidewalk cafes.