



# LIQUOR CODE UPDATES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2018 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

# HISTORY OF DISTANCE RESTRICTION

- Castle Rock adopted a Liquor Code in 1999 with no modification to the 500 distance restriction  
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- CRS 12-47-313(1)(d)(III) – Allows the Liquor Authority or Town Council to eliminate or reduce distance restrictions – We chose to recommend Codifying any change



# IS THERE A NEED FOR A CHANGE

Economic Development Council Asked to Consider Code Amendment

- ~ More sophisticated zoning ~
- ~ Growth of urban areas ~
- ~ Dynamic mixed-use areas ~

*Question the Affect of Restrictions on our Business Areas*

# BENCHMARKS

## Neighboring Municipalities Modified distance restriction:

- ✓ Monument – eliminated for all except manufacturing
- ✓ Lone Tree – Eliminated for college campuses
- ✓ Parker – Eliminated for Downtown Business District
- ✓ Douglas County???

## Eliminated distance restriction:

- ✓ Greeley, Boulder, Westminster, Arvada

## Eliminated for certain types or reduced distance:

- ✓ Wheat Ridge, Longmont, Thornton, Ft Collins, Denver



# MODERATE APPROACH

## Choices:

- ▶ Waive completely
- ▶ Certain types of licenses
- ▶ Certain areas
- ▶ Reduce distance

## *Castle Rock's Moderate Approach*

- Existing Schools retain 500' Distance Restriction
- Waive for New schools built In or Adjacent to a Business Area

# SAFEGUARDS

- Existing Public, Charter, Parochial and Private Schools Protected
- Only Affects New Schools built in or adjacent to a Business Zone
- Opportunities for Public Hearings
  - ▶ Liquor License Hearing
  - ▶ Planning Commission and Town Council for rezoning and site plans
  - ▶ District Court for appeals



# OUTREACH

Extensive search for new proposed schools

Partnered with Community Relations

- Letters to every school in Castle Rock
- Letter to Douglas County School District

*No feedback to date*

# OTHER PROPOSED CHANGES

Remove 90 days for Optional Premises

- Two Golf Courses
- Initially expected to operate during the summer

*No Fee increase for over 20 years*

Recommend Raising to Allowed by State

- \$50 per year increase for Renewals
- \$1,000 fee for New Liquor Licenses
- \$750 fee for Transfers & Location Changes

No Increase to Special Event Fees at this time

- Currently \$25 per day / State allowed is \$100 per day