



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 6/3/2025

File #: 25-632

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Michelle Bushnell

Agenda Section: Consent

Vote Requirement: Majority

SUBJECT:

Resolution Authorizing a Determination of Public Convenience Related to the Issuance of a Type 42 Alcoholic Beverage License to the Owner/Operator of a Bed and Breakfast Inn Located at 118 Dolphin Drive, Whitethorn, California

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt the attached resolution authorizing the determination of public convenience related to the issuance of a Type 42 Alcoholic Beverage License to the owner/operator of the bed and breakfast inn located at 118 Dolphin Drive, Whitethorn, California.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

The recommended action supports the following areas of the Board of Supervisors' Strategic Plan:

Area of Focus: A Diverse, Equitable & Robust Economy

Strategic Plan Category: 2002 - Promote a robust tourism economy

DISCUSSION:

Simy Rajan, owner/operator of the bed and breakfast located at 118 Dolphin Drive, Whitethorn, California has applied to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control for a Type 42 Alcoholic Beverage License. The Type 42 Alcoholic Beverage License is specifically designed for businesses that operate as Bars and Taverns. This license permits the sale of beer and wine for consumption on the premises where they are purchased. It does not authorize the sale of distilled spirits or hard liquor.

On April 15, 2025, Mr. Rajan received the attached letter from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control requesting a determination of "public convenience" from the County of Humboldt Board of Supervisors. Upon adoption of the attached resolution, Mr. Rajan will be able to proceed with the approval process.

Supervisor Bushnell has completed community outreach to Mr. Rajan and other license holders within the area and has recommended approval of the attached resolution.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

None

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There are no direct costs associated with associated with the attached resolution authorizing the determination of public convenience related to the issuance of a Type 42 Alcoholic Beverage License to the owner/operator of the bed and breakfast inn

located at 118 Dolphin Drive, Whitethorn, California. As a result, the recommended action will not impact the Humboldt County General Fund.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Adoption of the attached resolution authorizing the determination of public convenience related to the issuance of a Type 42 Alcoholic Beverage License to the owner/operator of the bed and breakfast inn located at 118 Dolphin Drive, Whitethorn, California will not impact current staffing levels.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Department of Alcoholic and Beverage Control

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could choose to find that the issuance of a Type 42 license is not a “public convenience” or “public necessity” in which case the ABC license would be denied.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution Authorizing a Determination of Public Convenience Related to the Issuance of a Type 42 Alcoholic Beverage License to the Owner/Operator of a Bed and Breakfast Inn Located at 118 Dolphin Drive, Whitethorn, California
2. Letter from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control dated April 15, 2025

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Meeting of: None

File No.: None