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By Fax and First Class Mail

RE: License Fees

Dear Betty,

In response to your inquiry as to the newly enacted City license fees please be advised as follows:

1. **Electricians:** Exempt from paying the license fee imposed on other contractors. If the electrician has a valid WV certification the maximum fee the City can assess is \$15.00. Electricians are the only exception to the fee requirements the City can impose on other contractors.
2. **Beer Distributor:** The license fee may be imposed on a beer distributor when the actual sales are transacted within the City limits. For example, if the driver of the delivery truck inquires of the store manager, "How many cases do you want next week?" However, if the manager calls the distributor to place orders then the nexus of activity is not conducted within the city limits and the distributor is only subject to the ordinary business license fee.
3. **Wine Sales:** On premises wine sales are not specifically addressed in the ordinance so I suggest the City to adopt a line item that classifies consumption of beer and wine only (none-WV wine) to be \$400 as per the WVABCA schedule.
4. **Private Club:** Any establishment that sells liquor to be consumed on premises is considered to be a private club and is subject to license fees based on the number of patrons. As the City has only one business that is not a veteran's organization, I suggest the City revise the ordinance to on premises consumption without regard to membership and assess

the fee based on over 1000 membership private club unless the owner can verify less than 1000 members.

I hope that this is responsive to your inquiries; if you have further questions, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cathe L. Moreland".

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