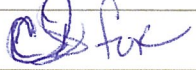



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TO

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
Room 400, City Hall

January 25, 2018

Attention: Ms. Natawna Austin

We are herein reporting on City Council Bill 18-0178, the purpose of which is to grant Hookah Lounges, as defined in the proposed legislation, to be except from the City's indoor smoking restrictions if the following conditions are met:

- Derives at least 75% of its revenues from the sale or use of non-cigarette smoking products and accessories,
- Has a ventilation system preventing infiltration of smoke into smoking prohibited areas, and
- Prohibits the presence of minors at all time.

The bill also repeals certain sections of the City Code redundant to be in line with existing State Law.

Analysis

This bill would expressly incorporate a section for hookah lounges in the City Code and defines the specific qualifications for these establishments to be except from the City's indoor smoking restrictions.

Fiscal Impact

The Finance Department considers that the amendments proposed by this legislation would not have any additional fiscal or financial impact to the City; however, the public health and safety aspects related to the business nature of this type of establishments continues to be a concern.

Recommendation

The Department of Finance does not oppose CCB 18-0178.

cc: Henry Raymond
Kyron Banks