


REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

DATE: 11/8/10

ITEM NO: 12.a

Department Approval:

City Manager Approval:



Item Description: **Currency Exchange License Renewal for 2011:** Pawn America Minnesota, LLC

1.0 REQUESTED ACTION

1.1 The following organization has applied to the Minnesota Department of Commerce and the City of Roseville for the annual renewal and approval of their Currency Exchange Licenses for the calendar year 2011:

- **Pawn America Minnesota LLC, (License #20186066), 1715 North Rice Street**

1.2 Minnesota Statutes Chapter 53A.04 requires the Department of Commerce to submit any application for licensure as a currency exchange to the governing body of the municipality in which the currency exchange conducts business. The law further requires the governing body of the municipality to render a decision regarding the renewal of the license within 60 days.

1.3 State Statutes also require the City to published notice of its intention to consider the issue and solicit testimony from interested persons prior to taking action on the renewal.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 Minnesota Statute 53A.04(a) states: “Within 30 days after receipt of a completed application, the commissioner shall deny the application or submit the application to the governing body of the local unit of government in which the applicant is located or is proposing to be located. The commissioner may not approve the application without the concurrence of the governing body. The governing shall give published notice of its intention to consider the issue and shall solicit testimony from interested persons, including those in the community in which the applicant is located or proposing to be located. If the governing body has not approved or disapproved the issue within 60 days of receipt of the application, concurrence is presumed. The commissioner must approve or disapprove the application within 30 days from receiving the decision from the governing body. The governing body shall have the sole responsibility of its decision. The state shall have no responsibility for that decision.”

3.0 STAFF COMMENTS

3.1 The Community Development Staff and City Attorney have reviewed the request and determined that the request falls under the guidelines of permitted use within the B-2, Retail Business District as a bank or financial institution.

35 3.2 The Roseville Police Department has completed a review of the Pawn America site and
36 has not experienced any incidents of concern at this site and will continue to work closely
37 with Pawn America and their check cashing operation. The Roseville Police Department
38 does receive calls from time to time pertaining to occurrences on the property.

39 **4.0 STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

40 4.1 Staff recommends that the Roseville City Council approve the requests of Pawn America
41 Minnesota LLC, 1715 North Rice Street to renew their licenses to operate currency
42 exchange businesses, in the City of Roseville for the 2011 calendar year.

43 **5.0 SUGGESTED CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

44 5.1 By motion, recommend approval of the requests by **Pawn America Minnesota LLC,**
45 **1715 North Rice Street, Roseville to renew their licenses to operate currency**
46 **exchange businesses in Roseville for the 2011 calendar year.**

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Attachments: A: Area map
B: Police Response

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**Roseville Police
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Memo

To: Thomas Paschke
From: Sgt. Erika Scheider
CC: Chief Mathwig & Lt. Rosand
Date: 10/4/2010
Re: Pawn America current exchange renewal

On October 4, 2010, I met with the manager, Kris Thompson, at Pawn America, located at 1715 North Rice Street. Thompson provided me an overview of their new upgraded digital surveillance system. The cameras adequately cover the interior of Pawn America and the exterior parking lot. The system is sufficient quality to aid law enforcement in investigations. They continue to maintain the surveillance per the requirements of the Roseville city ordinance.

I also reviewed police calls for service and investigations originating from Pawn America for the last year. There were no incidents of concern. Pawn America has been cooperative and responsive to all police requests.