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## LATE ADDITION TO APRIL 2025 BLUE AGENDA

 Gothenburg Impact Center 902 12<sup>th</sup> St Gothenburg, NE 69138 Requesting to have more than 12 SDLs at location for SDLs requested by Retail Licensees. This is an Event Center operated by a nonprofit organization and is unable to maintain an annual retail liquor license. They have already reached the 12 SDLs for for events for 2025.

**DATE: April 1, 2025** 

See attached.

Do you wish to approve the request for exemption of more than 12 SDLs per year at this location?



March 26, 2025

Nebraska Liquor Control Commission 301 Centennial Mall South – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor PO Box 95046 Lincoln, NE 68509-5046

VIA EMAIL: <u>brenda.hiland@nebraska.gov</u>

RE: Request for Exemption

## Greetings:

I currently serve as the President of the Gothenburg Impact Center, Nebraska nonprofit corporation that is recognized by the IRS as a tax-exempt entity under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Gothenburg Impact Center leases the property located at 902 12 Street, Gothenburg, Nebraska, from its owner, the Gothenburg Impact Center Facilities Agency, a Nebraska interlocal agency. Part of this 40,000 square foot facility is home to an event/reception center with its own dedicated equipment and access. The purpose of this letter is to request an exemption from the limit of 12 Special Designated Liquor licenses at this location.

The event center is rented to individuals and businesses to host events such as wedding receptions, fundraisers, post-prom, professional trainings, graduation parties, and various business meetings and conferences. As a result of this use, the facility was designed to accommodate the sale of alcoholic liquors for certain events. However, obtaining a liquor license, and maintaining staff, to procure and sell alcoholic liquors during certain events would be cost-prohibitive to the Gothenburg Impact Center's budget. As such, the Gothenburg Impact Center's operating model entails utilizing local private businesses to offer food and alcoholic liquor sales to renters. All caterers must enter into a Catering/Bar Vendor Agreement prior to working with a renter, and any rentals involving sale of alcoholic liquors require the caterer to obtain an SDL license.

As a community facility operated by a nonprofit with a severely limited budget, this exemption would not only help ensure the sustainability of the facility, but it would also allow for positive economic development in the community by ensuring private caterers with liquor licenses have the ability to serve our customers.

I appreciate your consideration of this request, and I welcome any questions you may have using the contact information below.

Sincerely,

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