

Agenda Item
May 19, 2015

Subject: Vernon County Farmer's Market Product Clarification

Department: Administration

The City received a request from a local vintner (winemaker) to sell his product at the market. The market currently sells produce, plants, baked goods, cheese, hand crafts and other commodities. The attached ordinance defines the word "commodity" to include the products of local vintners.

BILL NO. 2015-024

ORDINANCE NO.

A SPECIAL ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEVADA, MISSOURI, CLARIFYING THE LIST OF PRODUCTS WHICH CAN BE OFFERED FOR SALE AT THE VERNON COUNTY FARMER'S MARKET SITE ON MUNICIPAL PROPERTY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEVADA, MISSOURI THAT:

WHEREAS, under Special Ordinance 7970 adopted by the City Council on May 6, 2014, a site on municipal property for the sale of fresh produce, home-crafted plants, flowers, baked goods, cheese, and hand crafts and other commodities is authorized, (emphasis provided) and

WHEREAS, a local vintner has requested clarification whether his wares can lawfully be included as "commodities" offered to the public at the Farmer's Market, and

WHEREAS, the state liquor inspector advises that Missouri law requires the licenses specified in this ordinance,

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that:

Section 1. The word "commodity" in Special Ordinance 7970 is to be interpreted to include the products of local vintners, however to comply with the state liquor laws, no sale of wine can be made in the city, unless the vendor holds current licenses from the State Department of Liquor Control permitting the same (currently reported to be a license for the sale of wine and beer by the drink, and further the Department's license or permit allowing off premises "catering").

Section 2. The council observes that the Farmer's Market is frequented by persons of all ages and all persuasions, and that tasting of wine at the Farmer's Market, is deemed inappropriate and will not be permitted.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Nevada, Missouri, this 2nd day of June, 2015.

Brian L Leonard, Mayor

(seal)
ATTEST:

Bev Baker, City Clerk