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## Resolution to Not Support RAS Ethiopian Bar and Restaurant's Application for a **Gambling License**

Whereas RAS Ethiopian Bar and Restaurant has had ongoing issues with the surrounding neighbors for many years regarding trash, noise, fights and parking; and

Whereas the Highland District Council's Community Development Committee held a meeting on May 17, 2016 to discuss RAS' Gambling application and during that discussion the Committee expressed concern that RAS is not able to comply with the conditions placed on their current licenses, as proven by multiple phone calls from immediate neighbors over the past year and half, and

Whereas granting another license to a restaurant that is not in compliance with current conditions is not recommended by the Committee, therefore

Be it resolved, that the Highland District Council does not support the gambling license application of RAS Ethiopian Restaurant and LLC.

Adopted on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 By the Highland District Council Board of Directors

## Police Calls to RAS for the past 12 months

There were 23 calls to the business, 4 traffic accident calls listed to the address which only means the party involved gave the nearest address to where they were, and the rest of the **106 total number to that address were off duty officers** and/or proactive police visits. Of the 23 calls there were 4 listed from neighbors. A few of them had no caller identified so there may have been more than the 4.

Chuck Graupman said that he and DSI were there and cited them for adverse action/failing to provide video to police and having license violations. They were fined a large amount and had to install a new camera system.

If the gambling license is pull tabs which I assume it is, just an FYI, Champps that was across the street had this when they were in business.

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