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To all concerned,

Contraband LLC is requesting a variance to Rapid City Code of Ordinances, 17.16.030 to allow an Artisan Distillery in the Central Business District.

SD Codified Law 35-13-1 Defines an Artisan Distiller as “any distiller located in South Dakota that produces, rectifies, or blends fifty thousand gallons or less of distilled spirits annually”

Contraband LLC was formed in June of 2014 and began the licensing process with the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) of the United States. In May of 2015 we were issued a Distilled Spirits Plant Permit (DSP). We were then issued a SD state Distillers License. Once the formula and label processes (Federal and State) were completed we contracted with Johnson Brothers of South Dakota as our distributor and began distributing to retail outlets in November of 2016. Our current location is 300 Box Elder Road West, Box Elder, SD 57719. In May of 2017 we converted our state distiller license to an Artisan Distiller license.

We are interested in moving to a location within the Rapid City Central Business District. The building is located at 601 Kansas City Street and currently houses The Hay Camp Brewery. We would be located in a separate area of the building with a separate address to satisfy federal, state and city licensing requirements.

Thank you for your consideration and feel free to contact Randy Decker at (605)431-2893 with any questions you may have.