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Press Release: Chamber of Commerce Packaged Liquor Survey Results

On Monday, March 29th, Carbondale Chamber of Commerce staff sent a direct email invitation to one representative of each Chamber member business on file to take a survey on packaged liquor sales in Carbondale. The survey was prepared after discussion on the subject matter at a Government Affairs Committee meeting. The Carbondale Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors approved this committee's decision to poll the membership and get their opinions on this matter that has implications that could impact the business community in Carbondale.

The survey invitation went out via email to 344 addresses through SurveyMonkey, an online survey tool. The survey itself consisted of four "yes or no" questions with space for additional comments at the end. Eighty six persons completed the survey, though all did not complete each question.

The results of the survey are as follows:

On the question "Should packaged liquor (beer and wine only) be sold in grocery and convenience stores in Carbondale?" 77% of responders (64) said yes while 22% (18) said no.

On the question "Do you agree with the current restrictions on the sale of packaged liquor in Carbondale" 20% of responders (16) said yes while 80% of responders (64) said no.

On the question "Do you think there should be a limit on the number of retail package stores permitted to have liquor licenses in the City of Carbondale" 29.3% of responders (24) said yes while 70.7% of responders (58) said no.

On the question "Do you think all liquor (all liquor, not just packaged liquor) should be sold in grocery and convenience stores in Carbondale) 53.7% of responders (44) said yes while 46.3% of responders (38) said no.

The survey was closed on Friday, April 9th at 5:00 PM. The Government Affairs Committee met; as did the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce Board and both decided

the data obtained through this survey should be released to the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce membership and also to the public.

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