

Transmittal #2

MOTION

There has been a resurgence in recent years of small-batch beer brewers establishing operations in any spaces that can accommodate casks and fermenting vessels. Known as microbreweries, these local brewers produce 15,000 barrels or less each year, whereas the larger industrial breweries produce millions.

In the City of Los Angeles, there is no distinction between large and small breweries in the assessment of Industrial and Commercial Wastewater charges.

A local craft brewer producing less than 15,000 barrels of beer is charged the same as a large brewer that produces over 6,000,000 barrels. The wide disparity between the volume of water used at a large brewery and that of a microbrewery means that the "one size fits all" permit charges that are assessed by the Bureau of Sanitation may not be appropriate for a smaller brewery operation.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the Board of Public Works and the Bureau of Sanitation to review its permit charges for breweries and report with changes to more appropriately assess charges based on the size of the brewery operations and the amount of wastewater discharge.

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