COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	County Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Scott Bennett
Meeting Date:	Thursday, October 22, 2009	Type of Request:	Old Business

Wording for the Agenda:

Consideration of Ordinance No. 2009-05 regarding the use of alcoholic beverages on specified County property.

Background/History/Details:

The County prohibits the use of alcohol on all county-owned properties. However, there are two sites which house agencies which on occasion host special events where alcohol may be served. The Fayette County Development Authority and the Chamber of Commerce lease the Old Historic Courthouse. Fayette Senior Services operates in a facility owned by the County.

The ordinance under consideration would allow these agencies to serve alcohol as a part of special events, under very rigid conditions. The ordinance would continue to prohibit the use of alcohol on all other properties, including parks, ballfields, and other sites. If the ordinance amendment is approved, changes would only apply to the two sites mentioned above. There would be strict conditions and limitations which would need to be met in order to comply with the new ordinance amendments.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Vote on Ordinance 2009-05 which includes amendments to the Fayette County Code of Ordinances which would allow the use of alcohol on specified county-owned property under specified conditions.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Has this issue come before the Commissioners in the past?	Yes	If so, when?	Wednesday, October 7, 2009
Do you need audio-visual for the presentation?		Back-up Material Submitted?	Yes

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Approved by Finance	Yes	Reviewed by Legal	Yes
Approved by Purchasing	Not Applicable	Approved by County Clerk	Yes
Administrator's Approval	Yes		

Staff Notes:

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Draft Ordinance for Use of Alcoholic Beverages for Special Events held at the Fayette County Chamber of Commerce, Fayette County Economic Development Authority, and Fayette Senior Services: County Attorney Scott Bennett reminded the Board that Fayette Senior Services would be having an Oktober Fest event and they had requested the possible use of alcohol at this event. He said a draft ordinance would be brought to the Board at the October 22, 2009 meeting. He explained the County would continue to ban the use of alcoholic beverages on all County property except those properties leased by the either the Fayette County Chamber of Commerce, the Economic Development Authority, or the Fayette Senior Services. He stated those organizations would be allowed to serve alcohol under special conditions, and explained the restrictions placed on the use of alcohol at those locations as outlined in the draft ordinance. Mr. Bennett informed the Board that he would e-mail the draft ordinance to the Board for their review and it would be placed on the October 22, 2009 Agenda for approval. Commissioner Frady mentioned that although he would not be present at the October 22, 2009 Board of Commissioners meeting he would be in favor of the discussed changes to the ordinance.