



## **CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE:** MAY 15, 2018  
**DEPARTMENT:** POLICE DEPARTMENT  
**FROM:** ADELE FRESE, CHIEF OF POLICE  
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**TITLE:** JAIMEE HUNTER CARDROOM WORK PERMIT APPEAL

### RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion sustaining the Salinas Police Department's denial of a cardroom employee work permit for Jaimee Hunter.

### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council deny the appeal by Jaimee Hunter and sustaining the Salinas Police Department's denial of her cardroom employee work permit by the Chief of Police.

### DISCUSSION:

In January 2018, Jaimee Hunter applied for a Cardroom Employee Work Permit to gain employment at Banker's Casino in Salinas. As part of the permitting process, she filled out the required application to begin the process. As part of the application, she answered the listed questions related to her criminal history. Question #1 of the application asks, "Have you at ANY time been arrested, indicted, received a citation, or been ordered to appear in court for any criminal offense during the past 10 (ten) years?" (emphasis added) Jaimee Hunter marked the "No" box to this question. On January 25, 2018 she signed an admonishment specifically stating, in part, "that the statements contained on this application contain a full and true account of the information requested; that any misrepresentation of facts or failure to reveal information requested may be deemed sufficient cause to deny the issuance of a Work Permit."

During a state criminal history check Police Department staff found that she had, indeed, been arrested by the Monterey County Sheriff's Department on February 28, 2009 for an alleged violation of Penal Code section 273a(b), Cause or Permit Cruelty to a Child, which is a misdemeanor. On October 7, 2009, Jaimee Hunter plead guilty to the misdemeanor charge and accepted a four-year probation term.

The criminal history report went on to divulge that on July 2, 2010 and September 28, 2010, Jaimee Hunter was in court again and had the probation terms of this case reinstated. All three appearances indicate Jaimee Hunter was present in court.

On February 27, 2018, Chief Fresé signed a letter advising Jaimee Hunter her application had been denied and cited Salinas City Code section 5-05.09(c)(4)(C). The letter also included a description of the appeals process she could engage.

On March 15, 2018, Jaimee Hunter contacted Police Department staff regarding the denial of her permit application. She was told that her application had been denied because she had not been truthful on her application and for the misdemeanor conviction. Ms. Hunter stated she had not intended to be dishonest and was not aware of the conviction entry on her criminal history. On March 21, 2018, Ms. Hunter filed an appeal of the Salinas Police Department's denial of her cardroom work permit.

Municipal Code section 5-05.12 provides for the appeal procedures applicable to this situation. With her appeal having timely been filed, Ms. Hunter has the opportunity to present information to the City Council in support of her appeal of the Salinas Police Department's denial of a cardroom work permit. City staff will also have the opportunity to present information in support of the denial. After the public hearing, the City Council may affirm, reverse, or modify the decision to deny the cardroom work permit.

#### CEQA CONSIDERATION:

The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378).

#### STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

This item does not specifically relate to one of the Council's Strategic Plans or Goals.

#### FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the City of Salinas.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

Appeal Letter