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**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**TO:** Mr. Jim Scholl, City Manager  
**FROM:** Donald J. Lee Jr., Chief of Police  
**DATE:** October 19, 2011  
**RE:** Executive Summary-Use Agreement with ABT

**Action Statement**

The Key West Police Department intends to allow The Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco (ABT) to utilize a vacant office at the Key West Police Department.

**Background**

In 2008, ABT closed its Key West Office as a result of state wide budget cuts. The ABT agents were reassigned to the Miami Office. One agent remained assigned to the Keys but had to commute back and forth and use a mobile laptop to conduct business. As you can imagine, one agent covering the entire Keys with over a thousand licensed establishments left a lot to be desired. The Key West Police Department and the Monroe County Sheriff's Office were left with the responsibility of enforcing many of the alcohol violations in the Keys. Last year Sheriff Peryam and I met with the Director of ABT and asked him to assign another agent to the Keys to help alleviate some of the burden our agencies were experiencing. Sheriff Peryam offered an office space for the agents to work from. The Director agreed and assigned another agent to the Keys. Both agents are currently working from the Monroe County Sheriffs Office. At a recent Fantasy Fest meeting I met with the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation and the Director of ABT who offered to assign a part time Regulatory Specialist to Key West if we could provide office space.

Over the years, ABT has provided agents to the Key West Police Department to assist with Fantasy Fest, Spring Break and other special events.



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**Advantages and Disadvantages**

Having a local Regulatory Specialist located at the Key West Police Department will allow us to work in partnership in regulating and vetting new and existing licenses which includes non-profits and one day permits. This will have a beneficial effect to the City of Key West and the existing local licensed establishments.

There are no disadvantages.

**Financial Impact**

There is no financial impact to the City of Key West.

**Recommendation**

Approve User Agreement and allow the Regulatory Specialist office space in the Key West Police Department.



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