

Committee of the Whole Memorandum

This memorandum concerns proposed changes to the Liquor Code.

Class N. Class N licenses shall authorize the retail sale or service of alcoholic liquor on the premises and outdoor event area of the Washington Area Community Center, only for consumption on the said premises and outdoor event area. Class N licenses shall authorize the retail sale of alcoholic liquors only in connection with and as a part of a private party or a private meeting not generally open to the public or a live music, play, or other live, in-person performance art event for which the licensee sells tickets. This license shall be known as a Community Center license. Such licenses shall permit the sale of alcoholic liquor and beverages between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 1:00 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday; and from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. on Sunday. Notwithstanding the above, on New Year's Day of each year license holders may remain open and sell or offer for sale alcoholic beverages until 2:00 a.m. The license fee for such licenses shall be \$1,000.00 per year.

Requirements for the outdoor event area in a Class N license:

- (1) The outdoor event area must comply with the following: a) be immediately adjacent and contiguous to the Class N licensed premises, b) be no greater in area than the gross floor area of the licensed premises, c) be entirely and completely contained by fencing or other suitable material at least six feet in height, measured from the finished floor elevation of the outdoor event area, which effectively prevents the passing of alcohol to the outside; and defines the event area and sets that area apart from the surrounding property; and be reasonably viewable and accessible from the exterior.
- (2) At least one, fully operable, emergency only exit shall be provided from the outdoor event area directly to the outside where the only other means of egress is through the interior of the licensed premises. Said emergency only exit shall be in addition to the access provided directly from the licensed premises, may be used to provide a means of egress/ingress for persons whose physical limitations or handicaps preclude their entrance or exit from the interior of the licensed premises and may be used for the purpose of taking delivery of products, materials and supplies.
- (5) The total square footage of the outdoor event area shall be included in the total parking calculations and requirements for the site.
- (6) No amplified sound or music nor any live entertainment shall be permitted in the outdoor event area after 10:00 p.m. and shall at all times be subject to all noise limitations of the City.
- (7) Each and every owner, operator, manager and/or licensee shall provide regular, diligent and effective management and employee oversight and control of the

premises and outdoor event area to assure compliance with the provisions of this Chapter and the Code of Ordinances of the City of Washington, Illinois.

Would also change Class L:

Only the holders of current Class A, D, E, G, J and N liquor licenses, issued by the City of Washington, may apply for a Temporary Event license under the provisions of this Paragraph (L).

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This draft would allow for the retail sale:

- Of liquor produced in Illinois by the licensee: for consumption on the premises AND package liquor
- Of liquor not produced by the licensee: for consumption on the premises
- For a winery, would allow consumption outdoors in a designated area, potentially allowing outdoor events such as concerts or other gatherings

Class **W** licenses shall authorize, when a licensee concurrently holds a State of Illinois wine-maker's premises license, a brew pub license, or a craft distiller license, the Manufacture, Wholesale, and Retail Sale of Alcoholic Liquor produced within the City, or elsewhere pursuant to the licensee's Illinois license, as well as the Retail Sale for consumption only on the Premises where sold, of other Alcoholic Liquor.

A Class W licensee who holds a State of Illinois wine-maker's premises license and who produces wine using grapes or other fruit grown on the licensee's property may also sell and serve alcoholic liquor for consumption in a designated outdoor area of its owned or leased property when such outdoor area is described in its license application and approved by the Liquor Commissioner. Each and every owner, operator and/or manager licensed to sell alcoholic liquors in an outdoor area shall provide regular, diligent and effective management and employee oversight and control of such outdoor eating, drinking or seating area to assure compliance with the provisions of this Chapter and the Code of Ordinances of the City of Washington, Illinois.

The license fee for such license shall be **SEVERAL** dollars per year.

There shall be no more than 1 Class W license for the sale of alcoholic liquor at retail in the City in force at any one time.

It shall be unlawful to sell or offer for sale at retail any alcoholic liquor in the city, between the hours of 1:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M. on Monday through Saturday, and from 1:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. on Sunday, except that on New Year's Day of each year all Class W license holders may remain open and sell or offer for sale alcoholic beverages until 2:00 A.M.

Considerations for potential future licensees, particularly brewers or distillers:

A Class W licensee shall be eligible for Class L Temporary Event licenses.

A Class W licensee shall be eligible for Class K outdoor eating, drinking or seating area (i.e. beer garden, open air cafe, patio, etc.) licenses.