

January 8, 2026

7:00 p.m. In-Person & Virtual

Wheaton City Hall Council Chambers

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- In-person at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 8, 2026, during the Public Comment portion of the meeting.
- Virtually at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 8, 2026, during the Public Comment portion of the meeting.
- Email the Local Liquor Commission at jkozik@wheaton.il.us before 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 8, 2026.

1. Call To Order And Roll Call

2. Public Comment

3. Approval Of Minutes

3.I. December 11, 2025

Documents:

[DECEMBER 11, 2025.PDF](#)

4. Old Business

5. New Business

5.I. Election Of Chairperson - 2026

Documents:

[ELECTION OF NEW CHAIR.PDF](#)

5.I.i. 2026 License Renewals - Royale Liquors LLC D/B/A/ Pete's Fresh Market

Documents:

[2026 RENEWALS - PETES.PDF](#)

5.I.ii. Application For A Class M Liquor License - Stonehouse Market LLC D/B/A
Stonehouse On Hale - 126 N. Hale Street

Documents:

[STONEHOUSE MARKET.PDF](#)

6. Adjournment



WHEATON LOCAL LIQUOR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

WHEATON CITY HALL, 303 W WESLEY STREET, WHEATON, ILLINOIS 60187

December 11, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL VOTE

Chair Pearce called the December 11, 2025 meeting of the Local Liquor Commission to order at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers of the Wheaton City Hall, 303 West Wesley Street and via Zoom.

Upon roll call, the following were present: Chair Pearce, Commissioner Laird, Commissioner Taylor and Commissioner Whitmer. Absent: Commissioner Brown. City Staff Present: James P. Kozik, Director of Planning and Economic Development.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 11, 2025

Commissioner Taylor moved and Commissioner Laird seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2025 Local Liquor Commission meeting as submitted. On a voice vote, all voted aye.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

2026 License Renewals - Section 6-90 of the Wheaton City Code

Mr. Kozik stated that Section 6-90 of the Wheaton City Code requires that licensees found guilty of a violation in the previous year, must attend a liquor license renewal meeting before the Local Liquor Commission prior to a license renewal.

Chair Pearce stated that in June, the Liquor Control Commission conducted hearings in aggravation and mitigation with respect to the charges against three licensees whereby liquor was sold to a person under the age of 21.

Mr. Yi Zhing and Mr. Julio Cano representing Light Sum LLC d/b/a Fuji Ramen and Sushi and Sabores Chingones 1 LLC d/b/a Sweetchilango respectively, described the steps they each have taken since their violation to ensure that future violations do not occur.

Hearing no further questions or comments, Commissioner Whitmer then moved and Commissioner Taylor seconded a motion to recommend that the licenses for 2026 be renewed for Light Sum LLC d/b/a Fuji Ramen and Sushi and Sabores Chingones 1 LLC d/b/a Sweetchilango. On a roll call vote, all voted aye.

As a representative of Royale Liquors LLC d/b/a Pete's Fresh Market was not in attendance, the Liquor Commission authorized the staff to renew their license for 2026 pending the Commission's review at their January 8th meeting of the actions taken by the licensee since their violation to ensure no future violations occur.

Amendment to Section 6-87.5 (c) Special Event Liquor License

Mr. Kozik stated that this is a request to amend Section 6-87.5 (c) of the Wheaton City Code to replace text that was inadvertently deleted by a past City Code Amendment relating to the location where a special event liquor license may be issued.

Hearing no questions or comments, Commissioner Laird then moved and Commissioner Taylor seconded a motion to recommend approval of the proposed amendment to Section 6-87.5 (c) of the Wheaton City Code to the Mayor and City Council. On a roll call vote, all voted aye.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Pearse
Chair - Wheaton Local Liquor Commission

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chair Pearse and Members of the Wheaton Liquor Commission

FROM: James P. Kozik, AICP Director of Planning and Economic Development

DATE: January 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Election of Chairperson – 2026

Required Commission Action

Section 2-258 of the City Code requires that each board, commission or committee shall elect a chairperson and such other officers as it may deem appropriate on an annual basis. Such election shall take place at the first regularly scheduled meeting of each board, commission or committee following January 1 of each calendar year. The chairperson shall serve for a term of one year or until their successor is elected. The chairperson shall serve in the same capacity for no more than five consecutive one-year terms, unless otherwise approved by the city council.

MEMORANDUM

To: Chair Pearce and Members of the Liquor Commission
From: James P. Kozik AICP, Director of Planning & Economic Development
Date: January 8, 2026
Subject: **2026 License Renewals - Section 6-90 of the Wheaton City Code**

Section 6-90 of the Wheaton City Code requires that licensees found guilty of a violation in the previous year, must attend a liquor license renewal meeting before the Local Liquor Commission prior to a license renewal.

In June, the Liquor Control Commission conducted hearings in aggravation and mitigation with respect to the charges against the licensee whereby liquor was sold to a person under the age of 21.

At the hearing, the licensee entered a plea of guilty and offered evidence on its behalf as to the circumstances surrounding the incident and as to the establishment's actions to prevent such future violations.

The Mayor, as Liquor Commissioner, considered all the facts and circumstances entered into the record in this case as well as the recommendation of the Local Liquor Control Commission as to the penalty that should be imposed in this matter and found that the licensee was responsible for the violation of the Ordinance as charged by the Wheaton Police Department.

As a consequence of the violations, and in accordance with the Liquor Control Ordinance, the following fine was imposed:

- \$1,000 Royale Liquors LLC d/b/a Pete's Fresh Market

At the renewal meeting, the Commission should inquire as to what steps have been taken by each licensee since their violation to ensure that future violations do not occur.

C: Armando Alcázar

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chair Pearse and Members of the Wheaton Local Liquor Commission
FROM: James P. Kozik, AICP Director of Planning and Economic Development
DATE: January 8, 2026
SUBJECT: Stonehouse Market LLC d/b/a Stonehouse on Hale - 126 N. Hale Street

Proposal

Stonehouse Market, LLC has submitted an application for a Class M Liquor License to the City so they may offer wine for sale by the bottle to complement their houseware/entertaining/etc. offerings that they sell in their new store at 126 N. Hale Street (their second location). The applicant also has a Class M License for their store at 111 Town Square.

The Class M liquor license shall authorize the retail sale, on the premises specified in the license, of beer, ale and wine or wine only, in its original package or when sold in gift boxes or in gift baskets. The retail sale of beer, ale and wine, or wine only for consumption on the premises shall also be authorized by a Class M license. Premises issued or granted a Class M liquor license shall be subject to all of the following conditions:

- a. No such license shall be granted or retained for premises not located in the C-2 or C-4 retail core business district or in a shopping center of at least 150,000 gross above grade square feet.
- b. The licensed premises shall not exceed a maximum of 2,500 gross above grade square feet.
- c. At least 20 percent of the retail space shall be devoted to the sale of specialty foods and merchandise.
- d. Private beer, ale and wine tasting seminars shall be permitted at premises with a Class M liquor license.
- e. No such license shall be granted to or retained by any establishment whose primary business is that of a convenience store.
- f. No more than one Class M liquor license shall be granted or issued for any one shopping center.

Recommendation

The Liquor Control Commission will conduct a public hearing on January 8, 2026 to review the attached application and ask any questions of the applicant.

Staff has no outstanding issues or concerns with regards to this application and foresees no problems with recommending approval of the proposed license to the applicant.

If the Local Liquor Commission recommends approval at the January 8th meeting, the application will be placed on the January 19th City Council agenda.

Attachment

c: Frances Rouse