

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chair Pearse and Members of the Wheaton Liquor Commission
FROM: James P. Kozik, AICP Director of Planning and Economic Development
DATE: July 13, 2023
SUBJECT: Application for a Class M Liquor License – Amante Marketplace, Inc. – 102 N. Hale Street

Proposal

Amante Marketplace, Inc. 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 offerings that they sell in their store located at 102 N. Hale Street.

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 a 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 July 13, 2023 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 July 13th meeting, the application will be placed on the August 7th City Council agenda.

Attachment

c: Jared Raftery