

**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