

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