

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chair Taylor and Members of the Wheaton Liquor Commission
FROM: James P. Kozik, AICP Director of Planning and Economic Development
DATE: August 2, 2021
SUBJECT: Amendment to Section 6-87, Subsection 7 of the Wheaton City Code / Off-Site Catering

Proposal

In order to provide for increased business opportunities for our local restaurants, City staff is proposing an amendment to Section 6-87, Subsection 7 of the Wheaton City Code (Class G License Off-Site Catering) which would permit a restaurant located within the City, that already possesses an existing Class A, B or I Liquor License, to cater food and/or alcoholic beverages at an off-site location, but not before obtaining the aforementioned license.

The proposed amendment would read as follows. The proposed text is shown in red and any exiting text to be deleted is shown as being struck-out.

“(7) A Class G license shall authorize the sale of alcoholic liquors in connection with an off-site catering business operating within the city. Alcoholic liquor shall only be sold and served by the licensee in connection with the catering of foods. In addition to the other requirements of this chapter, a Class G license shall only be issued to persons who can demonstrate that they are operating a bona fide catering business. ~~No Class G licensee shall serve alcoholic liquor at a single location for more than three consecutive 24-hour periods and no Class G licensee shall serve alcoholic liquor at the same location more than four three-day periods per year.~~

A Class G license shall also authorize restaurants located within the City, that already possess an existing Class A, B or I Liquor License, to cater food and/or alcoholic beverages at an off-site location, but not before obtaining the aforementioned license.

Existing Class A, B or I licensees seeking a Class G license shall submit a written request for the license to the City Clerk. The City Clerk may approve the Class G license if the applicant provides all required information and is in good standing. There shall be no additional fee for an existing Class A, B or I licensee to receive a Class G License.”

Recommendation

The proposed amendment would provide increased business opportunities for our local restaurants. Staff would recommend approval of the proposed amendments.

Attachment