

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 1726

BEING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 5 ARTICLE V AND 5A ARTICLE III OF THE COLUMBIA HEIGHTS CITY CODE TO AMEND THE CODE SECTIONS REGULATING THE CITY'S LIQUOR LICENSING AND POSTING OF BUILDINGS TO PREVENT OCCUPANCY

The City Council for the City of Columbia Heights, Minnesota adopted Ordinance No. 1726 on April 13, 2026.

The purpose of this ordinance is to update several provisions of the City Code related to liquor licensing and occupancy posting timelines. The ordinance formally codifies the On-Sale Malt Liquor License, which the City has historically issued but had not previously been included in the Code, and allows restaurants, hotels, and theaters (live performance or movie) to obtain this license if at least 30% of gross receipts are derived from the sale of food or non-alcoholic beverages. It also allows theaters to obtain an On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License if at least 40% of gross receipts are from food or non-alcoholic beverage sales and reduces the required food and non-alcoholic beverage sales threshold for all establishments from 55% to 40%. In addition, the ordinance permits theaters to obtain an On-Sale Wine License if at least 30% of gross receipts are derived from food or non-alcoholic beverage sales. Finally, the ordinance extends the maximum period for tenants to vacate a property posted as unlawful to occupy from 45 days to 90 days.

This is a summary of Ordinance No. 1726. A copy of the entire text of the Ordinance is available for public inspection during regular office hours at City Hall, by standard or electronic mail, or at www.columbiaheightsmn.gov

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Attest:

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