

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD



BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING: October 28, 2025

To: Village President and Board of Trustees

Through: Napoleon Haney, Village Manager

From: Amy Zukowski, Director of Finance

Topic: Class 1 Liquor License

PURPOSE

During the September 30, 2025 Board meeting, a discussion was held for a liquor license request from My Way Holdings, LLC for their proposed location at 2059 Ridge Road. Based on the liquor application received by staff and further clarification with the potential new owners, the current name, R. Scott Donkel LLC, will remain in place with a change in ownership, and the business will continue to operate under the doing business as (DBA) The Ridgewood. It is staff's understanding that the DBA may change to My Way in the future, and at that time, the business plan that was previously presented may be put into place.

Also, when discussed with the Board on September 30, 2025, the request was presented as a 4A liquor license which allows for the sale of liquor for on-premises consumption only with no more than 25% of sales from alcohol sales. The submitted application is requesting a Class 1 liquor license, which is for the retail sale of liquor for on/off-premises consumption, with or without food. The Ridgewood is currently operated with a Class 1 liquor license. After discussion with the Liquor Commissioner, he is in favor of issuing a Class 1 license instead of a Class 4A.

With that stated, The Ridgewood has submitted the required application and related documents for a Class 1 liquor license for their proposed location at 2059 Ridge Road. They have also submitted an application for an Outdoor Sale of Alcoholic Beverage Permit. At the time of issuance or renewal of an outdoor sales permit, the Homewood Municipal Code allows the Village Board to waive one or more of the requirements. An ordinance increasing the allowed number of Class 1 liquor licenses and approving the requested exceptions for the outdoor permit is required.

PROCESS

The transfer of ownership is expected to occur in early November. A Class 1 liquor license allows for the sale of liquor for on/off-premises consumption with or without food. The liquor commissioner is in favor of accommodating this request from the new owners of The Ridgewood at 2059 Ridge Road.

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OUTCOME

Approval of these ordinances will enable The Ridgewood to continue to offer more options to their dining patrons.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- **Funding Source:** N/A
- **Budgeted Amount:** N/A
- **Cost:** N/A

LEGAL REVIEW

Completed

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

Pass an ordinance amending the Table of the Number of Liquor License Limitations by Class to increase the allowed number of Class 1 liquor licenses by one for the ownership change of R. Scott Donkel, LLC d/b/a The Ridgewood for their proposed location at 2059 Ridge Road; and, pass an ordinance waiving requirements governing outdoor alcohol sales for R. Scott Donkel, LLC; and approve the issuance of a Permit for Sale of Alcoholic Beverages Outdoor to R. Scott Donkel, LLC, d/b/a The Ridgewood, all subject to successful completion of the liquor license application process.

ATTACHMENT(S)

- Ordinance regarding Class 1 liquor license
- Outdoor application
- Ordinance regarding outdoor permit