

Mayor Rich Hofeld
Village of Homewood
2020 Chestnut Road
Homewood, IL 60430

Dear Mayor Hofeld,

This letter serves as a formal request for a Class 12 (BYOB) Liquor License from the Village of Homewood for Mahogany House Candle LLC (operating as Mahogany House Candles), located at 1941 Ridge Road.

Mahogany House Candles is a premium candle boutique and experiential candle-making studio where guests gather to create hand-poured candles in a relaxing, sensory environment. We believe that the responsible consumption of **wine or beer** can further enhance this experience—transforming it into a truly memorable evening for residents and visitors alike. Our goal is to provide an elegant, upscale experience, that doesn't require you to travel all the way to downtown Chicago.

We also believe this added traffic to the area will benefit surrounding local businesses. As active members of the Homewood Business Association (HBA), we plan to keep menus and materials from neighboring establishments on-site and encourage our guests to dine, shop, and explore the area before and after their candle classes. This collaborative approach reflects our shared commitment to strengthening Homewood's vibrant small-business community.

Candle-making events will include evening celebrations, date nights, birthday gatherings, and corporate team-building sessions, all conducted in a supervised and welcoming environment. Our core audience is primarily women looking for a creative, relaxed change of pace from traditional bars and restaurants. A BYOB license would help us add diversity to the events that our residents could enjoy.

To ensure guest safety and full compliance, all owners and staff will complete Illinois BASSET training, and we will implement the following strict consumption policies:

1. Mandatory age verification for all guests when alcohol is present.
2. Consumption restricted to the interior of the premises—no outdoor drinking or open containers permitted.
3. Ride-share and designated driver signage displayed prominently to promote responsible transportation choices.
4. Water and light refreshments provided at all events to encourage moderation.

Our mission is to provide a creative, relaxing, and community-centered experience that complements Homewood's downtown ecosystem while maintaining a safe, inclusive, and responsible environment for all participants.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and would welcome the opportunity to meet to discuss our proposed policies, community partnerships, and safety measures in greater detail.

Sincerely,
Andrew "Drew" Osifalujo
Co-Owner, Mahogany House Candles