

# VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD



## BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING: August 24, 2021

**To:** Jim Marino, Village Manager

**From:** Amy Zukowski, Assistant Director of Finance

**Topic:** Liquor License Request

### PURPOSE

The owner of Family Wine & Liquor located at 18707 Dixie Highway has requested a liquor license with video gaming for R & J Wine & Gaming, Inc. for the location of 18719 Dixie Highway (currently occupied by Pooch Parlor). The owner's plan is to open a wine and microbrew beer bar. His plan includes wine tasting events on weekends, as well as monthly wine club memberships. Food will be offered from local restaurants along with authentic Indian foods. The Village Board needs to determine if they wish to grant this request.

### PROCESS

Currently, there isn't an existing liquor license class that fits the owner's request. The most appropriate class for the desired use is 7A – 75/25. If the Village Board is in favor of the owner's request, staff should be directed to prepare an ordinance to increase the number of 7A – 75/25 liquor licenses from zero to one. This license class would allow for on- and off-premise consumption but would require food to be prepared on-site in a fully equipped kitchen with seating for at least 50 patrons. Furthermore, at least 75% of sales would need to be from food and no more than 25% from the sale of liquor. The owner would be required to meet the requirements of the class 7A license prior to the ordinance being prepared.

### OUTCOME

Granting a liquor license would allow one of the Village's current business owners to expand within Homewood and offer more dining and entertainment options to our residents and visitors.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT

- **Funding Source:** No Financial Impact
- **Budgeted Amount:**
- **Cost:**

**LEGAL REVIEW:** Not Required

### RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

Discuss this request and direct staff how to proceed.

### ATTACHMENT(S)

- Letter of request from owner
- Sample photos of proposed establishment