

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD



BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING: March 24, 2026

To: Village President and Board of Trustees

Through: Napoleon Haney, Village Manager

From: Amy Zukowski, Director of Finance

Topic: Liquor license request

PURPOSE

Cilantro Mexican Restaurant, located at 18755 Dixie Highway, has held a Class 5 liquor license for many years. Recently, the business was sold and the Village received a request for a Class 5A liquor license from Mr. Antoine Washington to operate the restaurant as 3B Burger-Bird-Brew House.

A Class 5A liquor license permits the retail sale of alcoholic liquor for on-premises consumption at establishments that primarily serve meals prepared in the establishment's kitchen, and have a seating capacity for the service of meals at tables or counters, without a bar. No more than 25% of sales in a 12-month period can be from alcohol sales.

PROCESS

Mr. Antoine Washington purchased the Cilantro business in February 2026. The new restaurant will be a 3B Burger-Bird-Brews House. Mr. Washington currently owns 20 restaurant locations in neighboring communities such as Oak Forest, South Holland, and Markham. Mr. Washington plans to play a significant role in the community by creating jobs, providing community outreach through gatherings and sponsorships, and maintaining a clean, well-landscaped restaurant. If the Board is in favor of this request, staff should be directed to begin the liquor license application process.

After successfully completing all of the steps required for obtaining a Village of Homewood liquor license, an ordinance to increase the number of allowed Class 5A liquor licenses for 3B Burger-Bird-Brew House will be presented at a future Board meeting for approval.

OUTCOME

Approval of this request will enable 3B Burger-Bird-Brew House to begin the application process for a liquor license, and will potentially allow them to offer more options to their dining patrons.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

No Financial Impact

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LEGAL REVIEW

Not required

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

After discussion, if the Board is in favor of granting the request for a liquor license, staff should be directed to prepare an ordinance to increase the allowed number of Class 5A liquor licenses for 3B Burger-Bird-Brew House's proposed location at 18755 Dixie Highway. The ordinance will be agendized at a future Board meeting, once the petitioner successfully completes the application requirements for a Village of Homewood liquor license.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Letter