

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD



BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING: September 8, 2026

To: Village President and Board of Trustees

Through: Napoleon Haney, Village Manager

From: Amy Zukowski, Director of Finance

Topic: Liquor license request

PURPOSE

R. Scott Donkel, LLC d/b/a The Ridgewood currently holds a Class 4A liquor license for their location at 2059 Ridge Road. Reid's Southern Kitchen & Smokehouse is under conditional contract to purchase the property. The Village recently received a request for a Class 4A liquor license from Reid's Southern Kitchen & Smokehouse for 2057-2059 Ridge Road.

A Class 4A 75/25 restaurant with bar liquor license allows the retail sale of any alcoholic liquor for on-premises consumption only for establishments with a bar. No more than 25 percent of the licensee's gross receipts over any 12-month period can be from alcohol sales. The Liquor Commissioner supports issuing the requested license.

PROCESS

Reid's Southern Kitchen & Smokehouse is in the process of purchasing Primo's Café and The Ridgewood located at 2057-2059 Ridge Road. Reid's Southern Kitchen & Smokehouse currently operates a restaurant in Peru, Illinois and intends to relocate and expand the concept into the Homewood community. Reid's specializes in Southern-inspired cuisine, smoked meats, and signature cocktails. They anticipate offering catering, carryout, delivery, and private or special-event dining, as well as hosting occasional community events, themed dinners, and live entertainment.

If the Board is in favor of the request from Reid's Southern Kitchen & Smokehouse for a Class 4A liquor license, staff should be directed to begin the application process. After successfully completing all of the steps required for obtaining a Village of Homewood liquor license as well as a permit for outdoor sales, an ordinance to increase the number of allowed Class 4A liquor licenses and issue a permit for outdoor sales for Reid's Southern Kitchen & Smokehouse will be presented at a Board meeting for approval.

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OUTCOME

Approval of this request will enable Reid's Southern Kitchen & Smokehouse to begin the application process for a liquor license, and will potentially allow them to offer more options to their dining patrons.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

LEGAL REVIEW

Not required

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

After discussion, if the Board is in favor of granting the request for a liquor license to Reid's Southern Kitchen & Smokehouse, staff should be directed to prepare an ordinance to increase the allowed number of Class 4A liquor licenses by one, and to issue a permit for outdoor sales. 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 and permit for outdoor sales.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Letter