

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD



BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING: October 14, 2025

To: Village President and Board of Trustees

Through: Napoleon Haney, Village Manager

From: Amy Zukowski, Director of Finance

Topic: Liquor license request – Berkot’s Super Foods

PURPOSE

Walter Lagestee, Inc., doing business as Walt’s Food Centers, currently holds a Class 2 liquor license for their location at 2345 183rd Street. Berkot’s Super Foods is under contract to purchase the property. The Village has recently received a request for a Class 2 liquor license from Berkot’s Super Foods for their proposed location at 2345 183rd Street.

A Class 2 liquor license permits the retail sale of any alcoholic liquor in the original package only for off-premises consumption.

PROCESS

Berkot’s Super Foods is in the process of purchasing Walt’s Food Center located at 2345 183rd Street. Berkot’s intends to offer packaged, beer, wine and liquor to customers and anticipates the sale of these items to be approximately 5% of the total store sales.

Berkot’s Super Foods is a family-owned, full-service grocer with 44 years of experience. Their mission is to earn customer loyalty through an unwavering commitment to quality, community, and opportunity. With 16 stores across the Midwest, the acquisition of Walt’s would bring their total to 20 locations. Berkot’s offers fresh, high-quality groceries at competitive prices, actively supports local events both personally and financially, and is dedicated to creating rewarding jobs and career paths within the communities they serve.

If the Board is in favor of the request from Berkot’s Super Foods for a Class 2 liquor license, staff should be directed to begin the application process. Berkot’s anticipates taking over the store on October 27, 2025. Due to the timing of the property sale, approval of an ordinance to increase the number of allowed Class 2 liquor licenses is requested, subject to the successful completion of the liquor license application process.

OUTCOME

Approval of this request will enable Berkot’s Super Foods to begin the application process for a liquor license, and will potentially allow them to offer more options to their customers.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

LEGAL REVIEW

Completed

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

After discussion, if the Board is in favor of granting the request for a liquor license to Berkot's Super Foods, pass an ordinance amending the Table of the Number of Liquor License Limitations by Class, increasing the allowed number of Class 2 liquor licenses by one for the Berkot's Super Foods located at 2345 183rd Street, subject to successful completion of the liquor license application process.

ATTACHMENT(S)

- Letter from Berkot's
- Ordinance