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TO: Mayor & City Council
FROM: Mike Greene – City Administrator
DATE: September 21, 2026
RE: 1st Reading – Administrative Alcohol Facility Usage Ordinance

Background Brief: Ordinance 2026-04 would amend Section 46-176 of the City Code regarding the consumption of alcoholic liquor within City parks and recreation facilities. The proposed amendment would establish an administrative approval process allowing the City Administrator, or their designee, to authorize alcohol use in connection with facility rentals or other permitted uses of City property.

Importantly, this administrative approval process reflects the same process the City has operated under for years. To the City's knowledge, requests for alcohol use associated with facility rentals have not historically been brought before City Council for individual approval. The proposed ordinance is intended to formally establish and clarify this longstanding administrative practice.

Under the proposed ordinance, applicants would be required to submit their request at least four weeks before the event and comply with applicable Michigan liquor laws, the City's hold-harmless and insurance requirements, and other facility rental conditions. Additional requirements apply when alcohol is sold, including the use of properly licensed bartenders or caterers and liquor-liability insurance when required.

Maintaining an administrative approval process is also important because facility rentals are treated as a revenue stream for the City. Requiring each request involving alcohol to receive City Council approval could add additional time and administrative requirements to the rental process, potentially making City facilities less attractive to prospective renters and resulting in a decrease in facility rental activity and associated revenue.

In summary, the proposed amendment provides a clear statutory framework for the City's longstanding administrative process while maintaining appropriate safeguards, insurance requirements, and City oversight without unnecessarily adding additional steps to the facility rental process.

Previous Action: 9-14-26 – Study Session Discussions

Economic Impact: N/A

Recommendation: It is my recommendation to approve the 1st reading and schedule a 2nd reading.

Recommended Motion:

Moved by Councilmember, _____ seconded by Councilmember _____, to approve the First Reading - Ordinance #2026-04 - an Ordinance to Amend the City of Lathrup Village Code of Ordinances at Chapter 46. Miscellaneous Offenses, Provisions, Forfeitures and Penalties, Article XII. Parks and Recreation Protection, by Amending Section 46-176. Conduct Within Parks; and schedule a second reading for September 21, 2026.

Bruce Kantor
Mayor

Kelly Garrett
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