

CITY OF MINNETRISTA



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Subject: **Application for a Temporary One-day Intoxicating Liquor License for the event of Tonka Brew Fest on November 8, 2025 at Gale Woods Farm, 7210 County Road 110 W**

Prepared By: **Ann Meyerhoff, City Clerk**

Meeting Date: **October 20, 2025**

Issue:

The annual Tonka Brew Fest is scheduled for Saturday, November 8, 2025, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Gale Woods Farm (7210 County Road 110 W). The event will feature food, live music, door prizes, and tastings from twenty-one Minnesota-based microbreweries. A temporary on-sale liquor license is required for this event.

Overview:

This event aims to showcase Minnesota microbreweries and raise funds for the Mound Westonka Rotary to support local community and humanitarian projects. State liquor laws mandate a license whenever alcohol is served for monetary transactions. Temporary intoxicating liquor licenses can only be issued for events sponsored by qualifying nonprofit organizations that have been established for at least three years.

All necessary documentation has been submitted, and the Minnetrista Public Safety Department has verified that the applicants have no relevant convictions in the past five years. Staff recommends approval of the temporary on-sale liquor license.

Conditions:

Staff recommends the following conditions for approval:

1. Only alcoholic beverages provided by participating Minnesota microbreweries may be allowed on the property.
2. Alcoholic beverages must remain on the property.
3. On-site access to call 911 must be available.
4. All relevant laws and postings must be enforced.
5. No one under the age of 21 will be permitted at the event.

As this is a city-supported event, staff recommends waiving the \$40 application fee, consistent with previous years.

Mission Statement:

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Conclusion:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve a temporary one-day intoxicating liquor license for the Tonka Brew Fest on November 8, 2025, at Gale Woods Farm, for the Mound-Westonka Rotary Club, with the specified conditions.

Recommended City Council Action:

Approve the temporary one-day intoxicating liquor license for the Tonka Brew Fest on November 8, 2025, at Gale Woods Farm, with conditions noted above and to waive the \$40 application fee.

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