

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM MEMO
REGULAR MEETING**

SUBJECT: Ordinance Amending Section 6-46 of the Municipal Code of the City of Rochelle to Delete One Class R-3 Liquor License for A.S. Gian Corporation D/B/A The Blackstone Bar & Restaurant.

Staff Contact: City Clerk, Rose Huéramo

Summary: The Blackstone Bar & Restaurant, located at 406 Cherry Ave, is preparing for its sale at the end of December 2024. It is important to highlight the status of maintaining a valid liquor license throughout this transition. The current Class R-3 liquor license will remain valid until the closing of the sale. Additionally, the Class R-3 license allows for the retail sale of packaged alcoholic liquor, provided that such sales do not exceed ten percent of the total sales of all alcoholic beverages. If the sale is finalized, the current liquor license will be collected by Liquor Commissioner, Mayor John Bearrows as it will no longer be valid.

For any future owners interested in continuing to serve liquor at this location, it is essential to understand that liquor licenses are not transferable. This means that new owners will need to apply for their own liquor license in order to legally serve alcohol. The application will then be presented to the Council for approval, following the standard procedures. If the sale does not go through, the transaction will be null and void, and the license will remain unchanged.

The Liquor Commissioner, John Bearrows, has reviewed the request and has no objections to the transaction.

Funding Sources:

Source:	Budgeted Amount:	Proposed Expenditure:
N/A		

Strategic Plan Goal Application: Small Business Development & Retention

Recommendation: Approve an Ordinance Amending Section 6-46 of the Municipal Code of the City of Rochelle to Delete One Class R-3 Liquor License for the business at 406 Cherry Ave upon the sale of the business.