

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

SUBJECT: An Ordinance Amending Section 4 of Chapter 6 to Strike Limitations on the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Staff Contact: City Clerk Rose Huéramo

Summary: The proposed ordinance would amend Section 6-4 of the Rochelle Municipal Code to remove restrictions on the sale of alcoholic beverages on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Under the current Rochelle Liquor Code, alcohol sales must cease at 7:00 p.m. on December 24, and all establishments must remain closed for alcohol sales throughout December 25.

The ordinance strikes the existing provisions that mandate early closure on Christmas Eve and full closure on Christmas Day. With the amendment, establishments would follow regularly permitted hours on both December 24 and December 25.

The City seeks to modernize its liquor regulations and provide consistency in operating hours for local businesses. Removing these holiday-specific limitations supports business operations while maintaining compliance with the Illinois Liquor Control Act.

Strategic Plan Goal Application: Supporting local businesses providing clear, more streamlined rules for both license holders and the community.

Recommendation: To approve an Ordinance Amending Section 4 of Chapter 6 to Strike Limitations on the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day