

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

SUBJECT: Amending Rochelle Municipal Code Chapter 6 adding Liquor License Resort Classification

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Summary: In 2012, when the liquor code was updated, the Resort classification was deleted as no businesses held a license in that classification. Recent applications would benefit from both the addition of a Resort classification and a slight change in the original wording of that classification. Comfort Inn & Suites Rochelle located at 1133 N. 7th St. and Holiday Inn Express located at 1240 Dement Rd. Comfort Inn & Suites have each requested a liquor license. Holiday Inn Express was originally approved for a R-1 liquor license on June 13, 2016. At the ending year of 2021 they decided not to renew their liquor license and would reconsider for the year 2023. Since, they have decided to reapply for their liquor license.

In reviewing the Municipal Code, the businesses do not qualify to be categorized as a R-1. Both business plan to sell liquor to their patrons and make it available for meetings and or guests as desired. It is our understanding that the Comfort Inn & Suites Rochelle and Holiday Inn Express does not intend to operate a bar.

Class R-1 is defined as:

Class R-1 licenses. Class R-1 licenses shall authorize the retail sale of beer and wine by restaurants for consumption on the premises in connection with the sale of meals. No bar is permitted on the premises.

January 9, 2012, it was approved to delete the Resort Classification since there were none in effect.

Resort means an establishment with dining room facilities to seat not less than 100 persons, meeting rooms and banquet rooms to seat not less than 300 persons, and recreational facilities and lodging facilities with at least 50 motel rooms located on the premises or within 100 feet of the premises

Resort. A resort license shall be a license for the sale of alcoholic liquor by a resort, as defined in section 6 2. A resort license shall entitle the licensee to sell alcoholic liquor for consumption on or off the premises in the original package during the hours as specified in section 64. The holder of the Class E license shall also be allowed to sell alcoholic beverages in the original container to persons who are of the age of 21 years or older who have registered renting a room in the hotel or motel for the purpose of consuming such alcoholic beverages within the hotel or motel room. Further, it is the responsibility of the hotel or motel operator to obtain a written statement from the person who is renting the room that no persons under the age of 21 will consume any alcoholic beverages within the room. Said sales may be made indirectly by the placement of alcoholic beverages within rooms to be occupied by persons over the age of 21 years, with directions that the consumption of such beverage will be charged to the person renting that particular room.