

VILLAGE OF ROSCOE

AGENDA ITEM - STAFF REPORT



Agenda Item: Discussion and recommendation of **decreasing the maximum number of authorized Class “BL” (Boutique License) liquor licenses to eleven (11)**

Date: 6/24/2025

Meeting: Liquor Commission & Board 7/1/2025

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Department: Permits and Licenses

Overview/Background Information

The board approved the renewal of twelve BL Boutique Gaming Licenses on December 3, 2024. On June 13, 2025 we received confirmation that Molly’s Deli had closed permanently.

Key Issues

The Village has chosen to limit the number of Class BL (Boutique Gaming) licenses by ordinance in order to maintain appropriate oversight and ensure alignment with the original intent and purpose of this license class. A Class BL license is designed for boutique gaming establishments that primarily operate as video gaming lounges, rather than traditional bars or restaurants.

The ordinance sets strict operational standards—such as square footage limits, restrictions on entertainment, signage, and outdoor areas, and a revenue structure where gaming must be the primary source of income. These limitations help preserve the character of the business district, minimize neighborhood disruption, and distinguish boutique gaming establishments from other types of liquor license holders.

By capping the number of licenses, the Village can better manage the social and economic impacts of gaming within the community, prevent overconcentration, and ensure that each licensee adheres to the highly specific regulatory framework intended for this unique business model.

Fiscal Note/Budget Impact

Lost revenue of the annual license fee of \$6000 and \$1500 for the six gaming machines plus about \$17,000 annually in gaming revenue.

Prior Legislative Actions

Action Required/Recommendation

Approve to decrease the maximum number of BL (Boutique Gaming) licenses to eleven.

Attachments

2025 Master Liquor List
Mollys Deli Email Re Closure