

VILLAGE OF ROSCOE

AGENDA ITEM - STAFF REPORT



Agenda Item: Amendment to the Village Liquor Code clarifying the requirement of a License Holder to maintain order within the Licensed Establishment.

Date: May 29, 2025

Meeting: Committee of the Whole – 6/3/2025

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Department: Administration

Overview/Background Information

Over the last several years, the Village had incidents reported to them regarding inappropriate conduct at liquor establishments within the Village. Some of these incidents have been reported by the alleged victim as late as the following day. It is important and the duty of the License Holder to maintain order at the Licensed Establishment, and if inappropriate conduct does occur, to immediately report same and cooperate with authorities to identify the perpetrators.

The Liquor Code does not currently impose a duty on the License holder to maintain the licensed premises in a peaceable and orderly manner. The new Liquor Code section identifies that is the responsibility of the License Holder to use reasonable efforts to maintain a safe environment through training and monitoring.

The Section indicates that if a physical altercation, or a form of criminal activity were to occur and is observed, the Police Department must be notified immediately, and the License Holder must cooperate with investigation as to the incident. The premises that are the responsibility of the License Holder would include the interior of the liquor establishment, including restrooms and lounges, kitchen areas, and storage areas. Additionally, any outdoor patios where liquor would be consumed, and reasonable efforts to monitor the parking lot and the ingress and egress from the Liquor establishment and from the parking facilities. Failure to take reasonable efforts to maintain a peaceful environment could result in penalties under the Liquor Code including potential fines and/or suspension/revocation of License.

Action Required/Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the Liquor Commissioner and the Village Administration that the Amendment to the Liquor Code be approved and added to the Code.

Attachments

See attached Ordinance Amending the Liquor Code, adding Section 11-410 – Preservation of the Peace.