

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PARTS OF TITLE 5 BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGULATIONS TO ADD REVIEW OF AND ADVISING ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND OTHER LICENSING MATTERS TO THE DUTIES OF THE ALCOHOL LICENSING REVIEW COMMITTEE AND CHANGE THE COMMITTEE'S NAME

WHEREAS, a number of safety concerns have recently been brought to the Common Council for consideration; and,

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Whitewater believes it would be advantageous to have a committee review and more easily engage with the public on public safety issues.

The Common Council of the City of Whitewater, Walworth and Jefferson Counties, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1: Whitewater Municipal Code § 5.20.025 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5.20.25 ~~Public safety and alcohol~~ license review committee.

The city council ~~may establish~~ hereby ~~establishes~~ ~~an~~ a public safety and ~~alcohol~~ license review committee (hereinafter " committee").

(a) The committee shall be comprised of three council members.

(b) The committee shall:

1. Conduct hearings concerning the revocation, suspension, refusal to issue or renew alcohol licenses or permits which are granted under Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes;
2. Conduct hearings concerning the appeal of a revocation, suspension, or refusal to issue or renew any license under Title 5 of Whitewater's Municipal Code.
3. Be advisory to the City Manager, the Common Council, or other Committee's to assist them in the review of public safety concerns within the City of Whitewater and recommend policy revisions regarding public safety; and
4. Serve as liaison between the community and the City on public safety issues.

(c) After the hearing the committee shall submit a report to the city council including findings of fact, conclusions of law and a recommendation as to what action, if any, the city council should take with respect to the license.

(d) The committee's findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendation shall be presented to the council and the council pursuant to Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes shall determine what action if any the city council

SECTION 2: Wherever in the following sections of the City of Whitewater Ordinances the words "Alcohol license review committee" are used, the words "Public safety and license review committee" are substituted: §§ 5.20.027, 5.20.032.

SECTION 3: Wherever in the following sections of the City of Whitewater Ordinances the words "common council" are used, the words "Public safety and license review committee"

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are substituted: §§ 5.08.040, 5.08.050, 5.12.020, 5.12.070, 5.19.100, 5.24.060, 5.28.140, 5.28.150, 5.29.050, 5.36.100, 5.36.140, 5.36.180, 5.42.040, 5.42.050, 5.42.060, 5.48.060, 5.52.020, 5.80.010, 5.18.090.

SECTION 4: Wherever in the following sections of the City of Whitewater Ordinances the word “ALRC” is used, the word “PSLRC” is substituted: §§ 5.20.027.

SECTION 5: All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force the day after its passage and publication.

This Ordinance was introduced by Council Member _____, who moved its adoption.

Seconded by Council Member _____.

DATE	8/18/2026				Second Meeting Date			
READING	FIRST				SECOND			
	YES	NO	PASS	ABSENT	YES	NO	PASS	ABSENT
Michael Smith								
Orin Artsmith								
Steven Sahyun								
Brian Schanen								
Neil Hicks								
Gavin Kelleher								
Patrick Singer								
Total:								

ADOPTED: _____

John Weidl, City Manager

ATTEST:

Heather Boehm, City Clerk