

**Item 24-0834: Non-Renewal of the Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage & "Class B" Liquor License for Corner Pub, 1123 N Mason Street. Kim Williams, Agent
Common Council**

Wed, Aug 21, 2024 7:00PM

Mayor Jake Woodford 12:14

All right. Next, we'll go to safety and licensing. And the first is item 23—er 24-0834, non-renewal of the class B fermented malt beverage and Class B liquor license for Corner Pub. We have a motion and a second to approve. All right. Open the floor for discussion. Alder Croatt.

Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 13:35

Point of order.

Mayor Jake Woodford 13:37

Alder Fenton.

Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 13:38

Just—

Mayor Jake Woodford 13:40

Your mic, please, Alder Fenton.

Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 13:41

Sorry. Just confirming that the recommendation of the Safety and Licensing Committee was to renew the license. Just to confirm that what we're voting on is the renewal.

Mayor Jake Woodford 13:54

I think Alder Croatt's going to address this, give a little context for the Council. So, we'll let him—I'm assuming that's where you're going. Okay, go ahead.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 14:01

I can cover that for sure. Yeah, just so everyone's clear. That is the latest recommendation from Safety and Licensing to recommend renewal of the license. You'll see this has a very long legislative history. If you include the attachments, it's over a single page of information. It's been back to the committee a couple times. Once, I sent it back.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 14:25

The vote out of Safety and Licensing last week was four one to recommend renewal of the license to grant the owners that are here tonight the ability to open their establishment. They are ready to go. They have passed inspection. The issues have been resolved. I'm recommending a renewal of this license, you know, having some reluctance in that with, you know, how long this took to get to this point, and the fact that the communication from the city was thorough, in my opinion, from day one basically, but at this point, it's to renew their license and allow them to open their establishment as quickly as possible. Thank you.

Mayor Jake Woodford 15:11

Alder Hartzheim.

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 15:14

Thank you, Chair. I followed this along with all of the members of the Safety and Licensing committee, and my concern has always been that this is perhaps a different application of the fairness on the part of the Council for this particular licensee. I'm glad for them that they are finally able to open and are going to be able to run their establishment, but I'm concerned about all the people that were passed over for their applications for liquor licenses during the time during which this license should have been surrendered for non-usage for one year, which is the statutory requirement.

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 15:55

So, my vote tonight will be a no, only because I feel that the government's role should not be favoritism or taking any particular one applicant over another. I believe that it should fairly apply all the rules, and this particular situation did not come down to that for me. So again, my vote will be no. That does not mean that I'm not happy that this establishment will be up and running and that these license holders will be able to continue their business, but I am concerned about those who, again, were passed over during that period of time. Thank you.

Mayor Jake Woodford 16:34

Any further discussion? Hearing none. We have a motion and a second to approve. Please cast your votes. We got you, Alder Schultz. Yep, we got you. That motion passes nine to one. The item has been approved.