

AH:sa Committee Report Passed:

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-_____-O

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKFORD,
WINNEBAGO AND OGLE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, THAT:

Pursuant to Chapter 3, Section 3-56, Article III of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford, Illinois, passed October 22, 2012 approved October 25, 2012 and published on October 25, 2012 the following amendments to the Liquor and Tobacco Ordinance are hereby approved. Upon all other requirements of the Liquor and Tobacco Ordinance having been met, said amendments shall serve as City Council advice and consent for the Liquor Commissioner to approve the following amendments for the following Establishment:

Shawn Cox/Elizabeth Cox/Copper Lantern, LLC dba Cooper Lantern for the Sale of Liquor by the Drink (Class NG-L) in conjunction with a special event space in an R-4, Multi-Family Residential Zoning District at **716 Indiana Avenue** is hereby **approved. Approval is subject to the following conditions:**

- 1. Meet all Applicable Building and Fire Codes**
- 2. Compliance with all City of Rockford Code of Ordinances including Liquor Codes**
- 3. Submittal of a site plan including a landscaping and striping plan for Staff's review and approval**
- 4. Installation of approved landscaping and parking lot striping by August 1, 2026**
- 5. Window display signage is limited to 20% of window area**
- 6. The windows shall not be covered with bars or other devices that block windows**
- 7. The sale of liquor by the drink shall be limited to submitted Exhibit F**
- 8. The hours of operation will be Tuesday and Wednesday 2 p.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday through Saturday 2 p.m. to midnight and Sunday Noon to 10 p.m.**
- 9. Any future signage must comply with the current Ordinance**
- 10. Any pending general ordinance case(s) must be resolved prior to issuance of the license**
- 11. All outstanding general ordinance fines must be paid prior to the issuance of**

the license
12. All conditions must be met prior to issuance of license and establishment of use

Said Liquor License shall be added by the following amendment:

Sec. 3-55. Issuance, renewal of licenses; number of licenses

(a) Licenses for all retail sale of alcoholic liquor hereunder shall be issued by the mayor. The mayor may renew the license of all present licensees at the expiration of their license period; provided further that each applicant for a license or for the renewal thereof and the premises where such business is to be conducted comply fully with all the conditions and provisions of this chapter.

However, the mayor shall not issue more than 107 A licenses, 127 PKG licenses, 22 C licenses, 25 WB licenses, 11 GV licenses, 6 BC licenses, 20 CTR licenses, 21 WB50 licenses, 35 L50 licenses, 7 L50R, 10 L50R+VGT license, 7 E licenses, 23 NG-L, 5 NG-WB, 6 TRK and 1 SWBR (seasonal liquor license) licenses for a total 433 licenses hereunder.

(b) Upon the surrender, revocation, or expiration without renewal of any liquor license issued pursuant to this chapter, the total number of liquor licenses permitted for the class under which the surrendered, revoked, or expired license was issued shall, upon the date of such surrender, revocation, or expiration, automatically reduce by the number of licenses surrendered, revoked, or permitted to expire without renewal on that date.

The provisions and sections of this Ordinance shall be deemed severable, and the invalidity of any portion of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of the remainder.

All orders, resolutions, or ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed insofar as such conflict exists, and this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage, approval, and publication, as required by law.

A full, true and complete copy of this Ordinance shall be published within ten (10) days after passage in pamphlet form by and under authority of the Corporate Authorities.

APPROVED: _____, 2026

MAYOR

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ATTESTED:

LEGAL DIRECTOR

PASSED:

APPROVED:

PUBLISHED:

FILED in my office this _____ day of _____, 2026, and published in pamphlet form this _____ day of _____, 2026 by order of the City Council of the City of Rockford, Illinois.

Legal Director and ex officio
Keeper of the Records and Seal

RECOMMENDED AND APPROVED BY:

Legal Director Angela Hammer