

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:

Kulvir Kaur/Raj Liquor & Gas, Inc. dba Raj Liquor & Gas for the Sale of Liquor of Packaged Liquor (Class PKG) in conjunction with a gas station and convenience store in a C-2, Limited Commercial Zoning District at **3005 North Rockton 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 and Tobacco Codes**
- 3. Submittal of a revised interior floor plan that indicates the location of the tobacco products for Staff review and approval**
- 4. The sale of packaged alcohol and tobacco products shall be limited to the submitted floor plans**
- 5. Submittal of a landscaping plan with landscape species and sizes and with the cinder blocks removed and replaced with solid, concrete curbing for Staff's review and approval**
- 6. Installation of approved landscaping and concrete by August 1, 2026**
- 7. The hours of operation and days will be 6 a.m. to Midnight Monday through Saturday, and Sunday 7 a.m. – 10 p.m.**
- 8. Liquor sales hours must comply with the liquor code**
- 9. Licensee shall hire private security licensed by the state upon written request of the Liquor Commissioner**
- 10. There shall be no single serving sales of beer or wine in volumes of 16 oz. or**

less

11. The sale of rose tubes, airplane-size bottles (50ml (1.7 ounces) or less) and any other products that can be deemed to be easily manufactured into drug paraphernalia is prohibited
12. The windows shall not be covered with bars or other devices that block the window
13. The sale of water pipes and “huka” or “hookah” pipes are prohibited
14. Window display signage is limited to 20% of window area
15. Any pending general ordinance case(s) must be resolved prior to issuance of the license
16. All outstanding general ordinance fines must be paid prior to the issuance of the license
17. 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, 123 PKG licenses, 22 C licenses, 25 WB licenses, 11 GV licenses, 6 BC licenses, 20 CTR licenses, 20 WB50 licenses, 31 L50 licenses, 6 L50R, 9 L50R+VGT license, 7 E licenses, 21 NG-L, 5 NG-WB, 6 TRK and SWBR (seasonal liquor license) licenses for a total 419 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:

Jacob L. Rubin, Assistant City Attorney