

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:

**Bhupinder Singh/Sean Chinna/Central Park Tap, Inc.,** for the Sale of Liquor by the Drink (Class L50) and Packaged Liquor (PKG) in conjunction with a tavern, and video gaming terminals in a C-3, General Commercial Zoning District at **3523 Auburn Street** 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. **Window display signage is limited to 20% of window area**
4. **The windows shall not be covered with bars or other devices that block the windows**
5. **Submittal of a detailed site plan that includes parking spaces including the required ADA parking spaces and the removal of the parking in the right-of-way for Staff review and approval**
6. **Submittal of a detailed landscaping plan that includes shade trees, perimeter landscaping, and interior landscaping with specific species of plants for Staff's review and approval**
7. **The subject property must be in compliance with the approved revised site and landscaping plans. The landscaping must be installed by October 1, 2027**
8. **Submittal of a revised business plan including information regarding video gaming terminals and the liquor store as well as a revised floor plan**

- indicating the location of the video gaming terminals for Staff's review and approval
9. The sale of liquor by the drink is in conjunction with a bar as shown on the approved interior floor plan Exhibit F
  10. The sale of liquor by the drink shall be limited to Monday through Saturday from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. to 2 a.m.
  11. The proposed use shall not have a cover charge, dance floor, live entertainment or any DJs
  12. The proposed use shall not operate as a nightclub
  13. The sale of rose tubes, airplane-sized bottles (50 ml(1.7 ounces) or less) and any other products that can be deemed to be easily manufactured into drug paraphernalia is prohibited
  14. The sale of water pipes and "huka" or "hookah" pipes are prohibited
  15. Removal of five of the wall signs on the west side of the building. Only two signs can remain
  16. There shall not be temporary exterior signage
  17. Any pending general ordinance case(s) must be resolved prior to issuance of the license
  18. All outstanding general ordinance fines must be paid prior to the issuance of the license
  19. 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, 126 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, 22 NG-L, 5 NG-WB, 6 TRK and 1 SWBR (seasonal liquor license) licenses for a total 431 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

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MAYOR

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_

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NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

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ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTESTED:

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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.

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Legal Director and ex officio  
Keeper of the Records and Seal

RECOMMENDED AND APPROVED BY:

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Legal Director Angela Hammer