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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:

Alison Elizabeth Fuller/8th Ward Pub, LTD dba 8th Ward Pub for the Sale of Liquor by the drink (Class L-50) in conjunction with a tavern, video gaming terminals, and outdoor seating area space in a C-2, Limited Commercial Zoning District at **3905**

Broadway. 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. The sale of liquor by the drink shall be in conjunction with a restaurant**
- 6. Hours of operation are limited to 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday through Saturday and 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. on Sunday. The food hours will be Monday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.**
- 7. The use shall not have a cover charge, dance floor, DJs or any live entertainment**
- 8. The use shall not operate as a nightclub**
- 9. Any pending general ordinance case(s) must be resolved prior to issuance of the license**
- 10. All outstanding general ordinance fines must be paid prior to the issuance of the license**

11. 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, 20 NG-L, 5 NG-WB, 6 TRK and SWBR (seasonal liquor license) licenses for a total 418 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