

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 (“ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR DEALERS”), ARTICLE 1 (“GENERAL PROVISIONS”), Section 3-1-1 (“DEFINITIONS”), ARTICLE 4 (“TERM AND CLASSIFICATION”), Section 3-4-2 (“CLASSIFICATION AND NUMBER OF LIQUOR LICENSES AND FEES”) AND ARTICLE 8 (“LIST OF LICENSES FOR EACH CLASS”), SECTION 3-8-1 (“NUMBER OF LICENSES FOR EACH LICENSE CLASS”) OF THE OAK PARK VILLAGE CODE TO INCLUDE A CLASS D-20 COCKTAIL LOUNGE LICENSE

WHEREAS, the Village of Oak Park (“*Village*”) as a home rule unit of local government as provided by Article VII, Section 6 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 has the authority to exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs except as limited by Article VII, Section 6 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

WHEREAS, at its special meeting of March 16, 2026, the Village’s Local Liquor Control Review Board unanimously voted to recommend to the Local Liquor Control Commissioner (“*Commissioner*”) that the Village Code be amended to add a Class D-20 liquor license and the Commissioner concurs with this recommendation; and

WHEREAS, in order for the Commissioner to issue the Class D-20 liquor license, the Oak Park Village Code (“*Village Code*”) must be amended to allow for the issuance of the liquor license; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has determined to adopt this Ordinance amending Chapter 3 (“Alcoholic Liquor Dealers”) the Village Code to include a Class D-20 Cocktail Lounge license; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park, Cook County, Illinois, in the exercise of their home rule powers, as follows:

Section 1. Recitals Incorporated. The above recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth.

Section 2. Village Code Amended. Chapter 3 (“Alcoholic Liquor Dealers”), Article 1 (“General Provisions”), Section 3-1-1 (“Definitions”) of the Village Code is amended by adding the underlined language to read as follows:

3-1-1: DEFINITIONS:

The following words and phrases shall have the meanings, and are hereby defined, as follows:

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COCKTAIL LOUNGE: Small scale establishments specializing in craft cocktails and curated beverage service within a controlled, low-impact environment.

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Section 3. Village Code Amended. Chapter 3 (“Alcoholic Liquor Dealers”), Article 4 (“Term and Classification”), Section 3-4-2 (“Classification and Number of Liquor Licenses and Fees”) of the Oak Park Village Code is amended by adding the underlined language to read as follows:

3-4-2: CLASSIFICATION AND NUMBER OF LIQUOR LICENSES AND FEES:

The Local Liquor Control Commissioner may only issue liquor licenses in accordance with the classifications set forth hereinbelow and only as specifically authorized in article 8 of this chapter.

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D. Miscellaneous:

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20. Cocktail Lounge D-20 Liquor License: Allows for the retail sale of alcohol for on-site consumption, where food or entertainment are secondary. The licensee would be subject to the following:

- a. Food must be available for purchase during the hours of operation while alcohol is served. A “late night” menu shall be considered adequate food served. A “late night” menu shall be defined as foods served in small portions which would otherwise qualify as entrees, or foods which could be served as salads or appetizers, but can include prepackaged snack foods such as crackers, chips, nuts or pretzels.
- b. The floor area of the establishment allowed to serve alcohol cannot exceed a maximum of 2,000 square feet, excluding the square footage devoted to the kitchen.
- c. Last call for alcohol must occur 30 minutes prior to closing.
- d. The annual fee for a Class D-20 license shall be two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00).
- e. No more than five (5) licenses shall be issued within the Village at any time.

Section 4. Village Code Amended. Chapter 3 (“Alcoholic Liquor Dealers”), Article 8 (“List of Licenses for Each License Class”), Section 3—8-1 (“Number of Licenses Permitted to Be Issued Per License Class”) of the Oak Park Village Code is amended by adding the underlined language to read as follows:

3-8-1: NUMBER OF LICENSES PERMITTED TO BE ISSUED PER LICENSES CLASS:

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D-20 No more than five (5) Class D-20 licenses shall be issued.

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Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its approval, passage and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED this 24th day of March 2026, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

Voting	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
President Scaman				
Trustee Eder				
Trustee Enyia				
Trustee Leving Jacobson				
Trustee Straw				
Trustee Taglia				
Trustee Wesley				

APPROVED this 24th day of March 2026.

Vicki Scaman, Village President

ATTEST

Christina M. Waters, Village Clerk

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Christina M. Waters, Village Clerk