



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Title

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3 (“Alcoholic Liquor Dealers”), Article 3 (“Restrictions on Liquor Licenses”) to Eliminate the Requirement that a Village Liquor Licensee be a United States Citizen and to Eliminate Certain Criminal Convictions from Being Considered as Part of a Liquor License Application

Overview

The ordinance eliminates the United States citizenship requirement in order to obtain a Village liquor license and eliminates certain criminal convictions from being considered as part of a liquor license application consistent with state law.

Recommendation

Adopt the Ordinance.

Staff Recommendation

Adopt the Ordinance.

Fiscal Impact

N/A.

Background

The State of Illinois recently adopted certain amendments to the Illinois Liquor Control Act, 235 ILCS 5/1-1 *et seq.* pursuant to Public Act 101-541 to eliminate the citizenship requirement to obtain a State of Illinois liquor license and to eliminate certain criminal convictions from being considered to obtain a State license. Section 3-3-1 of the Oak Park Village Code currently contains a requirement that a liquor license applicant must be a United States citizen in order to obtain a liquor license and the draft ordinance eliminates this requirement in order for the Village Code to be consistent with state law. The ordinance also contains a new Section 3-3-2 that eliminates the criminal convictions contained in Public Act 101-541 from being considered as part of a Village liquor license application.

The draft ordinance was considered by the Liquor Control Review Board (“LCRB”) at its September 9, 2021 special meeting, and the LCRB unanimously recommended that the Village Board adopt the ordinance.

Alternatives

Not adopt the Ordinance.

Previous Board Action

N/A.

Citizen Advisory Commission Action

The LCRB recommends the adoption of the Ordinance.

Anticipated Future Actions/Commitments

N/A.

Intergovernmental Cooperation Opportunities

N/A.