



Legislation Text

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TO: Mayor Richard C. Irvin

FROM: Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk

DATE: May 19, 2020

SUBJECT:

Resolution Establishing the Maximum Number of City of Aurora Liquor Licenses by Class.

PURPOSE:

To maintain the number of Class E, Full Menu Restaurant licenses at 54.

BACKGROUND:

This request is presented in accordance with the 2011 amendment to the City's Liquor Ordinance, specifically Section 6-9(a), which charges the City Council with the authority to determine the number of licenses available in each classification. This request is presented to approve the issuance of the Class E license after the change of ownership percentages of Skotini, Inc. d/b/a Pomegranate Restaurant.

DISCUSSION:

Skotini, Inc., d/b/a Pomegranate Restaurant at 55 S. Commons Drive, Aurora, Illinois 60504, is a current Class E liquor license holder (on-premises consumption only). Skotini, Inc. has submitted an application to change the current corporate ownership percentage by over fifty (50) percent. The ownership change is from 100% ownership held by Patty Markos to 70% ownership held by Tawfiq Salem and 30% ownership held by Patty Markos. Pomegranate Restaurant has held a City of Aurora liquor license since 2011.

Attached is the application submitted for your consideration. If approved, this resolution would maintain the number of allowable liquor licenses as indicated in the accompanying Exhibit A to allow for the issuance of the license by the Commissioner. City staff has been working with the business owners to ensure that all requirements for a liquor license, as set forth in Chapter 6 of the City's Code of Ordinances, are met.

IMPACT STATEMENT:

The proposed resolution presents an opportunity to further the City of Aurora's economic development.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

I am recommending that this resolution be considered by the City Council at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2020.

cc: Public Health, Safety and Transportation Committee



CITY OF AURORA, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION NO. _____
DATE OF PASSAGE _____

A Resolution establishing the maximum number of Class E City of Aurora liquor licenses (*unofficially* related to application from: Skotini, Inc. d/b/a Pomegranate Restaurant, 55 S. Commons Drive, Aurora, Illinois 60504).

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora has a population of more than 25,000 persons and is, therefore, a home rule unit under subsection (a) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

WHEREAS, subject to said Section, a home rule unit may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs for the protection of the public health, safety, morals, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 4-1 of the Illinois Liquor Control Act, 235 ILCS 5/4-1, and Section 6-9 of the City of Aurora Liquor Ordinance, the City Council may establish the maximum number of allowed liquor licenses within the City of Aurora; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 6-9, it is the desire of the City Council to maintain the maximum number of allowed liquor licenses within the City of Aurora as reflected in the schedule attached hereto as Exhibit A and approve the ownership percentage change of Skotini, Inc., as presented.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Aurora, Illinois, hereby establishes the allowable liquor licenses as set forth in Exhibit A.