

**Memorandum
General Administration &
Liquor Commissioner**



To: Rock Island City Council
From: Liquor Commissioner/Mayor Mike Thoms and
City Manager Todd Thompson
Subject: Moratorium on the Issuance of Class A, B, C, D, and E
Liquor Licenses Pursuant to Chapter 3, Alcoholic Liquor
Date: March 20, 2023

Based on feedback and concerns from some members of City Council regarding the increased number of Class A (Packaged Sales Only, Primary Business), Class B (Packaged Sales Only, Secondary Business), Class C (Packaged Sales Only, Secondary Business – Wine and Beer Only) Class D (Tavern with Packaged Sales Primary) and Class E (Tavern with Packaged Sales Secondary) in the City, as well as concerns regarding the application process, it is recommended that a moratorium be placed on Class A, B, C, D, and E liquor licenses for a period of six (6) months, expiring September 30, 2023.

During the six (6) month moratorium period, the Mayor and City Council direct City staff and the legal department to conduct research and provide recommended language that addresses concerns raised regarding the number and locations of liquor licenses and the process of obtaining a new liquor license to Chapter 3 Alcoholic Liquor of the City of Rock Island Code of Ordinances.

Recommendation: It is recommended that City Council adopt the resolution.

Submitted by: Mike Thoms, Liquor Commissioner/Mayor
Todd Thompson, City Manager

Approved by: Mike Thoms, Liquor Commissioner/Mayor
Todd Thompson, City Manager

Resolution No. _____

**MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF CLASS A, CLASS B, CLASS C, CLASS D AND CLASS E LIQUOR LICENSES
IN THE CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the City of Rock Island is an Illinois municipal corporation organized and operating pursuant to authority granted by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Illinois;

WHEREAS, the City is a home rule unit of government pursuant to Section 6(a), Article VII of the 1970 Illinois Constitution;

WHEREAS, pursuant to its home rule power, the City may exercise any power and perform any function relating to its government and affairs;

WHEREAS the City Council has an interest in regulating matters concerning the health and welfare of its citizens and an interest in regulating the sale of alcoholic liquor as to the number of location and number of businesses, business types and locations of businesses within the city limits; and

WHEREAS, the City Council and Liquor Commissioner/Mayor request staff research and review other liquor codes in the state of Illinois and report back to Council regarding its findings and recommended changes:

BE IT RESOLVED, this 27th day of March, 2023, by the City Council of the City of Rock Island, Illinois, addressing the the desire for both economic growth and concerns regarding the best interest of the City with the growing number of liquor licenses, directs the Liquor Commissioner to order a moratorium on the issuance of new Class A (Packaged Sales Only, Primary Business), Class B (Packaged Sales Only, Secondary Business), Class C (Packaged Sales Only, Secondary Business – Wine and Beer Only) Class D (Tavern with Packaged Sales Primary) and Class E (Tavern with Packaged Sales Secondary) liquor licenses pursuant to application for any location within the corporate limits of the City of Rock Island for a period of six (6) months, expiring September 30, 2023.

Nothing in this resolution is intended to prevent the renewal of any existing liquor license or new liquor licenses not described herein.

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROCK ISLAND

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk