



Monday, December 15, 2025
Liquor Control Commission Regular Meeting Agenda

PUBLIC NOTICE - in accordance with the applicable statutes of the state of Illinois and Ordinances of the Village of Wheeling, notice is hereby given that the Regular Meeting of the Wheeling Liquor Control Commission will be held in the Board Room, Wheeling Village Hall, 2 Community Boulevard, Wheeling, Illinois, at 6:30 PM, during which meeting it is anticipated there will be discussion and consideration of and, if so determined, action upon the matters contained in the following agenda.

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Roll Call**

4. **Approval of Minutes**

A. Approval of the Minutes from the December 1, 2025, Special Meeting

5. **Citizen Concerns & Comments**

Municipal Code 2.03.060(b) Subjects of Orders of Business. Citizen Concerns and Comments. Members of the public may address the committee with comments regarding only those items that are relevant to village business. Issues relevant to Village business are defined to mean information about Village events; issues that the public body has the authority to address; items listed on the agenda; and items or issues previously voted on by the Village Board or that the Village Board has the authority to consider or vote on in the future. No citizen shall speak for more than five minutes without consent of the committee. The village president shall strictly restrain comments and questions to matters that are relevant to village business and shall not permit repetitious comments or arguments. Members of the general public who wish to address the board must sign the request to speak form prior to the commencement of the public meeting.

6. **New Business**

All Listed Items for Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Consideration of a Request for a Class C Liquor License from Delta Kilo Inc. d/b/a Red Bottle Restaurant, a Proposed Restaurant, Entertainment Establishment, and Assembly Use at 401 East Dundee Road
- B. Consideration of a Request for a Supplemental Class C-LC Liquor License from Delta Kilo Inc. d/b/a Red Bottle Restaurant, a Proposed Restaurant, Entertainment Establishment, and Assembly Use at 401 East Dundee Road

7. **Old Business**

8. **Executive Session**

9. **Action on Executive Session Items**

10. **Adjournment**

REGULAR meetings will be televised on channels 17 and 99. If you would like to attend a Village meeting but require an auxiliary aid such as a sign language interpreter, call 847-499-9085 AT LEAST 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING. To

view the full agenda packet, visit <https://wheelingil.portal.civicclerk.com/>.



MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 15, 2025
FROM: Martin Seay, Administrative Assistant
SUBJECT: Consideration of a Request for a Class C Liquor License from Delta Kilo Inc. d/b/a Red Bottle Restaurant, a Proposed Restaurant, Entertainment Establishment, and Assembly Use at 401 East Dundee Road

DOLLAR AMOUNT:
BUDGETED: No
BUDGET SOURCE:
RECOMMENDED ACTION:
STRATEGIC PLAN THEME:

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On Monday, December 15, the Liquor Control Commission will be asked to consider a request for a Class C liquor license from Delta Kilo Inc., the owner of Red Bottle Restaurant, a proposed restaurant, entertainment establishment, and assembly use that seeks to operate in the former Social Bar & Grill site at 401 East Dundee Road in the Riverside Plaza shopping center. This request is associated with a request for a Class C-LC (late closing) liquor license and with petitions for special use approval as an entertainment establishment and assembly use; those requests follow this item on the December 15 Liquor Control Commission and Village Board agendas.

MEMO

Red Bottle Restaurant is in the process of occupying the space at 401 East Dundee Road in Riverside Plaza that was most recently the site of Social Bar & Grill, and was occupied previously by Palamuru Grill, Siri Indian Restaurant, Deka Restaurant, and Eduardo's Natural Pizza. The owner of the proposed establishment also owns and operates [Red Bottle Bar](#) in Elmwood Park; the menu and operations of the Wheeling establishment are expected to be similar.

Although Red Bottle will operate a full commercial kitchen with a substantial lunch and dinner menu, and although (as the attached floorplan indicates) it will have well over 75 non-barstool seats, it has not applied for the Class A liquor license typically held by large restaurants. Red Bottle meets the conditions and qualifications for the Class A license, but has applied for a Class C liquor license—which the Village has historically issued to taverns, which sell alcoholic beverages as their primary business—to reflect the range of its planned operations, which include hosting entertainment (e.g. live music, DJs, karaoke, etc.) and private events. The applicant also seeks authorization to operate later than 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights, which would require a supplemental Class C-LC liquor license; only establishments that hold a Class C or Class C-V liquor license are eligible to apply for a Class C-LC liquor license. (The Commission will consider the business's request for a Class C-LC separately; for additional information, please see that item, which immediately follows this one on the December 15 Liquor Control Commission agenda.)

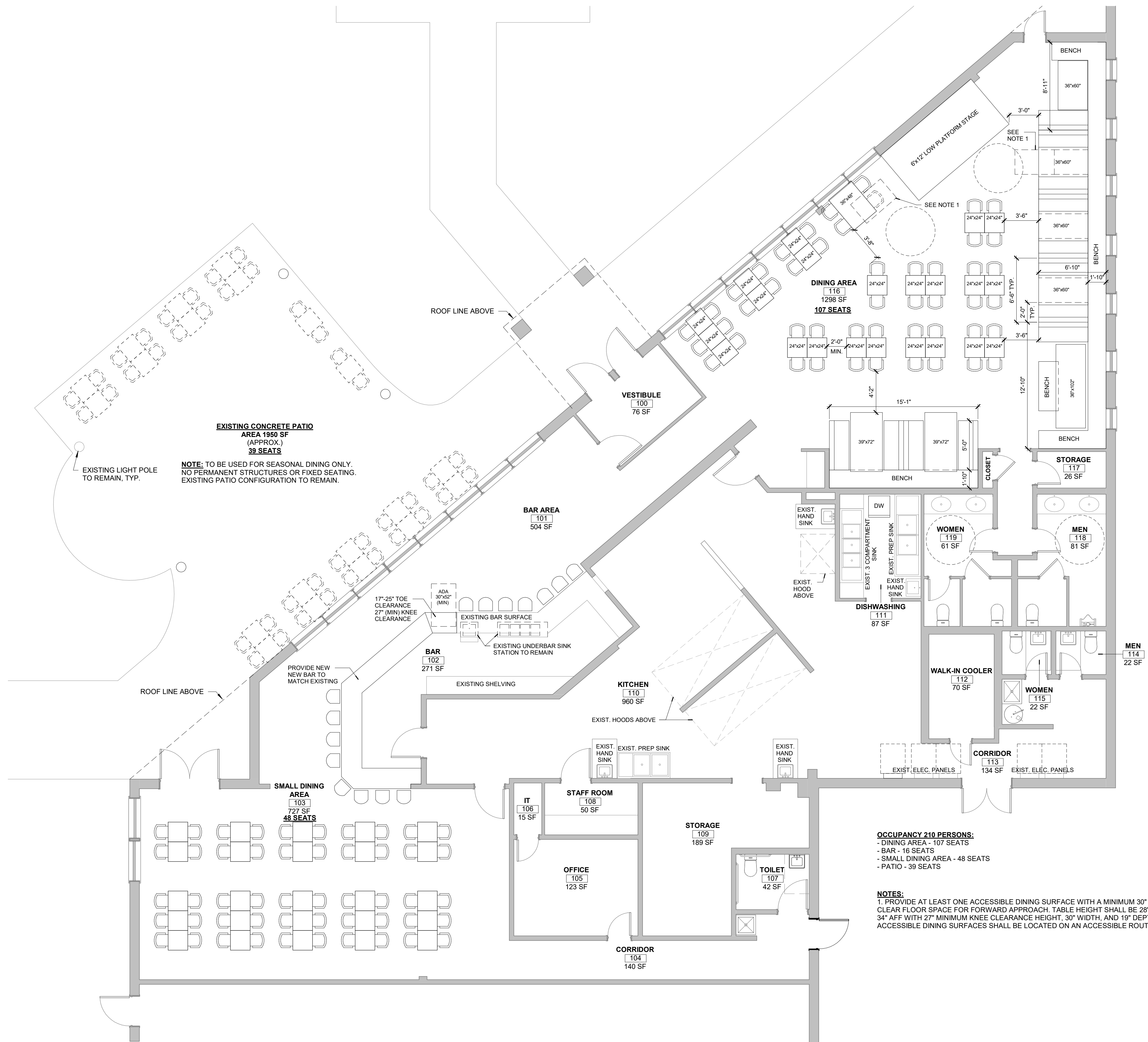
While the entertainment and assembly aspects of the business's proposed operations require special use approval, those uses are compatible with a restaurant classification. If the Liquor Control Commission is unwilling to grant the business's request for late closing hours, it could grant the business a Class A liquor license (rather than the requested Class C license) without constraining it from engaging in any of its planned entertainment and banquet operations. For purposes of comparison, the conditions and qualifications of both the Class C and Class A liquor licenses are attached.

Red Bottle has submitted a liquor license application and the associated documents, but has not yet paid its liquor license fees and has not yet hired its staff. Police Department Investigations Division detectives are in the process of conducting a background check on the individual who owns the corporation. Therefore, if the Commission looks favorably on this request, staff recommends approval conditional on:

- passage of an ordinance by the Board of Trustees authorizing the creation of a new liquor license of the approved

- class (which staff will place on the agenda of an upcoming Village Board meeting),
- submittal of BASSET certificates for all appropriate individuals,
- payment of all associated liquor license fees, and
- satisfactory background check results.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the liquor license request from Red Bottle Restaurant, please let me know.



EXISTING CONCRETE PATIO
 AREA 1950 SF
 (APPROX.)
 39 SEATS
NOTE: TO BE USED FOR SEASONAL DINING ONLY.
 NO PERMANENT STRUCTURES OR FIXED SEATING.
 EXISTING PATIO CONFIGURATION TO REMAIN.

OCCUPANCY 210 PERSONS:
 - DINING AREA - 107 SEATS
 - BAR - 16 SEATS
 - SMALL DINING AREA - 48 SEATS
 - PATIO - 39 SEATS

NOTES:
 1. PROVIDE AT LEAST ONE ACCESSIBLE DINING SURFACE WITH A MINIMUM 30" X 48" CLEAR FLOOR SPACE FOR FORWARD APPROACH. TABLE HEIGHT SHALL BE 28" TO 34" AFF WITH 27" MINIMUM KNEE CLEARANCE HEIGHT, 30" WIDTH, AND 19" DEPTH. ACCESSIBLE DINING SURFACES SHALL BE LOCATED ON AN ACCESSIBLE ROUTE.

1 SEATING FLOOR PLAN
 3/16" = 1'-0"



| NO. | DESCRIPTION | DATE |
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| 2 | REVISED DWGS | 10/28/2025 |

RED BOTTLE - INTERIOR RENOVATION
 401-411 E DUNDEE RD, RIVERSIDE PLAZA, WHEELING, IL 60090

SEATING PLAN

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| PROJECT NUMBER | C-009 |
| DATE | 10/28/2025 |
| DRAWN BY | RM |
| CHECKED BY | PK |
| A110 | |
| SCALE | 3/16" = 1'-0" |

Class C

~ Tavern ~

CLASS C licenses shall authorize the retail sale of alcoholic liquor for consumption on the premises, subject to the following:

Conditions and qualifications: The primary business of a Class C licensed establishment shall be the sale of alcoholic beverages. Video gaming as defined under the Illinois Video Gaming Act (230 ILCS 40/1 et seq.) shall not be allowed in a Class C licensed premises.

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| Current Class C Establishments | December 15, 2025 |
| NONE | |

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN ADDITION TO THE CONDITIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS SPECIFIC TO THIS LICENSE CLASS, ALL WHEELING LIQUOR LICENSE HOLDERS MUST COMPLY WITH ALL PROVISIONS OF THE WHEELING MUNICIPAL CODE, AND ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR BEING FAMILIAR WITH THOSE PROVISIONS.

Class A

~ Restaurant ~

CLASS A licenses shall authorize the retail sale of alcoholic liquor in restaurants for consumption on the premises, subject to the following conditions and qualifications: A Class A licensed premises must provide a minimum table seating capacity in the dining area of seventy-five persons, exclusive of all barstool and bar-area tables or seats; must be operated primarily as a sit-down restaurant offering its patrons full and complete meals prepared on the premises, including a full dinner menu; and must serve and take orders for meals until no earlier than two hours prior to the actual closing of the establishment on any day. Video gaming as defined under the Illinois Video Gaming Act (230 ILCS 40/1 et seq.) shall not be allowed in a Class A licensed premises.

| Current Class A Establishments | December 15, 2025 |
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| Benihana | 150 N. Milwaukee Avenue |
| Bob Chinn's Crab House | 393 S. Milwaukee Avenue |
| Cinergy Cinema & Entertainment | 401 W. Dundee Road |
| Cooper's Hawk | 583 N. Milwaukee Avenue |
| Ethno | 1057 & 1063 E. Lake Cook Road |
| Rosebud Steakhouse | 502 W. Dundee Road |
| Saranello's | 601 N. Milwaukee Avenue Ste B |
| Spears Bourbon-Burgers-Beer | 723 N. Milwaukee Avenue |

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 15, 2025
FROM:
SUBJECT: Consideration of a Request for a Supplemental Class C-LC Liquor License from Delta Kilo Inc. d/b/a Red Bottle Restaurant, a Proposed Restaurant, Entertainment Establishment, and Assembly Use at 401 East Dundee Road
DOLLAR AMOUNT:
BUDGETED: No
BUDGET SOURCE:
RECOMMENDED ACTION:
STRATEGIC PLAN THEME:

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On Monday, December 15, the Liquor Control Commission will be asked to consider a request for a Class C-LC (late closing) liquor license from Delta Kilo Inc., the owner of Red Bottle Restaurant, a proposed restaurant, entertainment establishment, and assembly use that seeks to operate in the former Social Bar & Grill site at 401 East Dundee Road in the Riverside Plaza shopping center. This request is associated with a request for a Class C liquor license that immediately precedes this item on the December 15 Liquor Control Commission agenda.

MEMO

Red Bottle Restaurant is in the process of occupying the space at 401 East Dundee Road in Riverside Plaza that was most recently the site of Social Bar & Grill, and was occupied previously by Palamuru Grill, Siri Indian Restaurant, Deka Restaurant, and Edwardo's Natural Pizza. The owner of the proposed establishment also owns and operates [Red Bottle Bar](#) in Elmwood Park; the menu and operations of the Wheeling establishment are expected to be similar.

Although Red Bottle meets the conditions and qualifications of a Class A (large restaurant) liquor license, it has applied for a Class C liquor license—which the Village has historically issued to taverns with limited or no food service—to reflect the range of its planned operations, which include hosting entertainment (e.g. live music, DJs, karaoke, etc.) and private events. For additional details regarding that request, please refer to the item that immediately precedes this one on the December 15 Liquor Control Commission agenda.

The applicant also seeks authorization to operate later than 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights, which in Wheeling would require a supplemental Class C-LC liquor license; only establishments that hold a Class C or Class C-V liquor license are eligible to apply for a Class C-LC liquor license. The business's Elmwood Park location is authorized to operate until 3 a.m. on Saturday nights, and the business seeks to conduct similar late-night operations in Wheeling; it has proposed operating until 4 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights. The requested Class C-LC liquor license would authorize the business to operate until 4 a.m. seven days per week.

The Board of Trustees created the Class C-LC license in September 2019. To date, only one establishment—Old Munich Inn at 582 North Milwaukee—has requested a Class C-LC license, and it is the only establishment that currently holds a liquor license of that class. Prior to requesting the C-LC license, Old Munich Tavern has been operating for a year under its current ownership, and had operated for several decades prior to that. The Liquor Control Commission may choose to adopt the practice of granting Class C-LC licenses only to businesses that have been operating long enough to assess their impact on the community.

Red Bottle has submitted a Class C-LC liquor license application and the associated documents. Police Department Investigations Division detectives are in the process of conducting a background check on the individual who owns the corporation. Therefore, if the Commission looks favorably on this request, staff recommends approval conditional on:

- approval of a Class C primary liquor license (to be considered by the Commission immediately prior to this item),
- passage of an ordinance by the Board of Trustees authorizing the creation of a new Class C-LC liquor license (which staff will place on the agenda of an upcoming Village Board meeting),
- submittal of BASSET certificates for all appropriate individuals,
- payment of all associated liquor license fees, and
- satisfactory background check results.

If the Commission does not grant the business's request for a Class C liquor license, or approves a license of a different class, then the business will not be eligible for a Class C-LC license, and therefore this item should be removed from the agenda or voted down.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the request for a Class C-LC liquor license from Red Bottle Restaurant, please let me know.

Class C-LC

~ Supplemental Late Closing ~

CLASS C-LC Class C-LC (late closing) licenses shall authorize the retail sale of alcoholic liquor for consumption on the premises between the hours of 2 a.m. and 4 a.m. each day per week, subject to the following:

Conditions and qualifications: A Class C-LC license shall be issued only as a supplemental license to the holder of a Class C or C-V liquor license. The holder of a Class C-LC license shall remain subject to all conditions, qualifications, and limitations of the primary liquor license class. In the event that the primary liquor license held by a Class C-LC license holder is revoked, suspended, or declared forfeited or lapsed by the Liquor Control Commission, the Class C-LC license shall also be revoked, suspended, or declared forfeited or lapsed. Video Gaming as defined under the Illinois Video Gaming Act 230 ILCS 40/1 et seq. shall not be allowed in a Class C-LC licensed premises unless the primary license class of the premises is C-V.

The annual fee for the Class C-LC license shall be in addition to the fee paid by the establishment for its Class C or C-V license.

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| Current Class C-LC Establishments | December 15, 2025 |
| Old Munich Tavern | 582 N. Milwaukee Avenue |

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