



Ordinances  
for smoking  
lounge and  
liquor licenses

Committee of the Whole

# Context and Rationale for Ordinance

## Regulatory Framework Updates

Orland Park updates regulations on tobacco and liquor licensing to address new business models and public health needs.

## Smoke-Free Illinois Act Compliance

Amendments integrate SFIA expansion to include electronic cigarettes and update terminology and prohibited activities.

## Health and Safety Risks

Smoking lounges pose risks such as smoke exposure, charcoal handling, ventilation, and increased emergency calls.

## Objectives and Implementation

The ordinances aim to balance economic interests with safety and community values through clear classifications and standards.

# Tobacco and Smoking Lounge Licensing Framework

## Tiered Licensing Categories

The framework distinguishes accessory retailers, full tobacco stores, cigar lounges, hookah lounges, and vending operations.

## Class C Lounge Regulations

Cigar and hookah lounges require free-standing buildings, age restrictions, strict standards, and activity prohibitions to ensure safety.

## Class D Vending Restrictions

Vending machine sales are regulated with initial caps due to state laws and current absence in the community.

## Framework Benefits

The system supports safe operations, clear enforcement, transparency, and consistent licensing and zoning reviews.

# Liquor License Framework for Smoking Lounges

## **Class SL-1 BYOB License**

Allows patrons 25+ to bring their own alcohol with no sales by the lounge operator, under strict retention rules.

## **Class SL-2 Liquor Sales License**

Permits limited liquor sales within the lounge, with secured storage and BASSET-trained staff.

## **Safety and Compliance Measures**

Strict age verification, legal packaging, and premises diagrams ensure safety and regulatory compliance.

## **Initial License Availability**

Licenses start at zero availability to ensure safety and legal requirements before expanding.

# Ventilation, Fire Code, and Security Standards

## Ventilation Requirements

Smoking lounges must have engineer-stamped ventilation plans ensuring negative pressure and effective smoke containment.

## Fire Safety Protocols

Fire codes mandate safe charcoal use, visible windows, fire extinguishers, and posted safety signage in smoking lounges.

## Security Surveillance

24/7 video surveillance covering interior and exterior areas with footage retention for at least 90 days is required.

## Regulatory Compliance Impact

Standardized safety requirements help reduce emergency service burdens and increase community confidence in oversight.

# Age, Staff Training, and Evidence Compliance

## Age Restriction Enforcement

Smoking lounges require patrons and employees to be 25 or older to support public safety priorities.

## Staff Training Requirements

Staff must complete BASSET or equivalent training to responsibly manage alcohol service and comply with regulations.

## Police Cooperation and Compliance

Businesses must provide police full access to surveillance and evidence, fostering transparent investigations and accountability.

# Locational Restrictions and Prohibited Activities

## Spacing Requirements

Ordinances require Class C lounges to be at least 500 feet from residences, schools, and parks to protect communities.

## Prohibited Activities

Sale of flavored nicotine, live entertainment, dancing, and cannabis products are banned to reduce enforcement risks.

## Community Welfare Balance

Regulations balance operator economics with public welfare to ensure compatible land use and minimize youth exposure.

# Penalties, Compliance, and License Management

## Violation Penalties

Violations trigger penalties based on a fine schedule, with daily offenses treated separately to ensure strict enforcement.

## License Suspension and Revocation

Licenses can be suspended or revoked for underage sales, non-compliance with inspections, or failure to meet operational standards.

## Application Denial Criteria

Applications may be denied due to unpaid fees, false information, zoning conflicts, or recent disqualifying criminal convictions.

## License Caps and Compliance

License caps require full compliance before expansion, ensuring a controlled and accountable licensing environment.

# Fiscal Considerations and Staff Implementation

## Initial Fiscal Impact

The initial fiscal impact is limited as license numbers start at zero, with potential future revenue from fees.

## Staff Implementation Costs

Short-term costs stem mainly from staff time spent finalizing applications, workflows, inspections, and training.

## Long-term Enforcement Efficiency

Licensing structure may reduce enforcement costs by setting clear rules and limiting problematic operators.

## Responsible Regulation Benefits

Ordinances enable responsible regulation, recovering costs via licensing while minimizing resource burdens.

# Motion for Adoption and Implementation Timeline

## **Adoption Recommendation**

Staff recommends adopting amendments to tobacco and retail liquor regulations enhancing classifications and safeguards.

## **Implementation Preparation**

Village departments will prepare application packets and guidance documents for prospective license applicants.

## **Safety and Compliance Protocols**

Collaboration with police and fire departments to implement inspection protocols ensures ordinance compliance before licensing.

## **Public Transparency and Updates**

Village will publish updates and set clear expectations for ventilation, surveillance, and community impact mitigation.

# Questions