

**CITY OF MORRIS  
GRUNDY COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE LIQUOR LICENSE CONCEPT REVIEW  
PROCESS**

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**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORRIS  
THIS 3RD DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025**

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By the authority of the Mayor  
& City Council of the City of Morris  
Grundy County, Illinois  
This 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2025

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WHEREAS, the Liquor Control Act (*235 ILCS 5/1-1, et seq.*) grants authority to non-home rule municipalities to review liquor license applications within their jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Morris Judiciary and License Committee has made a recommendation to the Morris City Council that Chapter 4, Section 4-26 of the Morris Municipal Code be created; and

WHEREAS, the Morris City Council has deemed it reasonable and necessary and in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City of Morris to create the liquor license concept review process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND THE ALDERMEN OF THE MORRIS CITY COUNCIL, GRUNDY COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1:** That the above recitals constitute the findings of the Morris City Council and are hereby restated and incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as though fully set forth herein.

**Section 2:** That Chapter 4, Section 4-26 of the Morris Municipal Code regarding the liquor license concept review process is hereby created in its and shall hereafter read as follows:

### **Sec. 4-26. – Liquor License Concept Review Process**

1. Applicants seeking a liquor license shall contact the City to request an appointment to present their plan to the Judiciary and License Committee.
2. The City will provide each applicant with a copy of the City of Morris Liquor License Concept pre-application review process.
3. At least seven days prior to the scheduled Judiciary & License Committee meeting, the applicant must submit the following forms online or in person to the City:
  - a. Completed Liquor Concept Application form.
  - b. Floor plan drawings or renderings including outdoor seating if available and desired.
  - c. Menu concept for restaurant or food service requests.
4. The applicant shall attend the Judiciary and License Committee meeting to present their concept to the Committee. The business owner and/or the business manager must attend and be present at the meeting.
5. Following the applicant's presentation at the meeting, the Committee will review the information and discuss its findings with the Liquor Commissioner. The Committee will either approve, deny, or request additional information which may require another review at a future meeting of the Committee.
6. If the application is recommended for approval by the Judiciary and License Committee, the matter will then be presented to the Morris City Council.
7. If approved by the Morris City Council, the applicant will then need to submit payment for the application fee and provide the City of Morris with a certificate of insurance.

8. If the application approval requires any changes to the City of Morris Municipal Code or drafting of any Ordinance, the applicant will be required to pay a \$300.00 non-refundable professional services fee for the creation of any new ordinances or changes to the Morris Municipal Code. Said payment shall be made prior to the drafting of the Ordinance approving the liquor license.

**Section 3:** In the event any Section, Paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional for any reason, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 4:** This Ordinance shall be effective from and following its passage and approval as required by law.

**Section 5:** Any Ordinances or Resolutions inconsistent with the terms and the provisions hereof are hereby repealed and revoked to the extent of any such inconsistency.

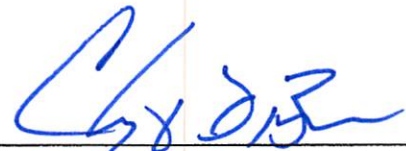
PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 3rd day of February, 2025.

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Pass 0

Absent 0

  
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CHRISTOPHER D. BROWN, Mayor

ATTEST:

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LORI WERDEN, City Clerk

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