

**CITY OF BALDWIN
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-07

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE POSSESSION, SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF
INTOXICATING AND 3.2 PERCENT MALT LIQUOR WITHIN THE CITY OF
BALDWIN, MINNESOTA**

The City Council of Baldwin, Minnesota ordains:

SECTION 1 ADOPTION OF STATE LAW BY REFERENCE

The provisions of M.S. Ch. 340A, as they may be amended from time to time, with reference to the definition of terms, conditions of operation, restrictions on consumption, provisions relating to sales, hours of sale, and all other matters pertaining to the retail sale, distribution, and consumption of intoxicating liquor and 3.2 percent malt liquor are hereby adopted by reference and are made a part of this Chapter as if set out in full. It is the intention of the City Council that all future amendments to M.S. Ch. 340A are hereby adopted by reference or referenced as if they had been in existence at the time this Chapter is adopted.

SECTION 2 CITY MAY BE MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN STATE LAW

The Council is authorized by the provisions of M.S. § 340A.509, as it may be amended from time to time, to impose, and has imposed in this chapter, additional restrictions on the sale and possession of alcoholic beverages within its limits beyond those contained in M.S. Ch. 340A, as it may be amended from time to time.

SECTION 3 DEFINITIONS

In addition to the definitions contained in Minn. Stat. § 340A.101 as it may be amended from time to time, the following terms are defined for purposes of this ordinance:

Liquor- As used in this ordinance, without modification by the words “intoxicating” or a “3.2 percent malt” includes both intoxicating liquor and 3.2 percent malt liquor.

Restaurant- An eating facility, other than a hotel, under the control of a single proprietor or manager, where meals are regularly prepared on the premises, where full waitress/waiter table service is provided, where a customer orders food from printed menus and where the main food course is served and consumed while seated at a single location. To be a restaurant as defined by this section, an establishment shall have a license from the state as required by Minn. Stat. § 157.16, as it may be amended from time to time, and meet the definition of either a “small establishment,” “medium establishment” or “large establishment” as defined in Minn. Stat. § 157.16, subd. 3(d), as it may be amended from time to time. An establishment which serves

prepackaged food that receives heat treatment and is served in the package or frozen pizza that is heated and served, shall not be considered to be a restaurant for purposes of this ordinance unless it meets the definitions of a "small establishment", "medium establishment" or "large establishment".

SECTION 4 NUDITY ON THE PREMISES OF LICENSED ESTABLISHMENTS PROHIBITED

(A) The City Council finds that it is in the best interests of the public health, safety, and general welfare of the people of the city that nudity is prohibited as provided in this section on the premises of any establishment licensed under this ordinance. This is to protect and assist the owners, operators, and employees of the establishment, as well as patrons and the public in general, from harm stemming from the physical immediacy and combination of alcohol, nudity, and sex. The Council especially intends to prevent any subliminal endorsement of sexual harassment or activities likely to lead to the possibility of various criminal conduct, including prostitution, sexual assault, and disorderly conduct. The Council also finds that the prohibition of nudity on the premises of any establishment licensed under this ordinance, as set forth in this section, reflects the prevailing community standards of the city.

(B) It is unlawful for any licensee to permit or allow any person or persons on the licensed premises when the person does not have his or her buttocks, anus, breasts, and genitals covered with a non-transparent material. It is unlawful for any person to be on the licensed premises when the person does not have his or her buttocks, anus, breasts, and genitals covered with a non-transparent material.

(C) A violation of this section is a misdemeanor punishable as provided by law and is justification for revocation or suspension of any liquor, wine, or 3.2 percent malt liquor license or any other license issued under this ordinance or the imposition of a civil penalty under the provisions of Section 30(B).

SECTION 5 CONSUMPTION IN PUBLIC PLACES

(A) No person shall consume intoxicating liquor, wine, or 3.2 percent malt liquor in any public place other than on the premises of an establishment licensed under this ordinance, in a municipal liquor dispensary if one exists in the city, where the consumption and display of liquor is lawfully permitted as defined in subsection B of this section, or as may be otherwise allowed by the terms of Section 5 of this ordinance.

(B) "Wine" and "3.2 percent malt liquor", as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Section 340A.101, may be possessed or consumed in city parks. No glass bottles or containers are allowed in the parks.

SECTION 6. RAFFLES, SILENT AUCTIONS AND FUND RAISING EVENTS FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES OF WINE, BEER OR INTOXICATING LIQUORS

No person shall conduct a silent auction, raffle of other fund raising event pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 340A.707 with prizes or awards of wine, beer or intoxicating liquors without notifying the

city clerk of the event at least ten days prior to the occurrence of the event. The event holder shall provide the city with the following information: the person or organization holding the event, the day, time and location of the event, type of fund raising event (silent auction, raffle or otherwise), type and amount of wine, beer, intoxicating liquor to be awarded as prizes, and the charitable purposes to which the event proceeds will be donated.

SECTION 7. NUMBER OF LICENSES WHICH MAY BE ISSUED.

State law establishes the number of liquor licenses that a city may issue. The Council is not required to issue the full number of licenses that it has available.

SECTION 8. TERM AND EXPIRATION OF LICENSES.

Each license shall be issued for a maximum period of one year. All licenses, except temporary licenses, shall expire on December 31 of each year unless another date is provided by ordinance. All licenses shall expire on the same date. Temporary licenses expire according to their terms. Consumption and display permits issued by the Commissioner of Public Safety, and the accompanying city consent to the permit, shall expire on March 31 of each year.

SECTION 9. KINDS OF LIQUOR LICENSES.

- (A) **On-Sale/Off-Sale, Intoxicating.** The City Council shall be authorized to issue on-sale and off-sale intoxicating liquor licenses pursuant to M.S. Chapter 340A, as it may be amended from time to time. On-sale intoxicating liquor licenses may only be issued to clubs, bowling centers, hotels and restaurants.
- (B) **On-Sale/Off-Sale, 3.2 Malt Liquor.** The City Council shall be authorized to issue on-sale and off-sale 3.2 malt liquor licenses pursuant to M.S. Chapter 340A, as it may be amended from time to time. The City Council may issue a combination on-sale and off-sale 3.2 malt liquor license.
- (C) **On-Sale Sunday, Intoxicating.** No intoxicating liquor may be sold on Sundays.
- (D) **Temporary On-sale Intoxicating Liquor.** With the approval of the Commissioner of Public Safety, a temporary on-sale intoxicating liquor license may be issued only in connection with a social event sponsored by a club, charitable, religious, or other nonprofit corporation that has existed for at least three years; a political committee registered under state law; or a state university. No license shall be for longer than four consecutive days, and the city shall issue no more than 12 days' worth of temporary licenses to any one organization in one calendar year.
- (E) **Temporary 3.2 Percent Malt Liquor.** Temporary 3.2 percent malt liquor licenses may be issued only to a club, charitable, religious, or nonprofit organization.
- (F) **On-Sale Wine.** With the approval of the Commissioner of Public Safety, on-sale wine licenses may be issued to restaurants that have facilities for seating at least 25 guests at one time and meet the criteria of Minn. Stat. § 340A.404, subd. 5, as it may be amended

from time to time, and which meet the definition of restaurant in section 3; to licensed bed and breakfast facilities which meet the criteria in Minn. Stat. § 340A.4011, subd. 1, as it may be amended from time to time; and to theaters that meet the criteria of Minn. Stat. § 340A.404, subd. 1(b) as it may be amended from time to time. The fee for an on-sale wine license established by the Council under the provisions of Section 10 of this ordinance shall not exceed one-half of the license fee charged for an on-sale intoxicating liquor license. The holder of an on-sale wine license who also holds an on-sale 3.2 percent malt liquor license is authorized to sell malt liquor with a content over 3.2 percent (strong beer) without an additional license.

- (G) **Temporary Off-Sale Wine.** With the approval of the Commission of Public Safety, temporary off-sale wine licenses may be issued for the off-sale of wine at an auction. A license issued under this subdivision authorizes the sale of only vintage wine of a brand and vintage that is not commonly being offered for sale by any wholesaler in Minnesota. The license may authorize the off-sale of wine for not more than three consecutive days provided not more than 600 cases of wine are sold at any auction. The licenses are subject to the terms, including license fee, imposed by Section 10.
- (H) **One-Day Consumption and Display.** With the approval of the Commissioner of Public Safety, one-day consumption and display licenses may be issued to a nonprofit organization in conjunction with a social activity in the city sponsored by the organization.

SECTION 10. LICENSE FEES; PRO RATA.

(A) No license or other fee established by the city shall exceed any limit established by Minn. Stat. Ch. 340A, as it may be amended from time to time, for a liquor license.

(B) The Council may establish from time to time in the Ordinance Establishing Fees and Charges the fee for any of the liquor licenses it is authorized to issue. The license fee may not exceed the cost of issuing the license and other costs directly related to the enforcement of the liquor laws and this ordinance. No liquor license fee shall be increased without providing mailed notice of a hearing on the proposed increase to all affected licensees at least 30 days before the hearing.

(C) The fee for all licenses, except temporary licenses, granted after the commencement of the license year shall be prorated on a quarterly basis.

(D) All license fees shall be paid in full at the time the application is filed with the city. If the application is denied, the license fee shall be returned to the applicant.

(E) A refund of a pro rata share of an annual license fee may occur only if authorized by Minn. Stat. § 340A.408, subd. 5, as it may be amended from time to time.

(F) Off-sale intoxicating liquor licensees may request a reduction in their annual license fee by the amount specified in Minn. Stat. § 340A.408 if at the time of initial application or renewal they:

- (1) Agree to have a private vendor approved by the city train all employees within 60 days of hire and annually thereafter in laws pertaining to the sale alcohol, the rules for identification checks, and the responsibilities of establishments serving intoxicating liquors;

- (2) Post a policy requiring identification checks for all persons appearing to be 30 years old or less;
- (3) Establish a written cash award and incentive program to award employees who catch underage drinkers and a written penalty program to punish employees in the event of a failed compliance check;
- (4) Failure to abide by the provisions of this paragraph may result in suspension of the license until the conditions of the fee reduction are met and may result in suspension and/or revocation of the license pursuant to Section 23 of this ordinance.

SECTION 11. COUNCIL DISCRETION TO GRANT OR DENY A LICENSE.

The Council in its sound discretion may either grant or deny the application for any license or for the transfer or renewal of any license. No applicant has a right to a license under this ordinance.

SECTION 12. APPLICATION FOR LICENSE.

(A) *Form.* Every application for a license issued under this ordinance shall be on a form provided by the city. Every application shall state the name of the applicant, the applicant's age, representations as to the applicant's character, with references as the Council may require, the type of license applied for, the business in connection with which the proposed license will operate and its location, a description of the premises, whether the applicant is owner and operator of the business, how long the applicant has been in that business at that place, and other information as the Council may require from time to time. An application for an on-sale intoxicating liquor license shall be in the form prescribed by the Commissioner of Public Safety and shall also contain the information required in this section. The form shall be verified and filed with the city. No person shall make a false statement in an application.

(B) *Financial responsibility.* Prior to the issuance of any license under this ordinance, the applicant shall demonstrate proof of financial responsibility as defined in Minn. Stat. § 340A.409, as it may be amended from time to time, with regard to liability under Minn. Stat. § 340A.801, as it may be amended from time to time. This proof will be filed with the city and the Commissioner of Public Safety. Any liability insurance policy filed as proof of financial responsibility under this section shall conform to Minn. Stat. § 340A.409, as it may be amended from time to time. Operation of a business which is required to be licensed by this ordinance without having on file with the city at all times effective proof of financial responsibility is a cause for revocation of the license.

SECTION 13. DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES.

The application shall specifically describe the compact and contiguous premises within which liquor may be dispensed and consumed. The description may not include any parking lot or sidewalk.

SECTION 14. APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWAL.

At least 90 days before a license issued under this ordinance is to be renewed, an application for renewal shall be filed with the city. The decision whether or not to renew a license rests within the sound discretion of the Council. No licensee has a right to have the license renewed.

SECTION 15. TRANSFER OF LICENSE.

No license issued under this ordinance may be transferred without the approval of the Council. Any transfer of stock of a corporate licensee is deemed to be a transfer of the license, and a transfer of stock without prior Council approval is a ground for revocation of the license. An application to transfer a license shall be treated the same as an application for a new license, and all of the provisions of this code applying to applications for a license shall apply.

SECTION 16. INVESTIGATION.

(A) *Preliminary background and financial investigation.* On an initial application for a license, on an application for transfer of a license and, in the sound discretion of the Council that it is in the public interest to do so, on an application for renewal of a license, the city shall conduct a preliminary background and financial investigation of the applicant or it may contract with the Commissioner of Public Safety for the investigation. The applicant shall pay with the application an investigation fee of \$500 which shall be in addition to any license fee. If the cost of the preliminary investigation is less than \$500, the unused balance shall be returned to the applicant. The results of the preliminary investigation shall be sent to the Commissioner of Public Safety if the application is for an on-sale intoxicating liquor license or an on-sale wine license.

(B) *Comprehensive background and financial investigation.* If the results of a preliminary investigation warrant, in the sound discretion of the Council, a comprehensive background and financial investigation, the Council may either conduct the investigation itself or contract with the Commissioner of Public Safety for the investigation. The investigation fee for this comprehensive background and financial investigation to be paid by the applicant shall be \$500, less any amount paid for the initial investigation if the investigation is to be conducted within the state, and \$10,000, less any amount paid for the initial investigation, if the investigation is required outside the state. The unused balance of the fee shall be returned to the applicant whether or not the application is denied. The fee shall be paid in advance of any investigation and the amount actually expended on the investigation shall not be refundable in the event the application is denied. The results of the comprehensive investigation shall be sent to the Commissioner of Public Safety if the application is for an on-sale intoxicating liquor license or an on-sale wine license.

SECTION 17. RESTRICTIONS ON ISSUANCE.

(A) Each license shall be issued only to the applicant for the premises described in the application.

(B) Not more than one license shall be directly or indirectly issued within the city to any one person.

(C) No license shall be granted or renewed for operation on any premises on which taxes, assessments, utility charges, service charges, or other financial claims of the city are delinquent and unpaid.

(D) No license shall be issued for any place or any business ineligible for a license under state law.

(E) No license shall be granted within 500 feet of any school or church. The distance is to be measured from the closest side of the church to the closest side of the structure on the premises within which liquor is to be sold.

SECTION 18. CONDITIONS OF LICENSE.

The failure of a licensee to meet any one of the conditions of the license specified below shall result in a suspension of the license until the condition is met.

(B) Every licensee is responsible for the conduct of the place of business and the conditions of sobriety and order in it. The act of any employee on the licensed premises is deemed the act of the licensee as well, and the licensee shall be liable to all penalties provided by this ordinance and the law equally with the employee.

(C) Every licensee shall allow any peace officer, health officer, city employee, or any other person designated by the Council to conduct compliance checks and to otherwise enter, inspect, and search the premises of the licensee during business hours and after business hours during the time when customers remain on the premises without a warrant.

(D) No on-sale establishment shall display liquor to the public during hours when the sale of liquor is prohibited.

(E) Compliance with financial responsibility requirements of state law and of this ordinance is a continuing condition of any license.

(F) Failure by on off-sale intoxicating liquor licensee who has received a fee reduction pursuant to section 10 (f) of this ordinance to abide with the provisions of section 10 (f).

SECTION 19. HOURS AND DAYS OF SALE.

(A) The hours of operation and days of sale shall be those set by Minn. Stat. § 340A.504, as it may be amended from time to time, except that the City Council may, by resolution or ordinance, provide for more restrictive hours than state law allows.

(B) No person shall consume nor shall any on-sale licensee permit any consumption of intoxicating liquor or 3.2 percent malt liquor in an on-sale licensed premises more than 30 minutes after the time when a sale can legally occur.

(C) No on-sale licensee shall permit any glass, bottle, or other container containing intoxicating liquor or 3.2 percent malt liquor to remain upon any table, bar, stool, or other place where customers are served, more than 30 minutes after the time when a sale can legally occur.

(D) No person, other than the licensee and any employee, shall remain on the on-sale licensed premises more than 30 minutes after the time when a sale can legally occur.

(E) Any violation of any condition of this section may be grounds for revocation or suspension of the license.

SECTION 20. MINORS ON PREMISES.

(A) No person under the age of 18 years shall be employed in any rooms constituting the place in which intoxicating liquors or 3.2 percent malt liquor are sold at retail on sale, except that persons under the age of 18 may be employed as musicians or to perform the duties of a bus person, host or dishwashing services in places defined as a restaurant, hotel, motel or other multi-purpose building serving food in rooms in which intoxicating liquors or 3.2 percent malt liquor are sold at retail on sale.

(B) No person under the age of 21 years may enter a licensed establishment except to work, consume meals on premises that qualify as a restaurant, or attend social functions that are held in a portion of the premises where liquor is not sold.

SECTION 21. RESTRICTIONS ON PURCHASE AND CONSUMPTION.

No person shall mix or prepare liquor for consumption in any public place of business unless it has a license to sell on-sale, or a permit from the Commissioner of Public Safety under the

provisions of Minn. Stat. § 340A.414, as it may be amended from time to time, which has been approved by the Council, and no person shall consume liquor in any such place.

SECTION 22. SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION.

(A) The Council may suspend for a period not to exceed 60 days or revoke any liquor license upon finding that the licensee has failed to comply with any applicable statute, regulation, or provision of this ordinance relating to liquor. Except in cases of lapse of proof of financial responsibility, no suspension or revocation shall take effect until the licensee has been afforded an opportunity for a hearing pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act, Minn. Stat. §§ 14.57 to 14.70, as it may be amended from time to time. The Council may act as the hearing body under that act, or it may contract with the Office of Hearing Examiners for a hearing officer.

(B) The following are the minimum periods of suspension or revocation which shall be imposed by the Council for violations of the provisions of this ordinance or Minn. Stat. Ch. 340A, as it may be amended from time to time or any rules promulgated under that chapter as they may be amended from time to time:

(1) For commission of a felony related to the licensed activity, sale of alcoholic beverages while the license is under suspension, sale of intoxicating liquor where the only license is for 3.2 percent malt liquor, or violation of Section 4, the license shall be revoked.

(2) The license shall be suspended by the Council after a finding under division (A) that the licensee has failed to comply with any applicable statute, rule, or provision of this ordinance. The Council shall select the day or days during which the license will be suspended.

(C) Lapse of required proof of financial responsibility shall effect an immediate suspension of any license issued pursuant to this ordinance or state law without further action of the Council. Notice of cancellation or lapse of a current liquor liability policy shall also constitute notice to the licensee of the impending suspension of the license. The holder of a license who has received notice of lapse of required insurance or of suspension or revocation of a license may request a hearing thereon and, if a request is made in writing to the Clerk, a hearing before the Council shall be granted within ten days. Any suspension under this division (B) shall continue until the Council determines that the financial responsibility requirements of state law and this ordinance have again been met.

(D) The provisions of Section 30 pertaining to administrative penalty may be imposed in addition to or in lieu of any suspension or revocation under this ordinance.

SECTION 23. LICENSES IN EXISTENCE UPON INCORPORATION OF THE CITY.

Any liquor licenses issued by Sherburne County within the Township of Baldwin that are still in effect at the time the City of Baldwin incorporated shall continue in effect under this ordinance until their expiration date and may be renewed by the City of Baldwin pursuant to this ordinance.

SECTION 24-29. (Reserved for Future Use).

SECTION 30. PENALTIES.

(A) Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance or Minn. Stat. Ch. 340A as it may be amended from time to time or any rules promulgated under that chapter as they may be amended from time to time is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished as provided by law.

(B) The Council may impose a civil penalty of up to \$2,000 for each violation of Minn. Stat. Ch. 340A, as it may be amended from time to time, and of this ordinance. Conviction of a violation in a court of law is not required in order for the Council to impose the civil penalty. A hearing under the Administrative Procedures Act, Minn. Stat. §§ 14.57 to 14.70, as it may be amended from time to time, is not required before the penalty is imposed, but the Council shall hold a hearing on the proposed violation and the proposed penalty and hear any person who wishes to speak. Non-payment of the penalty is grounds for suspension or revocation of the license. The following is a suggested schedule of presumptive civil penalties which may be imposed in addition to any suspension unless the license is revoked:

- (1) For the first violation within any three-year period, \$500.
- (2) For the second violation within any three-year period, \$1,000.
- (3) For the third and subsequent violations within any three-year period, \$2,000.

(C) The term "violation" as used in this Section includes any and all violations of the provisions in this ordinance, or of Minn. Stat. Ch. 340A, as it may be amended from time to time or any rules promulgated under that chapter as they may be amended from time to time. The number of violations shall be determined on the basis of the history of violations for the preceding three-year period. Revocation shall occur within 60 days following a violation for which revocation is imposed.

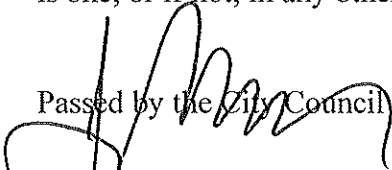
SECTION 31. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance becomes effective on the date of its publication, or upon the publication of a summary of the ordinance as provided by Minn. Stat. § 412.191, subd. 4, as it may be amended from time to time, which meets the requirements of Minn. Stat. § 331A.01, subd. 10, as it may be amended from time to time.

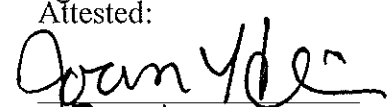
SECTION 32. SUMMARY APPROVED

The Council hereby determines that the text of the summary of this ordinance marked "Official Summary of Ordinance No. _____," and a copy of which is attached to this ordinance, clearly informs the public of the intent and effect of this ordinance. The Council further determines that publication of the title and this summary will clearly inform the public of the intent and the effect of this ordinance. The Clerk shall file a copy of this ordinance and the summary in the Clerk's office which shall be available for inspection by any person during regular office hours. A copy of the ordinance shall be available in the community library, if there is one, or if not, in any other public location which the council designates.

Passed by the City Council of Baldwin, Minnesota this 18th day of November 2024.


Baldwin, Mayor

Attested:


Baldwin, Clerk