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Committee on License and Consumer Protection

### ORDINANCE

#### BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. Section 4-60-070 of the Municipal Code of the City of Chicago is hereby amended by inserting the language underscored as follows:

#### 4-60-070 Issuance authority - Special licenses.

*(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)*

(c) (1) The local liquor control commissioner shall have the authority to issue a special event liquor license.

(2) The local liquor control commissioner may approve a special event retailer's license issued to a not-for-profit by the State of Illinois for a period of time not to exceed 15 calendar days. Such special event retailer's license shall be in addition to any other applicable liquor licenses required to be obtained by any vendors or caterers serving alcoholic liquor at or providing alcoholic liquor to such special event.

3) The local liquor control commissioner may approve a special event use permit issued to a for-profit entity by the State of Illinois for an outdoor event authorizing the sale and consumption of alcoholic liquor for a period not to exceed 15 calendar days; provided that the Commissioner of Cultural Affairs and Special Events has designated an event as a special event. Such special event use permit shall be in addition to any other applicable liquor licenses required to be obtained by any vendors or caterers serving alcoholic liquor at or providing alcoholic liquor to such special event.

4) The local liquor control commissioner shall have authority to issue a beer showcase permit, subject to the applicable provisions of this chapter and the Liquor Control Act of 1934, 235 ILCS 5/1-1, et seq., and to

promulgate rules useful to assist in the proper implementation and administration of this subsection. Such beer showcase permit shall be in addition to any other applicable liquor licenses required to be obtained by any vendors or caterers serving alcoholic liquor at or providing alcoholic liquor to such special event.

5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the fee for a special event liquor license or a beer showcase permit shall be the special liquor license fee as set forth in Section 4-5-010.

(6) Within two business days of receiving an application for a license or permit under this subsection (c), the local liquor control commissioner shall send a copy of each such application to the The alderman of the ward in which the event is located with a request for a recommendation- shall be notified five days prior to issuance of the special event license or beer showcase permit. The commissioner shall afford the alderman a reasonable time period prior to issuing such license or permit for the alderman to respond in writing with specific recommendations, if any. The commissioner may not grant or deny a license or permit under this subsection (c) prior to receiving the recommendation from the alderman or the expiration of such reasonable time period, whichever occurs first.

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(7) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code to the contrary, no license or permit issued under this subsection (c) may be issued for an event located within an area in which the issuance of additional liquor licenses is prohibited under Section 4-60-022, unless the local liquor control commissioner receives a letter of support or letter of non-objection from the alderman of the ward in which such premises is located.

SECTION 2. Section 4-156-540 of the Municipal Code of the City of Chicago is hereby amended by inserting the language underscored as follows:

**4-156-540 License - Required.**

*(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)*

The license issued under this Article authorizes: (1) the temporary production, presentation or conduct of indoor special events at establishments; and (2) the temporary indoor or outdoor sale at retail of alcoholic liquor for consumption on the premises at the licensed location, incidental to the hosting of an indoor special event at the establishment, if the applicant has obtained a special event liquor license in accordance with ~~issued~~

*(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)*

SECTION 3. Section 4-156-570 of the Municipal Code of the City of Chicago is hereby amended by inserting the language underscored as follows:

**4-156-570 Issuance of license - Prohibited when.**

No license shall be issued under this Article unless all of the following requirements are met:

*(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)*

(d) if alcoholic liquor is to be sold or otherwise provided at the event, (1) the applicant has obtained a special event liquor license approved under Section 4-60-070; and-(2) the applicant has not had any liquor license issued under this Code revoked for cause at any time, and (3) any vendors or caterers serving

alcoholic liquor at or providing alcoholic liquor to such special event have obtained all applicable liquor licenses;

*(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)*

SECTION 4. Section 4-156-600 of the Municipal Code of the City of Chicago is hereby amended by inserting the language underscored as follows:

**4-156-600 License - Application - Deadline - Notice to Aldermen.**

*(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)*

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(b) In addition to the requirements in Section 4-4-050, an application for a license under this Article shall be accompanied by the following:

*(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)*

(9) (A) a description of the event;

*(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)*

(E) if alcoholic liquor is to be sold or otherwise provided at the event:<sup>7</sup> (i) proof that the applicant has obtained a special event liquor license as arty-required under Section 4-60-070 ~~liquor license has been obtained~~

*(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)*

d) The commissioner shall deny an application for a license, or a renewal of a license, if the applicant fails to satisfy the requirements of this Article. The commissioner may deny an application for a license, or a renewal of a license, if the issuance of such a license would tend to create or exacerbate a law enforcement problem, result in or add to an undue concentration of licenses, or have a deleterious impact on the health, safety or welfare of the community in which the licensed establishment is located.

e) Within two business days of receiving an indoor special event license application, the commissioner shall send a copy of each such application to the alderman of the ward in which the indoor special event is to be held with a request for a recommendation. The commissioner shall afford the alderman a reasonable time period prior to issuing such license for the alderman to respond in writing with specific recommendations, if any. The commissioner may not grant or deny an indoor special event license prior to receiving the recommendation from the alderman or the expiration of such reasonable time period, whichever occurs first.

Any objection from an alderman recommending disapproval of a license application must state the specific reasons for the recommendation, which reasons shall be consistent with an applicant's constitutional rights contained in the First, Fifth, and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution, and Sections 2 and 4 of Article I of the Illinois Constitution of 1970.

BRENDAN REILLY Alderman, 42nd Ward

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication.

