Carbondale Local Liquor Control Commission Meeting
Tuesday, February 24, 2026 - 6:00 PM
Civic Center, Room 108
200 South Illinois Avenue

Visitors are welcome to all meetings of the Local Liquor Control Commission. Please silence electronic devices before entering the City Council Chambers.

1. **Roll Call**

2. **Public Comments**

3. **General Business of the Local Liquor Control Commission**

    1. Local Liquor Control Commission Meeting Minutes February 10, 2026

    2. Application from Bombay Olive, LLC d/b/a Bombay Olive for an On-Premises Secondary Restaurant Liquor License at 518 South Illinois Avenue, Suite B

4. **Adjournment**

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Agenda Item Details

Meeting:	February 24, 2026 - Local Liquor Control Commission Meeting
Category:	General Business of the Local Liquor Control Commission
Subject:	Local Liquor Control Commission Meeting Minutes February 10, 2026
Type:	Action
Recommended Action:	Approve the minutes from the Local Liquor Control Commission Meeting of February 10, 2026
Goals:	Goal 3: Demonstrate fiscal responsibility and transparency while providing high-quality City services.
Originating Department:	City Clerk

Background:

Additional Information:

Attachments:
1. Local Liquor Control Commission Meeting Minutes 10 February 2026

Motion & Voting: Approve the minutes from the Local Liquor Control Commission Meeting of February 10, 2026

Motion by None, seconded by None.
Final Resolution: Motion
Yea: None
Nay: None

Local Liquor Control Commission Meeting February 10, 2026

1. Roll Call

Commissioners present
Commissioner Dawn Roberts, Commissioner Brian Stanfield, Commissioner Nathan Colombo, Commissioner Nancy Maxwell, and Chairperson Pro Tem Adam Loos

Commissioners absent
Commissioner Clare Killman, Chairperson Carolin Harvey

Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM.

2. Public Comments

3. General Business of the Local Liquor Control Commission

1. Local Liquor Control Commission Meeting Minutes from December 9, 2025.

MOTION: Approve the minutes from the Local Liquor Control Commission Meeting of December 9, 2025
Motion by Dawn Roberts, second by Nancy Maxwell
Final Resolution: Motion Passed
Yea: Dawn Roberts, Brian Stanfield, Nathan Colombo, Adam Loos, Nancy Maxwell

2. Application for a Video Gaming Liquor License Rider for Quatro Foods, Inc. d/b/a Quatro's Deep Pan Pizza, Located at 222 West Freeman Street

Commissioners expressed their opinions regarding video gaming terminals, noting support for reducing the proliferation of gaming.

MOTION: Approve the addition of a video gaming rider to the On-Premises Secondary Restaurant Liquor License for Quatro Foods, Inc., dba Quatro's Deep Pan Pizza at 222 West Freeman Street
Motion by Nathan Colombo, second by Brian Stanfield
Final Resolution: Motion Passed
Yea: Dawn Roberts, Brian Stanfield, Nathan Colombo, Adam Loos, Nancy Maxwell

4. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Local Liquor Control Commission, the meeting was declared adjourned at 6: 09 p.m.

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Jennifer R. Sorrell, City Clerk Date

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Agenda Item Details

Meeting:	February 24, 2026 - Local Liquor Control Commission Meeting
Category:	General Business of the Local Liquor Control Commission
Subject:	Application from Bombay Olive, LLC d/b/a Bombay Olive for an On-Premises Secondary Restaurant Liquor License at 518 South Illinois Avenue, Suite B
Type:	Action
Recommended Action:	The Local Liquor Control Commission should either approve the issuance of an On-Premises Secondary Use Restaurant liquor license to Bombay Olive, LLC dba Bombay Olive, contingent upon receipt of all outstanding items; or Deny the On-Premises Secondary Use Restaurant liquor license based on one or more of the provisions of the liquor code.
Goals:	Goal 3: Demonstrate fiscal responsibility and transparency while providing high-quality City services.
Originating Department:	City Clerk

Background: Attached is a new liquor license application from Bombay Olive, LLC d/b/a Bombay Olive, located at 518 South Illinois Ave., Suite B, for an On-Premises Secondary Use Restaurant liquor license. The applicant is the former owner and liquor license holder of the business at this location. The current entity dba Bombay Olive has two liquor license riders for package sales and video gaming. The new applicant indicated in the application that he does not intend to apply for a video gaming license and did not include an application for any license riders; therefore, the applicant will no longer offer those services upon issuance of the license.

Outstanding Items:
The $100 application fee has been paid, and the criminal history check did not reveal anything that would preclude the applicant from holding a liquor license.
The applicant must provide a second authorized contact, along with their contact information, for the business, and remit the prorated liquor license fee.
The liquor license held by the current entity must also be surrendered to the City Clerk's Office prior to the new license being issued.
An updated Illinois Business Authorization reflecting the business address, as opposed to the license holder's home address, must be submitted to the City Clerk's Office.

Staff Recommendation: Approve
License classification is appropriate for the operation.
The location was previously and is currently operating as a restaurant. The applicant was the prior owner of this business and held the same liquor classification at these premises.

Additional Information: Liquor Code Provisions:

On-Premises Secondary Use Restaurant: Sales of alcohol and/or video gaming revenues are ancillary to the operation of the business. The principal source of revenue shall come from the sale of nonalcoholic beverages and food. There is no minimum age for entry.

2-4-5: PROCEDURE FOR CRITERIA FOR ISSUING A LICENSE:

A. Notice: Upon the filing of an application for a liquor license, the application shall be reviewed by City staff for completeness, accuracy, and recommendation to the Commission; the application will then be considered at the next available Liquor Commission meeting. The applicant shall be notified of the date of said meeting not less than three (3) business days in advance. Failure of the applicant to accept, read, or review the notice, whether provided by mail, email, or telephone, does not constitute improper notification by the Commission.

B. Hearing And Evidence: The Commission shall receive and may require such evidence deemed necessary to make findings based upon the standards and factual criteria set out below and elsewhere in this title.

C. Standards And Factual Criteria: After the hearing, the Commission may grant a liquor license, contingent upon receipt of outstanding items, if it is determined that the grant of the license would not be detrimental to the general welfare of the City. The Commission may deny an application or may require changes to the applicant's plans in order to establish grounds for the issuance of the license if they find that the application meets one or more of the factual criteria listed below.

01. The application does not contain all the information, supporting documents, or fees required by this title.
02. The issuance of the license would be in violation of any part of this title.
03. The applicant does not have sufficient financial assets to maintain the proposed liquor establishment or has demonstrated insufficient financial responsibility.
04. The applicant is a convicted felon who has not been adequately rehabilitated.
05. The issuance of the license can reasonably be expected to create excessive noise, traffic, parking, or litter problems.
06. The applicant has a history of problems with regard to violations of health regulations, laws, and ordinances at prior establishments owned or managed by the applicant.
07. The building in which the applicant seeks to operate does not meet building and zoning code ordinances and regulations.
08. The issuance of the license can reasonably be expected to create a nuisance such as excessive and repeated breaches of the peace.
09. The applicant has previously had a liquor license revoked or suspended in this or any other state or jurisdiction.
10. The applicant is seeking a restaurant license and does not provide sufficient facilities or menu items to operate as a restaurant.

Attachments:

1. Bombay Olive, LLC - New Liquor License App 2026-02-02_Redacted
2. 2-4-5 CRC Procedure for Criteria for Issuing a License
3. 2-4-4 Ineligibilty for License - State Liquor Code Section 235 ILCS 5.6.2 - Issuance of licenses to certain persons prohibited

Motion & Voting: The Local Liquor Control Commission should either approve the issuance of an On-Premises Secondary Use Restaurant liquor license to Bombay Olive, LLC dba Bombay Olive, contingent upon receipt of all outstanding items; or
Deny the On-Premises Secondary Use Restaurant liquor license based on one or more of the provisions of the liquor code.

Motion by None, seconded by None.
Final Resolution: Motion
Yea: None
Nay: None

Business Type

Check the applicable box that corresponds to the annual report filing with the Illinois Secretary of State:

Sole Proprietorship — Partnership

Limited Liability Company (LLC) — Corporation

General Business Information	
Legal Entity Name (Corporation/LLC Name)	Bombay olive LLC
Doing Business As (d/b/a) OR Establishment Name	Bombay olive
Legal Entity Address (Street/City/State/ZIP)	518 South IL Avenue - Site B, Carbondale, IL 62901
Legal Entity Phone Number	[redacted]
Legal Entity Email Address	[redacted]
Establishment Address	518 South IL Avenue, Site B - Carbondale, IL
Establishment Phone Number	618-457-6680
Establishment Email Address	[redacted]
***Email Address for ALL City Communications**	[redacted]

*Note that all City communications related to this Application and/or the resulting license, if approved, will be sent by email to the email address designated for all City communications. It is the responsibility of the business to notify the City of any changes.

Ownership Information	
Owner/President/LLC Member	SRINIVAS GUNDALA
Owner/Vice President/LLC Member	
Owner/Secretary/LLC Member	
Owner/Treasurer/LLC Member	

Additional details (home address and personal identification for purposes of a background check) must be included in the Background Release form attached.

Authorized Responsible Business Contacts – individuals routinely present at the licensed premises who are designated by the license holder as responsible for the operation of the business whether or not they are on the premises at the time. Contact information cannot be the same as for the physical premises.

Authorized Contact Information (Two Authorized Contacts Required Per City Code)	
First Contact	SRINIVAS GUNDALA
Home Address	[redacted]
After hours email Address	
After hours telephone	
Second Contact	
Home Address	
After hours email Address	
After hours telephone	

Business Owner/Operator: (Please circle or check Yes or No)

Questions 1 – 11 in this section apply to ALL owners, partners, officers, members, and majority stockholders. Answer all of the questions as it applies to ALL of said individuals, as a group and severably.

1. ☑ Yes ☐ No Are all individuals subject to this section are 21 years of age or older?

2. ☐ Yes ☐ No Are all individuals subject to this section eligible to hold a liquor license in accordance with 235 ILCS 5/6-2 of the Illinois Liquor Control Act of 1934, as amended?

3. ☑ Yes ☐ No Does or has any individual subject to this section hold currently or previously an Illinois liquor license? If YES, please provide information about past or current liquor licenses.

Held License in Ash – City License # A2-16
STATE # 1A-1130582

4. ☐ Yes ☐ No Are all individuals subject to this section of good character and reputation in the community which they reside and the City of Carbondale?

5. ☐ Yes ☑ No Has any individual subject to this section had a license issued under the Illinois Liquor Control Act of 1934, as amended, revoked for cause? If YES, please detail below.

6. ☐ Yes ☑ No Has any individual subject to this section been issued a federal wagering stamp, other than as authorized to be issued a license under the Raffles and Poker Runs Act or the Illinois Pull Tabs and Jar Games Act?

7. **Has any individual subject to this section ever:**

   a) Ever been convicted of a felony under any Federal or State law (if answering "YES", attach information about such felony, when/where it occurred, any evidence demonstrating rehabilitation and mitigating factors, which may assist the Commission in determining whether such conviction would not impair the engagement of the retail sales of alcohol, in accordance with the criteria established in Section 6-2.5 of the Illinois Liquor Control Act of 1934, as amended.)

   b) Ever been convicted of keeping a place of or promoting prostitution?

   c) Ever been convicted of pandering?

   d) Been convicted of a violation of any Federal or State law concerning the manufacture, possession, or sale of alcoholic liquor, or forfeited their bond to appear in court to answer charges for any such violation. (if answering "YES", attach information about such conviction(s), when/where it occurred, and any evidence which would assist the Commission in determining whether such violation would impair the individual in engaging in the licensed practice.)

   e) Ever had any fines, suspensions, or revocation of a liquor license? If YES, provide details about the dates, reasons, and lengths of suspension/revocation.

Yes (No)

Provide details to YES responses to 7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, and 7e in the space provided below:

Nature of License:

1. Which Retail Liquor License Classification is being requested **(refer to page 2 for classifications)**

   On Premises Secondary - Restaurant

2. Describe the type of establishment to be operated with this license (e.g. restaurant, club, lounge)

   Restaurant

3. ☐ Yes ☑ No Will the establishment apply for video gaming licenses from the State and City? (on-premises consumption businesses only)
4. Describe the dimensions of the licensed premises and the control premises. "**Control Premises**" includes the licensed service premises, parking lots, sidewalks, or other areas adjacent to and utilized by the business and its customers or guests.

2,948 SFT – Restaurant, city street parking, has sidewalk

5. Is the premises for which the license is sought owned by the applicant?
   ☑ Yes ☐ No Attach a deed or lease which is valid for the full period for which the license is to be issued.

6. Provide an **estimate** of the expected percentages which will come from the sale of alcohol, video gaming revenues, the sale of food/non-alcoholic beverages, or "other".

Alcohol	Video Gaming	Food/Non-alcoholic Beverages	Other
30%	0	90%	0

7. If application is for an On-Premises Restaurant liquor license, describe in detail the equipment to be used for preparing and serving food, and the hours that the kitchen will be open and preparing food.

Preparing food: Stove, Grill, Fryer, Mixer,
Serving: Plates, water cups, spoons

Impact of Establishment:

1. What are the proposed hours of operation?

Day	Time Open	Closure Time	Time Kitchen Closes
Monday	11 AM	10 PM	11 PM
Tuesday	11 AM	11 PM	11 PM
Wednesday	11 AM	11 PM	11 PM
Thursday	11 AM	11 PM	11 PM
Friday	11 AM	11 PM	11 PM
Saturday	11 AM	11 PM	11 PM
Sunday	11 AM	11 PM	11 PM

2. Description of surrounding neighborhood:

Proximity to residential property (approximate distance from nearest residential property)

3/4 of a mile

Proximity to schools, churches, public parks (approximate distance from nearest school, church, and public park)

2 Miles

Proximity to other liquor establishments (approximate distance from the nearest liquor establishment)

500 ft of Liquor Store

Proximity to gasoline stations or convenience stores which offer gasoline for sale (approximate distance to the nearest gasoline retailer)

1 Mile

3. Detail the availability of any and all on-street and off-street parking

Street Metered Parking,

4. Describe any and all entertainment, amusement devices, and video gaming terminals planned for the establishment

Music - Either Live or Player

Attachments Needed:

- [x] Illinois Business Authorization Certificate of Registration from the Department of Revenue
- [x] Jackson County Health Department Permit
- [x] Deed for the property or a lease extending through at least December 31 of the license year
- [x] Certificate of Liability Insurance in an amount not less than that amount annually determined by the Illinois Office of the Comptroller (not the Policy Declaration)
- [x] Signed Criminal History and Credit Check Relase form for all beneficial owners holding more than 5% of the company/corporation
- [x] Application Fee of $100.00
- [x] Signatures by applicant, all partners, members of an LLC, or the president and secretary of a corporation, whichever is applicable (signature lines immediately follow)

SRINIVAS GUNDALA	[redacted]	1/28/2026
Printed Name	Signature	Date
Printed Name	Signature	Date
Printed Name	Signature	Date
Printed Name	Signature	Date

For Office Use Only

Date Application Received: 2/2/26 Date Payment Received and Amount: $125 w/b'ground 2/2/26

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LIQUOR CLASSIFICATIONS AND FEES

Liquor Classifications are based on whether alcohol will be sold for consumption on the premises or off of the premises, whether alcohol or video gaming is the principal source of revenue or is secondary to the primary function of the business, whether a business is for profit or not for profit, or whether the business is an alcohol manufacturer in addition to a liquor retailer.

Retail Liquor License Classifications, Description, and Base License Fees		
On-Premises Primary	Sales of alcohol for consumption on the business premises is the principal source of revenue. A minimum entry age of 18 applies unless a special condition or license rider is granted or unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.	**$1,750.00**
On-Premises Secondary	Sales of alcohol and/or video gaming revenues are ancillary to the operation of the business. There is not a minimum entry age.	**$750.00**
On-Premises Secondary – Restaurant	Sales of alcohol are secondary to the purpose of the business, which is the sale of nonalcoholic beverages and food. The minimum percentage of revenues for nonalcoholic beverages and food shall be 51%. There is no minimum entry age for the premises when full menu service is available.	**$750.00**
Not-for-Profit On-Premises Primary or On-Premises Secondary with Video Gaming	Non-profit entity selling alcohol for on-premises consumption. Alcohol may be the primary source of revenue or, if the entity has video gaming terminal, alcohol revenues may be ancillary.	**$750.00**
Not-for-Profit On-Premises Secondary (No Video Gaming)	Non-profit entity selling alcohol for on-premises consumption. No video gaming is on the premises and alcohol sales are ancillary to the primary function of the business.	**$100.00**
Off-Premises Primary	Retail sales of alcohol in the original manufacturer-sealed and labeled packages for off-premises consumption as the principal source of revenue.	**$1,750.00**
Off-Premises Secondary	Retail sales of beer and wine in the original manufacturer-sealed and labeled packages by a grocery store for off-premises consumption which is not the principal source of revenue.	**$1,750.00**
Manufacturer	Producer of beer, wine, or spirits, that is eligible to conduct on-premises sales in accordance with the Illinois Liquor Control Act of 1934, as amended.	**Same as State Fee for Classification**
Video Gaming Parlor	On-premises alcohol consumption is secondary to the purpose of video gaming. The principle source of revenue shall be video gaming revenues. Minimum entry age of 21 for areas where video gaming terminals are located; 18 years of age for remaining areas unless a special condition or rider is issued to modify such entry age.	**$2,000.00**

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NEW RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION & INSTRUCTIONS

Completed applications for a retailer's liquor license should be submitted through the City's permits & applications portal, by email to the City Clerk's Office, or in person at City Hall, 200 South Illinois Avenue, Carbondale.

New Applicants

Optional Preliminary Review

Applicants have the option of requesting the review of their application by Liquor Advisory Board prior to the application being considered by the Local Liquor Control Commission for final action. This can be beneficial for individuals who have not had prior experience in business or in the retail sales of alcohol. To request this review option, check the "Yes" box at the top of Page 3.

New applicants are required to attend the Local Liquor Control Commission meeting in order to respond to questions from the Commissioners.

Additional License Options

In addition to the base liquor license, there are a variety of additional options/special conditions/license riders (e.g. outdoor service, live entertainment) for which the applicant can submit application. See the attachment entitled "Liquor License Special Condition – License Rider Application" for details or ask the City Clerk's Office Staff for assistance.

Approval Contingent Upon Receipt of Outstanding Items

Upon approval by the Local Liquor Control Commission, all outstanding items, approvals, and fees must be submitted prior to issuing the Carbondale Liquor License. A copy of the Carbondale license is needed in order to obtain the Illinois retailers or manufacturers license.

Call the City Hall Switchboard for the following departments at (618) 549-5302 for assistance with the following questions:

Questions about completing the application and/or attending the Local Liquor Control Commission meeting where the application will be considered should be addressed to the City Clerk's Office.

Questions about scheduling an inspection by the Building and Fire Inspector should be directed to the Community Development Department.

Questions about payment of Food and Beverage taxes and Package Liquor taxes should be directed to the Revenue Office.

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B. Hearing And Evidence: The Commission shall receive and may require such evidence deemed necessary to make findings based upon the standards and factual criteria set out below and elsewhere in this title.

C. Standards And Factual Criteria: After the hearing, the Commission may grant a liquor license, contingent upon receipt of outstanding items, if it is determined that the grant of the license would not be detrimental to the general welfare of the City. The Commission may deny an application if they find one or more of the following:

1. The application does not contain all the information, supporting documents, or fees required by this title.

2. The issuance of the license would be in violation of any part of this title.

3. The applicant does not have sufficient financial assets to maintain the proposed liquor establishment or has demonstrated insufficient financial responsibility.

4. The applicant is a convicted felon who has not been adequately rehabilitated.

5. The issuance of the license can reasonably be expected to create excessive noise, traffic, parking, or litter problems.

6. The applicant has a history of problems with regard to violations of health regulations, laws, and ordinances at prior establishments owned or managed by the applicant.

7. The building in which the applicant seeks to operate does not meet building and zoning code ordinances and regulations.

8. The issuance of the license can reasonably be expected to create a nuisance such as excessive and repeated breaches of the peace.

9. The applicant has previously had a liquor license revoked or suspended in this or any other state or jurisdiction.

10. The applicant is seeking a restaurant license and does not provide sufficient facilities or menu items to operate as a restaurant.

D. Conditions On Issuance: If the Commission finds that any change in the applicant's plans is/are needed to create grounds for the issuance of such license, the Commission may require such change(s). A condition on the granting of a license and the failure of the applicant at any time to adhere to or perform such condition shall be considered a violation of this title. (Ord. 2021-22)

(235 ILCS 5/6-2) (from Ch. 43, par. 120)

Sec. 6-2. Issuance of licenses to certain persons prohibited.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this Section and in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Section 3-12, no license of any kind issued by the State Commission or any local commission shall be issued to:

(1) A person who is not a resident of any city, village or county in which the premises covered by the license are located; except in case of railroad or boat licenses.

(2) A person who is not of good character and reputation in the community in which he resides.

(3) (Blank).

(4) A person who has been convicted of a felony under any Federal or State law, unless the Commission determines that such person will not be impaired by the conviction in engaging in the licensed practice after considering matters set forth in such person's application in accordance with Section 6-2.5 of this Act and the Commission's investigation.

(5) A person who has been convicted of keeping a place of prostitution or keeping a place of juvenile prostitution, promoting prostitution that involves keeping a place of prostitution, or promoting juvenile prostitution that involves keeping a place of juvenile prostitution.

(6) A person who has been convicted of pandering.

(7) A person whose license issued under this Act has been revoked for cause.

(8) A person who at the time of application for renewal of any license issued hereunder would not be eligible for such license upon a first application.

(9) A copartnership, if any general partnership thereof, or any limited partnership thereof, owning more than 5% of the aggregate limited partner interest in such copartnership would not be eligible to receive a license hereunder for any reason other than residence within the political subdivision, unless residency is required by local ordinance.

(10) A corporation or limited liability company, if any member, officer, manager or director thereof, or any stockholder or stockholders owning in the aggregate more than 5% of the stock of such corporation, would not be eligible to receive a license hereunder for any reason other than residence within the political subdivision.

(10a) A corporation or limited liability company unless it is incorporated or organized in Illinois, or unless it is a foreign corporation or foreign limited liability company which is qualified under the Business Corporation Act of 1983 or the Limited Liability Company Act to transact business in Illinois. The Commission shall permit and accept from an applicant for a license under this Act proof prepared from the Secretary of State's website that the corporation or limited liability company is in good standing and is qualified under the Business Corporation Act of 1983 or the Limited Liability Company Act to transact business in Illinois.

(11) A person whose place of business is conducted by a manager or agent unless the manager or agent possesses the same qualifications required by the licensee.

(12) A person who has been convicted of a violation of any Federal or State law concerning the manufacture, possession or sale of alcoholic liquor, subsequent to the passage of this Act or

has forfeited his bond to appear in court to answer charges for any such violation, unless the Commission determines, in accordance with Section 6-2.5 of this Act, that the person will not be impaired by the conviction in engaging in the licensed practice.

(13) A person who does not beneficially own the premises for which a license is sought, or does not have a lease thereon for the full period for which the license is to be issued.

(14) Any law enforcing public official, including members of local liquor control commissions, any mayor, alderperson, or member of the city council or commission, any president of the village board of trustees, any member of a village board of trustees, or any president or member of a county board; and no such official shall have a direct interest in the manufacture, sale, or distribution of alcoholic liquor, except that a license may be granted to such official in relation to premises that are not located within the territory subject to the jurisdiction of that official if the issuance of such license is approved by the State Liquor Control Commission and except that a license may be granted, in a city or village with a population of 55,000 or less, to any alderperson, member of a city council, or member of a village board of trustees in relation to premises that are located within the territory subject to the jurisdiction of that official if (i) the sale of alcoholic liquor pursuant to the license is incidental to the selling of food, (ii) the issuance of the license is approved by the State Commission, (iii) the issuance of the license is in accordance with all applicable local ordinances in effect where the premises are located, and (iv) the official granted a license does not vote on alcoholic liquor issues pending before the board or council to which the license holder is elected. Notwithstanding any provision of this paragraph (14) to the contrary, an alderperson or member of a city council or commission, a member of a village board of trustees other than the president of the village board of trustees, or a member of a county board other than the president of a county board may have a direct interest in the manufacture, sale, or distribution of alcoholic liquor as long as he or she is not a law enforcing public official, a mayor, a village board president, or president of a county board. To prevent any conflict of interest, the elected official with the direct interest in the manufacture, sale, or distribution of alcoholic liquor shall not participate in any meetings, hearings, or decisions on matters impacting the manufacture, sale, or distribution of alcoholic liquor. Furthermore, the mayor of a city with a population of 55,000 or less or the president of a village with a population of 55,000 or less may have an interest in the manufacture, sale, or distribution of alcoholic liquor as long as the council or board over which he or she presides has made a local liquor control commissioner appointment that complies with the requirements of Section 4-2 of this Act.

(15) A person who is not a beneficial owner of the business to be operated by the licensee.

(16) A person who has been convicted of a gambling offense as proscribed by any of subsections (a) (3) through (a) (11) of Section 28-1 of, or as proscribed by Section 28-1.1 or 28-3 of, the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, or as proscribed by a statute replaced by any of the aforesaid statutory provisions.

(17) A person or entity to whom a federal wagering stamp has been issued by the federal government, unless the person or entity is eligible to be issued a license under the Raffles and Poker Runs Act or the Illinois Pull Tabs and Jar Games Act.

(18) A person who intends to sell alcoholic liquors for use or consumption on his or her licensed retail premises who does not have liquor liability insurance coverage for that premises in an amount that is at least equal to the maximum liability amounts set out in subsection (a) of Section 6-21.

(19) A person who is licensed by any licensing authority as a manufacturer of beer, or any partnership, corporation, limited liability company, or trust or any subsidiary, affiliate, or agent thereof, or any other form of business enterprise licensed as a manufacturer of beer, having any legal, equitable, or beneficial interest, directly or indirectly, in a person licensed in this State as a distributor or importing distributor. For purposes of this paragraph (19), a person who is licensed by any licensing authority as a "manufacturer of beer" shall also mean a brewer and a non-resident dealer who is also a manufacturer of beer, including a partnership, corporation, limited liability company, or trust or any subsidiary, affiliate, or agent thereof, or any other form of business enterprise licensed as a manufacturer of beer.

(20) A person who is licensed in this State as a distributor or importing distributor, or any partnership, corporation, limited liability company, or trust or any subsidiary, affiliate, or agent thereof, or any other form of business enterprise licensed in this State as a distributor or importing distributor having any legal, equitable, or beneficial interest, directly or indirectly, in a person licensed as a manufacturer of beer by any licensing authority, or any partnership, corporation, limited liability company, or trust or any subsidiary, affiliate, or agent thereof, or any other form of business enterprise, except for a person who owns, on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly, no more than 5% of the outstanding shares of a manufacturer of beer whose shares are publicly traded on an exchange within the meaning of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. For the purposes of this paragraph (20), a person who is licensed by any licensing authority as a "manufacturer of beer" shall also mean a brewer and a non-resident dealer who is also a manufacturer of beer, including a partnership, corporation, limited liability company, or trust or any subsidiary, affiliate, or agent thereof, or any other form of business enterprise licensed as a manufacturer of beer.

(b) A criminal conviction of a corporation is not grounds for the denial, suspension, or revocation of a license applied for or held by the corporation if the criminal conviction was not the result of a violation of any federal or State law concerning the manufacture, possession or sale of alcoholic liquor, the offense that led to the conviction did not result in any financial gain to the corporation and the corporation has terminated its relationship with each director, officer, employee, or controlling shareholder whose actions directly contributed to the conviction of the corporation. The Commission shall determine if all provisions of this subsection (b) have been met before any action on the corporation's license is initiated.

(Source: P.A. 101-541, eff. 8-23-19; 102-15, eff. 6-17-21.)