

City Council Item

April 27, 2026



Item	Approve Temporary On-Sale Liquor License, July 2, 3 & 4, 2026, Rotary Club of Chanhassen	
File No.		Item No: D.18
Agenda Section	<u>CONSENT AGENDA</u>	
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Reviewed By	Jerry Ruegemer	

<u>SUGGESTED ACTION</u>	
<p>“The Chanhassen City Council approves the request from Chanhassen Rotary Club for a temporary on-sale intoxicating liquor license to sell alcoholic beverages at the 4th of July Celebration on July 2, 3 & 4, 2026 at City Center Park. Approval is contingent upon the Rotary Club providing and updated certificate of liquor liability insurance.”</p>	
Motion Type	Simple Majority Vote of members present
Strategic Priority	N/A

SUMMARY

The Chanhassen Rotary Club submitted a temporary on-sale intoxicating liquor license application for a 4th of July Celebration on July 2, 3 & 4, 2026. Liquor will be served in City Center Park and is outlined in the attached map.

Alcohol will be served:

- July 2: 3pm-8pm
- July 3: 3pm-midnight
- July 4: 10am-5pm

BACKGROUND

In prior years, alcohol has been served only on July 3 and July 4 as part of the 4th of July Celebration. This was due to July 3 & 4 having a significantly larger all-ages crowd and activities as compared to July 2, which traditionally only hosted families at the Carnival. 2026 is the first year the Chanhassen Rotary Club will serve alcohol on July 2.

At the time of the 4th of July Celebration, Civic Campus Phase 2 construction will be wrapping up, and grass will not yet be established in the traditional area designated for beer sales and the beer garden. Because of this, beer sales and the beer garden will be hosted in a temporary location for 2026, before moving back to the traditional area in 2027 when construction and amenities are complete.

DISCUSSION

With the expansion of activities and attendance on July 2 and to provide options for attendees, the Chanhassen Rotary Club will offer alcohol sales on July 2. Sales will be limited to 3pm-8pm. The Chanhassen Rotary Club will reimburse the City for costs incurred due to this expansion, including necessary staffing, equipment rental, and waste removal costs.

The beer sales and beer garden location will either be hosted in the area of Ballfield #1 at City Center Park, north of the west parking lot and trail, or in the west parking lot of City Center Park, south of the trail. The northern location on Ballfield #1 is the preferred location and is pending permission from Independent School District 112. Parkland north of the trail (including Ballfield #1) is ISD 112 property, and any alcohol sales there require district permission.

BUDGET

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the Chanhassen Rotary Club's request for a temporary on-sale liquor license for the 4th of July Celebration on July 2, 3 & 4, 2026 in City Center Park. Approval is contingent upon receipt of an updated certificate of liquor liability insurance.

ATTACHMENTS

[Temporary Liquor License Application](#)

[Liquor Sales Location Map](#)