

**City Council
Agenda Item 13.C
Meeting of May 18, 2026**



Title: Temporary on-sale liquor license for the Rotary Club of Minnetonka Foundation, for an outdoor event at 14600 Minnetonka Blvd

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Presenter: Julie Wischnack, FAICP, Community Development Director

Action Requested: Public Hearing and Motion

Form of Action: License

Votes needed: 5 votes

Summary Statement

The city has received an application for a temporary on-sale liquor license from the Rotary Club of Minnetonka Foundation (The Rotary Club) for a fundraising event at the Minnetonka Summer Fest. Summer Fest is a city-sponsored event and is scheduled for Saturday, June 27, 2026. A public hearing is required.

Recommended Action

Motion to grant the license to the Rotary Club of Minnetonka Foundation.

Background

The city has received an application for a temporary on-sale liquor license from the Rotary Club of Minnetonka Foundation (The Rotary Club) for a fundraising event at the Minnetonka Summer Fest. Summer Fest is a city-sponsored event scheduled for Saturday, June 27. The Minnetonka Rotary raises money for the Hopkins/Minnetonka communities. All proceeds support the ICA food shelf, high school scholarships, and other local programs for youth and International/Youth Exchange.

Summer Fest is an all-day event, but The Rotary Club proposes selling beer and wine from 1:00 - 10:00 p.m. Patrons will be allowed to walk around the festival but will not be allowed to leave the designated area with alcohol. Police officers will be on-site and are also located at the entrance and exit to make sure that any alcohol is not consumed off-site. Rotary Club volunteers will be serving the beer and wine. The volunteers will be supervised by Rotary Club staff members that have completed the MN Licensed Beverage Association bartending and service online training.

Guests purchasing wine and beer will be required to show identification that they are 21-years-of-age or older and will be required to wear a wristband verifying their age. Anyone with a wristband will be able to purchase drink tickets but will only be served one drink at a time.

The Rotary Club will again borrow the city's driver's license ID reader to use at the event. The ID reader helps with age verification and valid licenses as an additional safety measure for the event.

Additionally, as with all temporary liquor license holders, the licensee must provide a certificate of liability insurance that covers the event. The applicant has provided this information.

Staff has not received any complaints from previous events and recommends the council hold the public hearing and grant the temporary liquor license.