

**City Council
Agenda Item 10.C
Meeting of December 8, 2025**



Title: Revocation of an on-sale wine and on-sale 3.2 malt liquor licenses for Mega Pickle & Pong Minnetonka, LLC, at 17585 Hwy 7

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Presenter: Julie Wischnack, FAICP, Community Development Director

Action Requested: Motion

Form of Action: License

Votes needed: 4 votes

Recommended Action

Motion to revoke the wine and on-sale 3.2 malt liquor licenses for Mega Pickle & Pong Minnetonka, LLC.

Strategic Plan Relatability

N/A

On Nov. 17, 2025, the city received a notice from MN Dept. of Revenue (MN DoR) requiring the city to revoke the on-sale liquor licenses for Mega Pickle & Pong Minnetonka, LLC. The license must be revoked within 30 days of the notice, unless the city receives a clearance certificate from MN DoR.

Financial Consideration

No

Background

The city granted on-sale wine and 3.2 percent malt beverage licenses to Mega Pickle & Pong Minnetonka, LLC, dba Mega Pickleball on [Aug. 5, 2024](#). Owner and licensee Richard Gray and Ellen Redmond opened their second Mega Pickleball location in Sept. 2023 at 17585 State Highway 7.

The 10-court Pickleball facility added a 40-seat restaurant, Fork & Pickle, to the space in June 2024, serving small plates, sandwiches, and salads, along with a self-pour beer station and wine.

Tax delinquency lists

The MN DoR tracks liquor, cannabis, and petroleum establishments that are more than 10 days delinquent in their tax payments. If an establishment is late paying its taxes, [MN DoR posts the delinquent establishments on a list on their website](#). Once posted, the business cannot purchase liquor, beer, or wine for resale. Liquor wholesalers, manufacturers and brewers cannot sell or deliver any product to the business on the list. As part of Minnetonka's liquor license renewal process, staff monitors

the delinquency list for Minnetonka establishments. Mega Pickleball was posted as of Aug. 2025.

Department of Revenue notification

The MN DoR letter dated Nov. 17, 2025, states that the city must notify the license holder by certified mail that their license may be revoked within 30 days of the notice. The letter was mailed to the establishment on Nov. 25. It states that the city council will consider the matter on Dec. 8, 2025. Unlike a city-issued revocation or suspension, there is no appeal process for the revocation. This procedure is mandated by [Minnesota Statute 270C.72, sub. 1\(b\)](#)

(b) Within ten days after receipt of the notification from the commissioner under paragraph (a), the licensing authority must notify the license holder by certified mail of the potential revocation of the license for the applicable reason under paragraph (a). The notice must include a copy of the commissioner's notice to the licensing agency and information, in the form specified by the commissioner, on the licensee's option for receiving a tax clearance from the commissioner. The licensing authority must revoke the license 30 days after receiving the notice from the commissioner, unless it receives a tax clearance from the commissioner as provided in paragraph

Next steps

If the licensee pays the delinquent taxes in full within 30 days of the notice, MN DoR will issue a clearance certificate, and the license will be reinstated. If the applicant wishes to continue to sell alcohol, the applicant must submit their 2026 liquor renewal application to staff and have the license approved by council at a later date. Their current license expires on Dec. 31, 2025. The establishment wouldn't be able to serve liquor until their 2026 renewal application is approved by the Minnetonka city council and MN AGED.

If the applicant doesn't pay the delinquent taxes, the 2025 license will be revoked, and the liquor-related business activities would have to close by Dec. 17, 2025.

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