Committee of the Whole

Agenda Memorandum

Item # AT-2

To: **Mayor & City Council**

From: **Sonni Williams, City Attorney**

Subject: **Amendment to Chapter 111 of the City's Liquor Code to Prohibit the Sale of Mini-Bottles of Alcohol in Class E Liquor-Licensed Establishments**

Date: **Wednesday, September 4, 2024**

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

At the Committee of the Whole meeting on August 21st, the Mayor and City Council directed the City Attorney to draft an ordinance amending Chapter 111 of the City Code (City's Liquor Code) to prohibit sale of mini-bottles of alcohol (3 ounces or less) at packaged liquor store to address the unsightly empty bottles left around the parking lots of packaged liquor stores. The primary locations where the small empty bottles are thrown out and littered are at convenient stores that are licensed to sell packaged liquor.

Attached Ordinance No. 24-025 will prohibit the sale of such small bottles of alcohol as individual bottles or bundled together, for a packaged liquor store (Class E liquor license. Currently, there are only three liquor-licensed establishments that hold a Class E (packaged goods) liquor license.

Class E holders are:

1. ARUKC Liquor, Inc., d/b/a "Consumers Liquor", 924 E. 9th Street, Lockport, IL 60441
2. HP Soft Corp., d/b/a "Liquor Plus", 1513 S. State Street, Lockport, IL 60441
3. Naavya Liquors, LLC., d/b/a "Quick Mart Pantry", 1134 S. State Street, Lockport, IL 60441

The prohibition will not go into effect until January 1, 2025, which will give sufficient time for these establishment to sell off their current stock of small bottles of alcohol. Upon the approval of Ordinance No. 24-025, the City Administration will send a letter to these businesses to inform them of this prohibition.

PROS/CONS/ALTERNATIVES

This will reduce the likelihood of having the unsightly empty small mini-bottle of alcohol being strewn around the parking lots and surrounding neighboring properties.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Ordinance No. 24-025 amending Chapter 111 of the City's Liquor Code to Prohibit the Sale of Mini-Bottles of Alcohol in Class E Liquor-Licensed Establishments.

ATTACHMENTS

Ordinance No. 24-025 Amending the Liquor Code to Prohibit Sale of Mini Bottles of Alcohol for Class E License

SPECIFIC CITY COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED

Request for item to be placed on the City Council agenda for consent or action.