



REQUEST FOR ACTION

Annual Gambling Permit for Rochester Elks Lodge 1091 at Brothers Bar & Grill

MEETING DATE:

August 17, 2026

ORIGINATING DEPT:

City Clerk

AGENDA SECTION:

Consent Agenda

PRESENTER:

Christiaan Cartwright

Action Requested:

Adopting a Resolution authorizing an annual premises gambling permit for Rochester Elks Lodge 1091, operating out of Brothers Bar & Grill, located at 812 Broadway Ave S.

Report Narrative:

The Rochester Elks Lodge 1091 is a fraternal organization chartered in 1908. The Lodge invests in the community through programs that help children grow up healthy and drug-free, support today's veterans, and enhance overall quality of life.

Charity is the cornerstone of every Elk structure and the highest virtue of the order. Over the years, the Rochester Elks Lodge 1091 has shown its commitment to this principle by supporting various charitable initiatives in Rochester, including The Salvation Army, The Landing, the Eagles Cancer Telethon, youth sports, Boy Scout and Girl Scout programs, and other essential community programs.

The Rochester Elks Lodge 1091 meets all the requirements outlined in state statutes and is submitting an application for a permit to operate a new charitable gambling venue. This venue will be located at Brothers Bar & Grill, 812 Broadway Ave S. The Lodge already operates ten other established charitable gambling locations and is in good standing.

Annual gambling licenses are authorized for gaming activities, such as electronic pull-tab machines and bingo, to benefit an established non-profit or fraternal organization as defined in Minnesota State Statutes Sec. 349. Local authorities can oversee gambling licenses and permits under Section 349.213.

State statutes require a Council Resolution within 90 days of the organization submitting its application for approval to the state. Additionally, state statutes do not limit the number of premises an organization can have, provided that all conditions are met.

Priorities & Foundational Principles:

Quality Services

Economic Vibrancy & Growth Management

Policy Considerations & DEI Impact:

The issuance of licenses and permits is one of many efforts to ensure public safety, health, and well-being through oversight of the activities of various entities and designated businesses within the City, as well as oversight of licenses and permits issued relating to alcohol, gambling, and animals.

February 5, 2024, The Council approved the administrative issuance of many of our licenses by adopting Ordinance No.4522. This RCA addresses one of the license types that still requires final council approval, a necessity due to the annual gambling requirements levied by state law. Annual gambling permits require municipal approval by Resolution in accordance with Minn. State Statutes 349.213.

Prior Legislative Actions & Community Engagement:

No prior legislative actions.

Fiscal & Resource Impact:

Licensing activity is budgeted for under the City Clerk's Office main departmental budget. License application fees cover a portion of the cost of administering the licensing process.

Alternative Action(s):

No alternative actions are suggested at this time.

Prepared By:

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Attachments:

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