



REQUEST FOR ACTION

On-Sale Liquor License – Historic Chateau Theater

MEETING DATE:

May 4, 2026

ORIGINATING DEPT:

City Clerk

AGENDA SECTION:

Consent Agenda

PRESENTER:

Christiaan Cartwright

Action Requested:

1. Approving the authority granted by Laws of Minnesota 2026, Regular Session, S.F. No. 2511, Section 9, authorizing the City of Rochester to issue an on-sale intoxicating liquor license and special Sunday license to the Historic Chateau Theater, and;
2. Directing the Office of the City Clerk to file a Certificate of Approval with the Minnesota Secretary of State.

Report Narrative:

On April 21, 2026, the Minnesota Legislature passed S.F. No. 2511, which was subsequently signed into law by Governor Tim Walz.

Section 9 of this legislation authorizes the City of Rochester to issue an on-sale intoxicating liquor license with a special Sunday license to the Historic Chateau Theater, located at 15 1st Street Southwest. The license allows alcohol sales to individuals attending performances, exhibitions, or other events held at the theater on all days of the week.

This legislation was enacted to allow the Historic Chateau Theater to serve alcohol in connection with its programming and events, consistent with similar venue-specific authorizations granted by the Minnesota Legislature.

Under Minnesota Statutes section 645.021, subdivisions 2 and 3, this authority becomes effective only after approval by a majority vote of the Rochester City Council and the filing of a Certificate of Approval with the Minnesota Secretary of State.

Priorities & Foundational Principles:

Quality Services for Quality Living
Economic Vibrancy & Growth Management

Policy Considerations & DEI Impact:

In approving the issuance of licenses, the Council is participating as prescribed by City ordinances in the regulatory framework in place to ensure public safety, health, and well-being through oversight of the activity by contractors and designated businesses within the city, as well as oversight of licenses issued relating to alcohol, gambling, and animals.

Prior Legislative Actions & Community Engagement:

No prior actions at this time.

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 being recommended at this time.

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Attachments:

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[Resolution - Approving Laws of Minnesota 2026 Authorizing the Issuance of a Liquor License for the Historic Chateau Theater](#)