

Amending Title 14 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinance relating to Liquor and Beer by amending section 362. 290 relating to hearings on on-sale liquor applications:

The City Council of the City of Minneapolis do ordain as follows:

Section 1. That the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances be amended by amending section 362.290 to read as follows:

362.290. Hearings on applications. If the application shall be for a new license under this chapter, including an application for a new Class A through Class D liquor license for premises which have not previously been licensed for music, dancing or live entertainment, such application shall be read by the city clerk at the next regular meeting of the city council, and shall then be referred to the appropriate committee of the city council. The department of licenses and consumer services shall notify by mail all residents and property owners within twelve hundred (1200) feet of the main entrance of the proposed establishment, except that where the application is for a new license within a B4 zoned district or in the downtown or East Bank commercial districts described in section 362.430, the department shall only be required to notify all residents and property owners within three hundred (300) feet of the main entrance of the proposed establishment. Said notice shall go to the owners of record in the office of the county auditor of the time and place at which such application shall be considered by the appropriate committee of the city council. The director of the licenses and consumer services department shall assess and the applicant shall remit to the Minneapolis Finance Department prior to public notification, all specific expenses incurred by the city, including those from identification of the property residents and owners, production of the notice, interdepartmental processing fees, and postage costs. The licenses and consumer services committee shall conduct no hearings thereon until the two (2) weeks' published notice on the pendency of said application shall have expired, nor until the police license inspector's report relating to the applicant's previous operation of liquor businesses, if any, shall have been presented to the committee. The first hearing on said application shall be held at the time and place regularly fixed for the meeting of the committee.

After the first hearing on any application for a new license or for a new Class A through Class D license where any of the area within three hundred (300) feet is within a residentially zoned district, the council member of the ward where the proposed premises would be located may hold a meeting on the application during evening hours at a location in the approximate vicinity of the premises proposed to be licensed. If that council member holds such a meeting, he or she shall notify the appropriate committee of the city council of the time and place of the meeting and that committee shall not act on the application until after that meeting, if that meeting is held within forty-five (45) days after the first hearing on the application. If the council member of the ward where the proposed premises would be located does not hold such a meeting within forty-five (45) days after the first hearing on the application, the committee or two (2) of its members or its staff shall hold a meeting on the application during evening hours at a location in the approximate vicinity of the premises proposed to be licensed. The chair of said

committee shall notify the council member of the ward affected by the application of the time and place when the committee will consider the application, and the application shall not be disposed of by the committee until after such meeting if the application is for a new license or a new Class A through Class D license and until after the application shall have been brought before and considered by the committee at two (2) regular meetings thereof.

The final action of the committee upon any application referred to in this chapter shall be reported to the city council and by it considered and acted upon according to law.