

Liquor Caterer's License Overview



Purpose

- Allow any Minnesota State Caterer's Permit holder to be able to apply for a license to provide liquor at events in Minneapolis.



Key Points

- Definition of liquor catering.
- Why would we want liquor catering in Minneapolis?
- Liquor catering is currently allowed in Minneapolis if a liquor caterer has a contract with the Park Board, the Building Commission, or the Library.
- Other cities in Minnesota recognize the state caterer's permit.



Statutes and Ordinances

- Minnesota Statute 340A.404 Subd. 12. Caterer's permit.
- Minneapolis Ordinance 362.38. State caterer's permit.
- Minneapolis Charter Chapter 4. City Council – Powers – Duties, Etc. Section 5. City Council – Power to Make Ordinances.
- Minneapolis Ordinance 535.360. Permitted temporary uses and structures (Zoning Code).



Community Impact

- Party organizers are often surprised to find there is a prohibition on alcohol sales at their events.
- Neighborhoods could be disrupted by alcohol at more events.



Industry Impact

- More business opportunities.
- Three meetings were conducted with the industry.
- Supportive industry.



Staffing Impact

- More applications lead to more investigation and time (staffing costs).
- Daily fees could offset the costs of staff time involved.



Best Practices – Comparable Cities

- Allowing liquor catering is a standard practice.



Recommendation

- Repeal 362.38 and adopt a new ordinance under 360.30 to allow liquor catering in Minneapolis and to charge a \$60 daily fee.

Questions

