

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Planning Commission, Committee of the Whole
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SUBJECT: 60/40 food/alcohol requirement for restaurants- Text amendment

On November 4, 2014, Minneapolis residents voted to eliminate provisions of the City Charter that required restaurants with a liquor license to maintain a minimum 60/40 split between sales of food and alcohol.

The Zoning Code still contains one reference to the 60/40 requirement, in the specific development standard for *Restaurant, sit down*. This standard needs to be amended to bring Zoning requirements in line with City licensing requirements. Staff is recommending that Chapter 536 be amended as shown below.

Restaurant, sit down.

~~(1) Where alcoholic beverages are served, not less than sixty (60) percent of total gross sales revenue shall be from the sale of food and beverages not containing alcohol, and the use shall comply with the requirements of Title 14, Liquor and Beer, of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances and Chapter 4 of the Minneapolis City Charter.~~

~~(2)~~ (1) The premises, all adjacent streets, sidewalks and alleys, and all sidewalks and alleys within one hundred (100) feet shall be inspected regularly for purposes of removing any litter found thereon.

Striking the first half of the standard removes the reference to the 60/40 requirement. The second half of the standard is redundant with Business Licensing requirements and not needed in the Zoning Code.

The proposed amendment has not yet been scheduled for a public hearing before the City Planning Commission.