



City of Naperville

400 S. Eagle Street
Naperville, IL 60540
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Meeting Agenda Liquor Commission

Thursday, August 6, 2026

3:00 PM

Council Chambers

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A. CALL TO ORDER:

B. ROLL CALL:

C. PUBLIC FORUM:

D. OLD BUSINESS:

1. [26-0916](#) Approve the Liquor Commission meeting minutes of July 9, 2026

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. [26-0918](#) Consider amendments to happy hour restrictions in Section 3-3-12:3.2 of the Naperville Municipal Code

F. REPORTS:

1. [26-0917](#) Receive the DUI report for July 2026
2. [26-0921](#) Receive the tobacco report
3. [26-0915](#) Receive Naperville Local Liquor Law Essentials class statistics for July 2026
4. [26-0920](#) Receive the Liquor Concept Committee report for July 2026

G. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

H. ADJOURNMENT:

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File #: 26-0916, **Version:** 1

Meeting Date: 8/6/2026

LIQUOR COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve the Liquor Commission meeting minutes of July 9, 2026

DEPARTMENT: Community Services

SUBMITTED BY: Shebnem Ozkaptan, Budget and Administrative Manager

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Naperville

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, July 9, 2026

3:00 PM

Council Chambers

Liquor Commission

PUBLIC COMMENT:**A. CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Wehrli called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Mayor Wehrli thanked Commissioner Signorella for his years of service and presented him with a certificate of appreciation. July 9, 2026 is Commissioner Signorella's last meeting.

B. ROLL CALL:

Present 6 - Steve Chirico, Maria Rodriguez DiGioia, Amanda Kunzer, Ray McGury, Anthony Signorella, and Mayor Scott Wehrli
Absent 2 - Kelly Douglas, and Jason Dy

Also Present: Shebnem Ozkaptan, Budget and Administrative Manager; Jennifer Bonner, Senior Assistant City Attorney; Detective Marty Creighton, Liquor & Tobacco Liaison, Naperville Police Department

C. PUBLIC FORUM:**Speakers**

Kevin Reed (Vice President of Operations, Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano; Ancho & Agave) discussed reconsidering Naperville's prohibition on happy hour promotions.

Commissioner Chirico stated he will bring the topic up in new business.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approve the Liquor Commission meeting minutes of March 16, 2026

Attachments: [March Draft Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Signorella, seconded by Commissioner Kunzer, approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider Five Iron Golf's request to increase the cap on Late Night Permits in the downtown by one (1)

Attachments: [Five Iron Golf Concept](#)

Petitioner Presentation: Five Iron Golf

Petitioner representative Joseph DePalma presented the application on behalf

of Five Iron Golf to be located at 47 E. Chicago Ave, 2nd floor. Five Iron operates 42 locations across the U.S. with 4 located in Chicago. They are requesting to increase the cap on Late Night Permits in the downtown by one (1).

Liquor Commissioners approved and referred the request to City Council.

A motion was made by Commissioner Chirico, seconded by Commissioner McGury, approved and referred to City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chirico, Rodriguez DiGioia, Kunzer, McGury, and Signorella

Absent: 2 - Douglas, and Dy

2. Receive the presentation on Kratom/Feel Free and evaluate whether stricter local regulation is needed

Attachments: [Kratom presentation](#)

[Current Trends In Kratom and Derivates in Summer 2026](#)

[Comment July 9](#)

[Federal Register - DEA Emergency Scheduling 7-OH](#)

Mayor Wehrli opened the discussion providing history of kratom and 7-OH (7-hydroxymitragynine) in Naperville and provided background information.

7-OH (7-hydroxymitragynine) is a potent opioid-like compound found in trace amounts in the kratom plant and heavily concentrated in synthetic products sold in gas stations and smoke shops e.g. *Feel Free or 7-Ohmz*. Products are designed to look like everyday treats like gummies, candies, and ice cream and are falsely advertised as natural kratom products.

The FDA has issued multiple warning letters regarding the illegal addition of synthetic 7-hydroxymitragynine (7-OH). This concentrated form can be more potent than morphine, dramatically raising the risk of rapid tolerance, severe substance use disorder, and accidental overdose. Testing revealed that many commercial extracts are deliberately spiked or "adulterated". Laboratories routinely find products with concentrations of 7-OH that are up to 500% higher than what occurs naturally in the raw plant leaf.

Clinical addiction to kratom is treated using the exact same medical protocols as classic opioid use disorder, utilizing medications like buprenorphine and Suboxone. Trying to stop or cut back triggers a withdrawal syndrome highly similar to opioid discontinuation.

Adults between the ages of 21 and 34 reported the highest rates of kratom use. The 2025 Monitoring the Future (MFT) Survey found that 1.2% of 12th grade students reported using kratom in the past year.

Speakers:

Ashley Ware, Naperville resident

Alex Cochran, Fox Valley Institute

Ari Bernstein, Linden Oaks Behavioral Health
Natasha Grover, Matt Cassity, 360 Youth Services
Detective Matt Susnis, Naperville Police Department

Commissioner Signorella made a motion to ban the retail sale of 7-OH and all kratom products, seconded by Commissioner DiGioia. This motion was withdrawn to allow the vote for the written comment received after the deadline.

Commissioners voted to allow the written comment received after the deadline to be included on the record as submitted on time. A motion was made by Commissioner Chirico and seconded by Commissioner McGury and passed 5-0 by roll call vote.

Senior Assistant City Attorney Bonner read the comment into the official record.

Commissioner Signorella made a motion to refer to the Naperville City Council an ordinance banning the retail sale of 7-OH and all kratom products at an upcoming City Council meeting; seconded by Commissioner DiGioia.

Commissioner Chirico mentioned that this product should be regulated like marijuana. If there is a medical value to this product it should be prescribed by a doctor or issued in a controlled/regulated way.

Mayor Wehrli thanked the speakers and discussed how this item will be placed on the August consent agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Signorella, seconded by Commissioner DiGioia, approved and referred to City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chirico, Rodriguez DiGioia, Kunzer, McGury, and Signorella

Absent: 2 - Douglas, and Dy

Other New Business:

Commissioner Chirico discussed adding a happy hour discussion to the next Liquor Commission meeting. Commission approved 5-0 by voice vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Chirico, seconded by Commissioner McGury. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

F. REPORTS:

1. Receive the DUI reports for March-June 2026

Attachments: [City of Naperville DUI Liquor Report-March 2026](#)
[City of Naperville DUI Liquor Report-April 2026](#)
[City of Naperville DUI Liquor Report-May 2026](#)
[City of Naperville DUI Liquor Report-June 2026](#)

Detective Creighton presented the DUI statistics for March - June 2026.

2. Receive the tobacco report

Detective Creighton announced that there were two (2) violations out of 84 licensees in the 3rd round of compliance checks.

3. Receive Naperville Local Liquor Law Essentials class statistics for March-June 2026

Detective Creighton presented the Local Liquor Law Essentials class statistics for March - June 2026:

March - 40 attendees

April - 42 attendees

May - 79 attendees

June - 26 attendees to date

4. Receive the Liquor Concept Committee report for March-June 2026

Attachments: [Liquor Concept March - June 2026](#)

Budget and Administrative Manager Ozkaptan presented the liquor concepts for March - June 2026.

G. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

H. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Commissioner McGury, seconded by Commissioner Signorella, to adjourn the Liquor Commission Meeting of July 9, 2026 at 4:36 p.m. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

*/s/ S. Ozkaptan
Shebnem Ozkaptan
Budget and Administrative Manager*



File #: 26-0918, **Version:** 1

Meeting Date: 8/6/2026

LIQUOR COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

ACTION REQUESTED:

Consider amendments to happy hour restrictions in Section 3-3-12:3.2 of the Naperville Municipal Code

DEPARTMENT: Legal Department

SUBMITTED BY: Jennifer Bonner, Senior Assistant City Attorney

BACKGROUND:

Following Illinois's 1989 statewide happy hour ban intended to curb binge drinking, the state reversed course on July 15, 2015, by enacting Public Act 99-0046, which authorized regulated happy hour promotions. Exercising its home rule authority, the Naperville Liquor Commission voted on October 5, 2017, to keep the City's local prohibition in place.

At the July 9, 2026, Liquor Control Commission meeting, Kevin Reed (Vice President of Operations, Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano; Ancho & Agave) requested a reconsideration of this prohibition. The Liquor Commission directed staff to place the item on a future meeting agenda.

In considering any amendments to its happy hour restrictions, the City is limited to enacting regulations that are stricter than those of the state.

The Illinois Liquor Control Act permits happy hours subject to the following:

- **Time Limits:** Discounts cannot exceed 4 hours per day or 15 hours per week. Happy hours are prohibited between 10:00 PM and closing, though nonconsecutive hours are allowed within the daily 4-hour limit.
- **Pricing & Equity:** Drink prices must apply equally to all patrons (e.g., no "ladies' nights" or costume-based discounts). Single drink prices cannot be tied to conditions or increased alcoholic content without a proportional price change.
- **Prohibited Promotions:** Unlimited drinks, multi-drink specials (like 2-for-1), drinking games, contests, and free alcohol are strictly banned.
- **Notice:** Any promotion requires at least 7 days of public notice.
- **Permitted Additions:** Businesses may offer free food and entertainment at any time, or bundle food and alcohol into a single meal package.

Section 3-3-12:3.2 of the Naperville Municipal Code ("Code") establishes stricter local regulations. However, several subsections, 3-3-12:3.2.2.2, 3-3-12:3.2.2.4, and 3-3-12:3.2.2.5, duplicate state

restrictions, so staff recommends deletion of these subsections.

The City has the following stricter regulations:

- Mandating a permanent, ongoing schedule of all drink prices served on the premises.
- Prohibiting the service of two or more drinks to one person at a time (excluding bottles or carafes of wine).
- Enforcing a complete prohibition against advertising or promoting any practices banned by the Code.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-_____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 3 (BUSINESS AND LICENSE REGULATIONS),
CHAPTER 3 (LIQUOR AND TOBACCO CONTROL)
SECTION 12 (ADDITIONAL LIQUOR LICENSE RESTRICTIONS)
OF THE NAPERVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPERVILLE, DUPAGE AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, in exercise of its home rule powers that:

SECTION 1: Title 3 (Business and License Regulations), Chapter 3 (Liquor and Tobacco Control), Section 12 (Additional Liquor License Restrictions) of the Naperville Municipal Code is hereby amended by deleting the stricken language as follows:

3-3-12: - ADDITIONAL LIQUOR LICENSE RESTRICTIONS:

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| 1. Liquor Sales and Service Hours: | * | * | * |
| 2. Refilling Original Liquor Packages: | * | * | * |
| 3. Quantity Sales For On Premises Liquor Consumption: | * | * | * |
| 3.1. Promotional Drinks: | * | * | * |

3.2. Happy Hours Prohibited:

3.2.1. All licensees shall maintain a schedule of the prices charged for all drinks of alcoholic liquor to be served and consumed on the licensed premises or in any room or part thereof.

3.2.2. No licensee or its employee, staff or agent shall:

3.2.2.1. Serve two (2) or more drinks of alcoholic liquor at one time to one person for consumption, except selling or delivering wine by the bottle or carafe;

~~3.2.2.2. Sell, offer to sell or serve to any person an unlimited number of drinks of alcoholic liquor during any set period of time for a fixed price;~~

3.2.2.3. Sell, offer to sell or serve any drink of alcoholic liquor to any person at a price reduced by more than fifty percent (50%) of its scheduled price;

~~3.2.2.4. Increase the volume of alcoholic liquor contained in a drink, or the size of a drink of alcoholic liquor, without increasing the price proportionately;~~

~~3.2.2.5. Encourage or permit on the premises any game or contest which involves drinking alcoholic liquor or the awarding of alcoholic liquor as prizes for such game or contest on the premises; or~~

3.2.2.6. Advertise or promote in any way any of the practices prohibited.

3.2.3. A violation of this Section shall be grounds for suspension or revocation of the retailer's liquor license as provided in this Chapter and 235 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/7-5 et seq.

4. Third-Party Promoters:	*	*	*
5. Political Campaign Contributions Prohibited:	*	*	*
6. Service of Shots:	*	*	*
7. Downtown Establishments:	*	*	*
8. Liquor Confinement:	*	*	*
9. Location Restrictions:	*	*	*
10. Sanitary Conditions:	*	*	*

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Scott A. Wehrli
Mayor

ATTEST:

Dawn Portner
City Clerk



File #: 26-0917, **Version:** 1

Meeting Date: 8/6/2026

LIQUOR COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

ACTION REQUESTED:

Receive the DUI report for July 2026

DEPARTMENT: Police Department

SUBMITTED BY: Detective Martin Creighton, Liquor and Tobacco Liaison



CITY OF NAPERVILLE

DUI LIQUOR REPORT-JULY 2026



	NPD Case No:	Arrest Date:	DUI Case Type:	Arrestee Residence:	Naperville Establishment:	Total @ Naperville Estab.:	BAC Level:	
1	2026-00036254	07/03/2026	Alcohol	Naperville	N/A	-	.137	
2	2026-00036223	7/3/2026	Alcohol	Evanston	N/A	-	.190	
3	2026-00036519	07/05/2026	Alcohol	Minooka	N/A	-	.158	
4	2026-00036982	07/06/2026	Alcohol	Roselle	N/A	-	Refusal.	
5	2026-00037334	07/08/2026	Alcohol	Mokena	N/A	-	Refusal.	
6	2026-00037945	07/11/2026	Alcohol	Naperville	N/A	-	.097	
7	2026-00038060	07/12/2026	Alcohol	Columbia, Missouri	N/A	-	.166	
8	2026-00039314	07/18/2026	Alcohol	Downers Grove	N/A	-	.096	
9	2026-00039938	07/21/2026	Alcohol	Naperville	N/A	-	.169	
10	2026-00040193	07/22/2026	Alcohol	Woodridge	N/A	-	.176	
11	2026-00040736	07/25/2026	Alcohol	Lisle	N/A	-	.205	
12	2026-00040733	07/25/2026	Alcohol	Naperville	N/A	-	.142	
13	2026-00041237	07/28/2026	Alcohol	Naperville	N/A	-	.234	
14	2026-00041238	07/28/2026	Alcohol	Naperville	N/A	-	.123	
15	2026-00041422	07/28/2026	Alcohol	Naperville	N/A	-	.200	
16	2026-00041443	07/29/2026	Alcohol	Woodridge	N/A	-	.102	
17	2026-00041458	07/29/2026	Alcohol	Hanover Park	N/A	-	Refusal.	
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2026 TOTAL:	17							
2025 TOTAL:	26							
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2024	10	23	11	17	20	11		
2025	17	14	23	20	12	21		
2026	18	16	16	14	27	22		
Year	July	August	September	October	November	December		
2024	11	11	12	12	18	17		
2025	26	17	22	16	17	9		
2026	17	-	-	-	-	-		
Year	12 Month Average				Year to Date			
2024		14.2			173			
2025		17.8			214			
2026		18.5			130			



File #: 26-0921, **Version:** 1

Meeting Date: 8/6/2026

LIQUOR COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

ACTION REQUESTED:

Receive the tobacco report

DEPARTMENT: Police Department

SUBMITTED BY: Detective Martin Creighton, Liquor and Tobacco Liaison

BACKGROUND:

Tobacco Updates: No new items to report.



File #: 26-0915, **Version:** 1

Meeting Date: 8/6/2026

LIQUOR COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

ACTION REQUESTED:

Receive Naperville Local Liquor Law Essentials class statistics for July 2026

DEPARTMENT: Police Department

SUBMITTED BY: Detective Martin Creighton, Liquor and Tobacco Liaison

BACKGROUND:

Naperville Local Liquor Law Essentials Class:

July - 32 attendees



File #: 26-0920, **Version:** 1

Meeting Date: 8/6/2026

LIQUOR COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

ACTION REQUESTED:

Receive the Liquor Concept Committee report for July 2026

DEPARTMENT: Community Services

SUBMITTED BY: Shebnem Ozkaptan, Budget and Administrative Services Manager

BACKGROUND:

The July meeting was canceled due to a lack of liquor concept application submissions.