



CLERK'S OFFICE MEMO

To: Government Affairs Committee

From: Steven A. Braatz, Jr., City Clerk

Meeting Date: July 11, 2023

Subject: Application for new 2023-2024 Operator's License by Adam Chausee for review

A. Background/Rationale

Sec. 6.08.100 of the Wauwatosa Municipal Code provides that the City Clerk may directly issue Operator's licenses, provided that the criminal background check shows that the licensee has not violated the law substantially relating to the sale or use of alcohol, illegal substances or violations of other laws having a bearing on the applicant's fitness to sell and serve alcohol within the city.

On June 13, 2023, the Clerk's Office received an application from Adam Chausee. A background check was conducted and several substantially-related convictions appeared on the report.

The Municipal Code and State Statutes provide that the local governing body (in this case, the Government Affairs Committee) be the ultimate decision-makers in these instances.

B. Key Issues for Consideration

The Clerk's Office initially denied this application based on multiple convictions that substantially-relate to alcohol licensing activity. The applicant was offered a chance to appear before the Committee to provide competent evidence of rehabilitation, pursuant to Wis. Stat. 111.335(4)(c)1.b.

C. Requested Action

The Committee will hear from the applicant, who will provide competent evidence of rehabilitation. The Committee will then rule on the evidence and either:

1. Sustain the City Clerk's decision to deny the application, or
2. Find that the applicant provided sufficient evidence of rehabilitation, and direct the City Clerk to issue the license.