



Wauwatosa, WI

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Signature Report

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Resolution urging the Wisconsin State Legislature to amend Wis. Stat. §125.51(10) to expand temporary “Class B” alcohol license authority for nonprofit and community events

WHEREAS, Wisconsin State Statute §125.51(10) currently limits nonprofit organizations and qualifying entities to no more than two temporary “Class B” wine licenses per 12-month period; and

WHEREAS, these limits create administrative barriers for local nonprofit organizations, neighborhood associations, religious institutions, and community groups that host multiple fundraising events or festivals throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no provision under state law allowing municipalities to issue temporary “Class B” licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquor, further restricting flexibility for local event organizers and economic development partners; and

WHEREAS, expanding temporary licensing authority would allow municipalities to support community-based events, stimulate local economic activity, and encourage responsible and well-regulated alcohol service; and

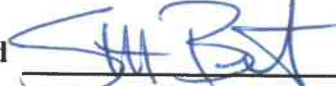
WHEREAS, municipalities across Wisconsin have expressed interest in revisiting these limits in order to accommodate recurring cultural, civic, and fundraising events that contribute to vibrant community life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Wauwatosa respectfully urges the Wisconsin State Legislature to:


1. Amend Wis. Stat. §125.51(10) to remove or increase the cap on temporary “Class B” wine licenses that a qualifying entity may receive in a calendar year; and
2. Authorize the issuance of temporary “Class B” liquor licenses, allowing municipalities to grant limited-duration permits for the sale of intoxicating liquor at community events, subject to local oversight.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the offices of State Representatives and State Senators that represent Wauwatosa, and the appropriate committees of the Wisconsin State Legislature for their consideration.

By: Government Affairs Committee

Adopted 
City Clerk Steven Braatz

Date 7-22-25

Approved 
Mayor Dennis McBride

Date 7/24/25