

Staff Responses to Council Questions

January 9, 2018

8. First Reading

B. Ordinance: Amend Theater License Provisions

What are the other theaters that offer alcohol?

Hollywood Boulevard - Woodridge

Hollywood Palms - Naperville

AMC Dine-In Yorktown - Lombard

AMC Oakbrook Center - Oakbrook

AMC Loews Streets of Woodfield - Schaumburg

AMC Showplace River Crossing - Skokie

AMC Randhurst - Mount Prospect

AMC River East - Chicago

Studio Movie Grill - Wheaton

In the “competitive” theaters, is the seating the same (many regular seats in one darkened room) where there is no audience observation?

Yes, all of the theaters listed above generally have the same seating arrangement, although some have stadium seating and tables for food service.

Is the “one drink” one drink at a time or one at the entire event?

The prohibition contained in the ordinance is for the delivery of more than one drink at a time.

With less observation and “food” service type, wouldn’t this make the case for fewer restrictions at other venues?

The Village Council has the discretion to amend regulations for each liquor license classification.

C. Ordinance: Prohibit the Purchase and Possession of Alternative Nicotine Products by Minors

Did a change in state law prompt this proposed ordinance change? Are other municipalities taking similar actions?

Yes, State law was amended to include the definition of alternative nicotine products. The proposed amendment mirrors the State law definition and will allow the Village to issue citations pursuant to Village ordinance, as opposed to State law. Yes, other municipalities have also amended local ordinances to include the definition of alternative nicotine products.

Non-Agenda Questions

Peer Jury - How many Downers Grove cases were handled by the peer jury in 2015, 2016 and 2017?

Year	Cases Handled by Peer Jury
2015	15
2016	28
2017	9*

*Partial Year data, Peer Jury Terminated 07/21/17

How are the cases which would have been referred to peer jury being handled now?

Cases that were previously handled by the peer jury are now being handled in three ways: Station Adjustments, Village Ordinance Violations or a Preliminary Conference with DuPage County Probation. The investigation officer assigned to the case determines the most appropriate method. These three methods are described below:

Station Adjustment:

This is the first level in the consequence chain after a juvenile has committed a minor indiscretion requiring police intervention. Station Adjustments are documented and kept on file within the police department and are used in minor incidents such as curfew violations.

Village Ordinance Violation:

Defined as a violation of an ordinance that requires the appearance at Downers Grove Field Court or payment of a fine at the Police Department.

Preliminary Conference With DuPage County Probation:

A preliminary conference is held with the juvenile and his/her family to determine if diversion from the juvenile court process would be appropriate. Questions are asked concerning the minor and his/her family's home situation, school, peers and drug and alcohol usage. After gathering the appropriate information, the Probation Officer may recommend a Probation Adjustment and may make referrals to agencies such as Family and Individual Counseling, Drug and Alcohol Counseling, and Advocacy. If a Probation Adjustment is not appropriate, the Probation Officer will recommend that a delinquent petition be filed in Juvenile Court.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no rEmarks this week.