



Legislation Text

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**City Council Meeting Date:** June 5, 2018

**To:** Mayor and City Council  
City Administrator

**From:** Deb Little, City Clerk  
Monte Nelson, Chief of Police

Consider Approval of Liquor Licenses for Northfield Hotel Properties, LLC at 114 Second Str. W.

**Action Requested:**

The Northfield City Council is being asked to consider approval of On-sale Intoxicating and Sunday Liquor Licenses for Northfield Hotel Properties LLC dba Fairfield Inn & Suites Northfield located at 114 Second Str. W., Northfield subject to:

- Department of Public Safety Alcohol & Gambling Enforcement Approval
- Submittal of all final documents
- Final inspection of premises

**Summary Report:**

Northfield Hotel Properties LLC dba Fairfield Inn & Suites Northfield has applied for On-sale Intoxicating and Sunday Liquor Licenses for 114 Second Str. W., Northfield. The application for liquor license has been checked for compliance, which covers the provisions of Minnesota State law and City Code. Staff will be meeting with the licensee and conducting a walk-through of their facility on Monday, June 4, 2018. Staff recommends approval of the licenses with the conditions noted which include Department of Public Safety Alcohol & Gambling Enforcement approval, submittal of all final documents and final inspection of premises. This is the second of two items for this license. A public hearing was held on this license application.

Upon approval and issuance of this license, there will be a total of 36 liquor licenses issued in the City of Northfield in the following categories:

- 1 - Club license
- 17 - On-Sale Intoxicating licenses
- 10 - On-Sale Wine/3.2 licenses
- 5 - Off-sale 3.2 licenses
- 1 - Cocktail Room license
- 2 - Taproom licenses

Periodically questions are raised regarding statutory restrictions on the number of on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses that may be issued in Northfield. Currently Northfield has 16 on-sale intoxicating liquor license holders. Northfield is a city of the second class and therefore may issue not more than 18 on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses, subject to very broad exclusions. The applicable statute is 340A.413, Subd. 1 (3). However,

340A.413, Subd. 4, excludes the following from the restrictions stated in Subd. 1:

- clubs
- restaurants
- establishments that are licensed to sell wine under section 340A.404, Subd. 5
- theaters that are issued licenses under section 340A.404
- hotels, and
- bowling centers

The existing on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses in Northfield all fall into those categories that are noted above. Therefore, they are excluded from the restriction.

**Alternative Options:**

N/A

**Financial Impacts:**

The City will receive a prorated amount of \$2,143.33 for the licenses and background check fees.

**Tentative Timelines:**

If approved, certification and license application will be sent to the Department of Public Safety Alcohol & Gambling Enforcement Division for review and approval. Once the Alcohol & Gambling Division approves the license, final documents are submitted, and the final inspection of premises has been completed, the liquor licenses will be issued.