



Legislation Text

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City Council Meeting Date: April 4, 2017

To: Mayor and City Council
City Administrator

From: Deb Little, City Clerk

Public Hearing for Proposed Liquor Licenses for Tanzenwald Brewing Company - 103 Water Str. N.

Action Requested:

The Northfield City Council is being asked to hold a public hearing and by separate action consider approval of a Brewer Taproom On-sale, Off-sale and Sunday Liquor Licenses for Tazenwald Brewing Company, LLC, 103 Water Street N., Northfield.

Summary Report:

Tazenwald Brewing Company, LLC, dba Tanzewald Brewing Company, has applied for brewer taproom on-sale, off-sale and Sunday liquor licenses. Tanzewald Brewing Company meets the qualifications necessary for these licenses.

Tazenwald Brewing Company will be the first microbrewery/taproom to open Northfield. They will offer an eclectic list of beer styles in their taproom including growlers for off-sale consumption. In addition to beer, Tazenwald will also make German-inspired food. The brewery's goal is to source as many ingredients from Northfield and Minnesota farms as possible.

As defined in Northfield City Code Chapter 6 - Alcoholic Beverages, a Brewer Taproom (also known as a microbrewery) means a facility on the premises of or adjacent to the premises owned by a brewer, licensed under Minn. Stat. § 340A.301, intended for the on-sale consumption and limited off-sale of beer produced on site by the brewer as authorized by Minn. Stat. § 340A.26. The only alcoholic beverage that may be sold or consumed on the premises of the holder of a brewer taproom license will be the malt liquor produced by the brewer upon the brewery premises. The off-sale of malt liquor, permitted by City Code 6-57 (d) (3) c. & e., may only be made during the days and hours that off-sale of liquor may be made at the municipal liquor store as stated in section 6-134 of the City Code, except that malt liquor in growlers only may be sold at off-sale on Sundays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. and shall be packaged pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 340A.285 in 64-ounce containers commonly known as "growlers" or in 750 milliliter bottles. A complete copy of Northfield City Code Chapter 6 is attached (attachment 1).

Public hearing notices were mailed to property owners within 350' of 103 Water Str. N. A copy of the public hearing notice and map are attached (attachment 2 & 3). The public hearing notice was also published in the Northfield News on Wednesday, March 22, 2017.

Alternative Options:

None.

Financial Impacts:

None.

Tentative Timelines:

Consideration of license approval is scheduled following the public hearing. If approved, certification and off-sale license applications will be sent to the Department of Public Safety Alcohol & Gambling Enforcement Division.