

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6 "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES"  
OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO INCLUDE MICROBREWERIES,  
MICRODISTILLERIES AND MICROWINERIES**

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**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the public health safety and welfare to amend the Code of Ordinances to provide for liquor license classifications for breweries, new pubs and distillers; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that amending the Code of Ordinances to allow breweries, new pubs and distillers will serve to benefit the business economy of the City, reduce vacant commercial and industrial properties in the City and increase the taxable revenue to the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Rolling Meadows, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 6, "Alcoholic Beverages", Section 6-1 is hereby amended by adding thereto, the following definition after the definition "Management":

*Microbrewery* means a manufacturer of alcoholic malt beverages of up to 15,000 barrels per year for the purpose of wholesale distribution of a majority of its product with incidental sales of up to 3,000 barrels to the public for on-site consumption or carry-out. The microbrewery facility may include an ancillary tasting room and retail sales in which guests/customers may sample and purchase the product(s) associated with the facilities use, and/or products manufactured on-site.

*Microdistillery* means a small-scale artisan manufacturing business that blends, ferments, processes, packages, and distributes alcoholic spirits on the premises. The microdistillery facility may include an ancillary tasting room and retail component in which guests/customers may sample and purchase the product(s) associated with the facilities use, and/or products manufactured on-site. Operation of the facility shall be consistent with Illinois State law regarding "Craft Distillers".

*Microwinery* means a combination retail, wholesale, and small-scale artisan manufacturing business that blends, ferments, processes, packages, and distributes wine for sale on or off-site. The microwinery facility may include an ancillary tasting room and retail component in which guests/customers may sample and purchase the product(s) associated with the facilities use, and/or products manufactured on-site.

Operation of the facility shall be consistent with Illinois State law regarding "Second Class Wine Makers".

**SECTION 2.** Subparagraph (l) of Section 6-32 of Chapter 6, "Alcoholic Beverages" is hereby re-lettered (n).

**SECTION 3.** Section 6-36 of Chapter 6 "Alcoholic Beverages" is hereby amended by adding thereto, the following:

- (k) Class H – Microbrewery
- (l) Class I – Microdistillery
- (m) Class J – Microwinery

**SECTION 4.** Chapter 6, “Alcoholic Beverages”, Section 6-37, “Restrictions on Number and Classification” is hereby amended by adding thereto, the following:

(12) Zero Class H Licenses

(13) Zero Class I Licenses

(14) Zero Class J. Licensees

**SECTION 5.** Section 6-38(a) of Chapter 6, “Alcoholic Beverages” is hereby repealed and replaced with the following:

(a) Class A1, A2, A3, B, B-1, D, E, H, I, J, P and G1 licenses shall terminate one year from issuance of the license.

**SECTION 6.** Section 6-77 of Chapter 6, “Alcoholic Beverages” is hereby amended by adding thereto, the following:

(i) It shall be lawful to sell or offer for sale at retail under class H, I, or J licenses alcoholic liquors in the City on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., the following morning; on Fridays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 a.m. Saturday morning; and on Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 a.m. Sunday morning. On New Year’s Even alcoholic liquors may be sold at retail until 4:00 a.m. the following morning. For all designated bank holidays, not falling on a weekend, the hours of sale may be from 7:00a.m. to 2:00a.m. the next day.

**SECTION 7.** Section 6-84 of Chapter 6, "Alcoholic Beverages" is hereby amended by adding thereto, the following:

Sec. 6-84 Tastings

Class H, I and J licensees which conduct tastings shall comply with the provisions and limitations of the Illinois Liquor Control Act and the regulations of the Illinois Liquor Control Commission.

**SECTION 8.** Article IV, "Alcoholic Beverages", Appendix B – Schedule of Rates, Fees, Fines and Penalties is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

Class	Annual Fee
H	\$5,000.00
I	\$5,000.00
J	\$5,000.00

**SECTION 9.** Article XII, "Business Licenses" of Appendix B – Schedule of Rates, Fees, Fines and Penalties is hereby amended by adding thereto the following after "Mechanical Amusement Devices, per device":

Business License Category	Final Fee	6-Month Renewal Rate	Calendar Year Renewal
Microbrewery	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Microdistillery	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Microwinery	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$200.00

**SECTION 10.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of Rolling Meadows, Cook County, Illinois this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2019.

YEAS: Budmats, O'Brien, Vinezeano, Bisesi, D'Astice, Sanoica, Cannon

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

Passed and Approved this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2019.

  
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Joe Gallo, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Judith Brose, Deputy City Clerk

Published this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019.

  
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Judith Brose, Deputy City Clerk