

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Wheaton City Council will conduct a public meeting on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers of the Wheaton City Hall to consider a request from the Wheaton Park District to amend the Special Use Permit for Memorial Park authorized by Ordinance No. O-2019-21 to permit the sale of alcohol for events at Memorial Park that are both categorized as Special Events and those events that are not.

Ordinance No. O-2019-21 permits the sale of alcohol for events at Memorial Park that are categorized as Special Events (events such as the Taste of Wheaton, Brewfest and October Fest are categorized as Special Events). The Park District is now seeking to sell alcohol at events that are not categorized as Special Events (events such as the proposed Concert Series; 10 dates - 5 weeks, two days each weekend and Shakespeare in the Park).

The specific language of the proposed amendment to the existing Special Use Permit Ordinance No. O-2019-21, subsection E would read as follows:

“E. ALCOHOL SALES: All events including but not limited to a fair, carnival, circus, festival, concert, demonstration, march, rally, performance, or show that take place within the boundaries of the Subject Property, shall be reviewed by the City as set forth in Chapter 10, Article II, Special Events, and considered an individual Special Event, despite the fact that an event may not meet the definition of a Special Event set forth in Section 10-4, Definitions. Sales of alcohol on the Subject Property shall also be subject to the provisions of an Outdoor Special Event Liquor License as provided for in Section 6.87.5, Outdoor Special Event Liquor License, as well as all other applicable provisions of Chapter 6, Alcoholic Beverages. The Park District shall contract with the City to provide two off-duty police officers present at each outdoor event at all times during the hours of operation. At the Chief of Police’s discretion, the Park District shall be required to hire additional off-duty officers once attendance at any event exceeds five hundred (500) persons. Notice to the Chief of Police of attendance in excess of five hundred (500) persons shall be provided prior to five (5) business days of a scheduled outdoor event. All outdoor sale of alcohol permitted under an Outdoor Special Event Liquor License at the Subject Property shall cease no later than 9:30pm.”

At the public meeting, anyone wishing to make a public statement will be encouraged to do so. Written comments may be submitted to the Mayor and City Council prior to or at the public meeting. A copy of the request from the Wheaton Park District to amend the Special Use Permit for Memorial Park is available for review in the office of the Director of Planning and Economic Development, 303 West Wesley Street, Wheaton, Illinois during normal business hours.

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City of Wheaton, Illinois

