City of South Beloit Liquor Commission Hearing/Meeting
AGENDA
Monday, November 16, 2026 at 4:55 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall
519 Blackhawk Blvd., South Beloit

ROLL CALL:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 1. Approval of Minutes of Liquor Commission Meeting held on June 15, 2026.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: 1. Hearing for Revocation or Suspension of Class D and Class G Liquor Licenses or Other Penalties for Gardner Liquor, Inc. (d/b/a Everett's Wines, Spirits and Beer), 426 Gardner Street, South Beloit, Illinois

OTHER BUSINESS:

ADJOURN:

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO
BEFORE THE LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT, ILLINOIS

In the Matter of the License of:

Gardner Liquor, Inc.
d/b/a Everett's Wines, Spirits and Beer)
426 Gardner Street)
South Beloit, IL 61080)

NOTICE OF HEARING
FOR POSSIBLE REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF LIQUOR LICENSE
OR OTHER PENALTIES

To:

Gardner Liquor Inc.
d/b/a Everett's Wines, Spirits and Beer
426 Gardner Street
South Beloit, IL 61080

Prakash Navadia
[redacted]

You are hereby notified, pursuant to Section 5/7-5 of the Illinois Liquor Control Act and as a holder of a Class D and Class G License from the City of South Beloit, Illinois, that the undersigned shall hold a hearing on the **16th day of November, 2026, at 4:55 p.m., in the City of South Beloit, City Hall, 519 Blackhawk Blvd., South Beloit, Illinois** to determine whether your said liquor license should be suspended or revoked, or other penalties issued, by reason of the following:

Count I

City of South Beloit Code of Ordinances Section 62-62 Possession, transfer, or sale of unregulated Tetrahydrocannabinol Acetate Ester (THCO) products prohibited. *Possession, transfer, or sale prohibited.* It shall be unlawful for any person, including any licensee, to possess, sell. offer for sale, give away or deliver any product that contains unregulated Delta-8 THC or Delta-9 THC. The provisions of this section shall have no bearing or effect on adult-use cannabis business establishments licensed by: (1) the city: and (2) the State of Illinois pursuant to the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act or Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act, if any.

Count II

City of South Beloit Code of Ordinances Section 118-15 (k) (6) Inside signs: No permit is required if the proposed sign does not exceed the following limitations: Signs inside a business but

intended to be viewed from a public right-of-way. Inside signs whether permanent or temporary are permitted in the CR, CG, CT districts subject to the following restriction: no more than 30 percent of the window surface of the business may be obscured by signage or other obstructions.

Count III

City of South Beloit Code of Ordinances Section 1-8 (d) General penalty for violation of Code; continuing violations; nonpayment of fine and costs and nonpayment of outstanding debt. No licenses, certificates, and/or permits, or renewal of the same, required by the laws and ordinances of the city shall be issued to any person or entity who is indebted to the city for any city sewer service or other city services or utilities, fees, fines, judgments, levies or any other debts due and owing to the city from such person, entity, or otherwise interested party to such requested license, certificate and/or permit, until the indebtedness is paid in full.

In violation of City of South Beloit Code of Ordinances Chapter 62, Section 62 and Chapter 118, Section 118-15(k)(6), on or about November 5, 2026, THC drinks were observed to be offered for sale on an open shelf at Everett's Wines, Spirits, and Beer, whose address is 426 Gardner Street, South Beloit, Illinois 61080. Please see Exhibit A, "Photo of THC Drinks", attached hereto and incorporated herein, showing the cans of THC drinks on a shelf offered for sale.

Additionally, signs inside of the window were observed from the public right-of-way in the window the Everett's Wines, Spirits, and Beer, whose address is 426 Gardner Street, South Beloit, Illinois 61080. Such signs took up more than 30 percent (30%) of the window space available as the majority of the window is covered with signs containing an advertisement for "Buzz Balls", "Yuengling", "Traditional Lager", "VAPE", and "OPEN". Please see Exhibit B, "Photo of Window Sign", attached hereto and incorporated herein, showing the majority of the front window to the left of the entry door obscured with signs.

Finally, taxes for the calendar year 2025 were due and owing to the City on June 12, 2026, and September 11, 2026. As of the date on this letter, the taxes have not been remitted to the County of Winnebago and the portion of such amounts remain outstanding to the City. Please see Exhibit C, attached hereto and incorporated herein, showing the total property taxes due to the County of Winnebago for each of the PINs associated with Everett's Wines, Spirits, and Beer, for the property at 426 Gardner Street, South Beloit, Illinois, 61080.

An entity holding a Class D and Class G Retail Liquor Dealer's Licenses must comply with all provisions of the City's Code of Ordinances, including the Liquor Code. As Everett's Wines, Spirits, and Beer is in violation of three (3) Sections of the City's Code of Ordinances, they are in violation of their Retail Liquor Dealer's License.

City of South Beloit City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6, Article 1, Section 6-91. - Revocation and suspension

The liquor control commissioner may:

(1) Revoke or suspend any retail liquor dealer's license for the violation of any provisions of the Liquor Control Act, any valid ordinance, resolution or for the violation of any applicable rule or state law or any law pertaining to regulations established by the local liquor control commissioner or the state commission which is not inconsistent with the sale of alcoholic liquor upon sufficient proof of such violation; or

(2) Upon notification by the state department of revenue, the local liquor control commissioner may refuse the issuance or renewal of a license, fine a license, or suspend or revoke any license issued by the city if the licensee or license applicant has violated the provisions of section 3 of the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. In addition to the suspension, the local liquor control commissioner may levy a fine on the licensee for such violations. The fine imposed shall not exceed $1,000.00 for a first violation within a 12-month period, $1,500.00 for a second violation within a 12-month period, and $2,500.00 for a third or subsequent violation within a 12-month period. Each day on which a violation continues shall constitute a separate violation. Not more than $15,000.00 in fines under this section may be imposed against any licensee during the period of his license. Proceeds from such fines shall be paid into the general corporate fund of the city treasury.

At the **hearing on Monday, November 16, at 4:55pm**, you shall be given the opportunity to appear and defend against such charges. Please take notice that at said hearing you may be represented by an attorney, and you may call witnesses on your behalf.

Roxanne Sosnowski, City Attorney
on behalf of
Tom Fitzgerald, Liquor Commissioner
City of South Beloit, Illinois

Date: 11/11/2026

By: [redacted]
City Attorney

EXHIBIT A – PHOTO OF THC DRINKS



EXHIBIT B – PHOTO OF WINDOW SIGN



EXHIBIT C – DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES

For property commonly known as 426 Gardner Street, South Beloit, Illinois, Winnebago County:

Parcel Identification Number	Property Taxes Due 6/12/2026	Property Taxes Due 9/11/2026
04-05-159-004	$470.28	$460.59
04-05-159-005	$5,722.88	$5,793.32
04-05-159-006	$367.09	$361.72
04-05-159-007	$336.82	$332.72
04-05-159-008	$324.77	$321.17
04-05-302-003	$209.47	$210.71