



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

### **TEMPORARY BEER GARDEN LICENSE**

### **Chapter 6 - ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR**

#### **Sec. 6-1. - Short title.**

This Chapter shall be known and may be cited as the Cook County Liquor Control Act

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#### **Sec. 6-11. - Beer garden license.**

- (a) The annual fee for a beer garden license is hereby established and the fee for this license is set out in Section 32-1.
- (b) In addition to the requirements set forth in Section 6-9 of this Chapter, an applicant for a beer garden shall mail, by first class mail, notices to all persons who reside upon lots lying within 1,000 feet of the property lines of the location for which the license is sought. The applicant must file with the Liquor Control Commissioner the following:
- (i) A certificate of service which shall consist of an affidavit signed by the person or persons who effectuated the mailing, verifying the date of mailing and listing names and addresses of individuals served;
  - (ii) An affidavit verifying that all persons entitled to notice under this Section are listed in the certificate of service as having been served with notice;
  - (iii) A complete list containing the names and addresses of the persons served with notice; and
  - (iv) A written statement certifying that the requirements of this Section have been met.
- (c) This notice shall be sent to all persons to whom the current real estate tax bills are sent as shown on the record of the Cook County Treasurer's Office, and to all persons residing on or in possession of portions of the premises whose names are listed on mailboxes, bells or signs on the premises. When a condominium development is within 1,000 feet of the subject location, the notice need only be sent to the condominium association. The notice shall be sent no

sooner than 60 days and no later than 30 days before the filing of the beer garden license application with the Liquor Control Commissioner. Such notice shall state the name and residence address of the applicant, the street number and location of the premises for which the license is sought, the type of license sought, the hours of operation for the premises to be licensed, and the date on which the application will be filed. The notice shall also state that any objection to the granting of the license sought shall be made to the Liquor Control Commissioner, in writing, signed by the objector and sent before or within ten days after the date for filing the application as indicated on the notice, and shall set forth the specific grounds for the objection.

(d) At the time of filing the application for a beer garden license, the applicant shall furnish the Liquor Control Commissioner a complete list containing the names and addresses of the persons served with notice and the applicant shall also furnish to the Liquor Control Commissioner a written statement certifying that the requirements of this Section have been complied with. The Liquor Control Commissioner shall not accept an application for a beer garden license unless the applicant complies in all respects with the requirements of this Section. No beer garden license shall be issued to any applicant who does not hold a retailer's liquor license for the adjacent indoor premises for which a beer garden license is sought.

(e) Temporary beer garden license.

(i) In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, any person who, as of June 1, 2020, holds a valid 2020-2021 Cook County retailer's liquor license may apply for a temporary beer garden license for that location.

(ii) Applicants must complete an application as provided by the Liquor Control Commissioner.

(iii) Temporary beer garden licenses will be effective until December 31, 2020. The fee for a temporary beer garden license is \$300.00. Payment must be remitted at the time of the filing of the application. Pursuant to Section 6-10 of this Chapter, the license fee will be refunded if the temporary beer garden application is denied. Applicants may also apply for a temporary beer garden special late license, subject to the requirements in Section 6-34. There is no fee for a temporary beer garden special late license.

(iv) For the temporary beer garden license only, the notice requirements in subsections (b), (c), and (d) of this Section are not required. However, those notice requirements must still be followed by any applicant applying for a regular beer garden license, even if the applicant has or previously had a temporary beer garden license pursuant to this Section.

(v) Applicants must comply with all other Sections of this Chapter and applicable County ordinances. A temporary beer garden license will not be issued without the approval of the Cook County Department of Building and Zoning and the Cook County Department of Public Health as required by Section 6-8.

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**Effective date:** This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.