
**VILLAGE OF SUGAR GROVE
BOARD REPORT**

TO: VILLAGE PRESIDENT & BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION: ALLOWING BOARD MEMBERS TO HOLD A LIQUOR
LICENSE
AGENDA: APRIL 5, 2022 REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DATE: MARCH 22, 2022

ISSUE

Should the Village Board discuss amending the Village Code to allow Village Board members to hold liquor licenses.

DISCUSSION

In our ongoing review of the Village Liquor License Ordinance, staff noted that the current Ordinance expressly prohibits public officials from obtaining or holding a liquor license in the Village.

3-2-5: RESTRICTIONS ON ISSUANCE OF LICENSE:

No such license shall be issued to:

- N. Any law enforcing public official, village president or member of the board of trustees of Sugar Grove and no such official shall be interested in any way, either directly or indirectly, in the manufacture, sale or distribution of alcoholic liquor.

Current State Statute (253 ILCS 5/6-2) does provide that a president or any member of the village board of trustees may obtain a liquor license for a location in the Village with restrictions including 1) the sale of the alcoholic liquor pursuant to the license is incidental to the selling of food and 2) the official granted a license does not vote on alcoholic liquor issues pending before the board to which the license holder is elected. Further, if the president holds a liquor license, an alternative Local Liquor Control Commissioner appointment must be made in accordance with 235 ILCS 5/4-2.

While many surrounding communities also prohibit public officials from obtaining or holding a liquor license, there are those that do including Geneva, Batavia and, most recently, St. Charles.

COST

There is no cost to hold the discussion. There will be a small cost to codify any changes to the ordinance; that cost is already included in the budget.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Village Board discuss amending the Village Code to allow Village Board members to hold liquor licenses and direct staff accordingly.