

**AGENDA  
CITY OF ST. CHARLES  
LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2015  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS @ 4:30 PM  
2 E MAIN STREET**

1. Call to Order.
2. Roll Call.
3. Motion to accept and place on file minutes of the Liquor Control Commission meeting held on July 20, 2015.
4. Recommendation to approve a massage establishment license for Still Waters Spa, LLC to be located at 2075 Prairie Street, St. Charles.
5. Recommendation to approve a class E-2 liquor license for Alley 64 Bar and Grill for August 29 and 30 for the Veterans Wishes/Jack Axe event at the Kane County Fairgrounds.
6. Discussion on recent “Happy Hour” changes posted by the Illinois Liquor Control Commission regarding Public Act 99-0046 which went into effect on July 15, 2015.
7. Other Business.
8. Executive Session (5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(4)).
9. Adjournment.

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ST. CHARLES, IL  
LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING  
MONDAY, JULY 20, 2015**

**1. Opening of Meeting**

The meeting was convened by Liquor Commissioner Rogina at 4:30 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Liquor Commissioner Rogina, Robert Gehm, Ald. Payleitner, and Chuck Amenta

**Absent:** Ald. Lewis

**Others Present:** Police Chief Keegan, Atty. John McGuirk, Mark Koenen, Tina Nilles

**3. Recommendation to accept and place on file minutes of the Liquor Control Commission meeting held on June 15, 2015.**

Voice Vote: Ayes: unanimous, Nays: none. Motion carried.

**4. Recommendation to hear a proposal from Jennifer and Peter Nicholas who are representing Bellawhisk d/b/a/ Painting With A Twist to be located at 141 S 1<sup>st</sup> Street.**

**Chief Keegan:** Before you this evening is a proposal for a yet to be classified liquor license. This is a proposed business set to take ownership/custody of the building in September with a target opening date of October of this year. It will be located at 141 S 1<sup>st</sup> Street in one of our up and coming business districts. It's a different concept of a new business practice called Painting with a Twist. We initiated the background process at the Police Department, fingerprints were taken and we'll get out to do a site inspection to coincide with them taking over custody of the site. BASSET training, Dram Shop insurance and the background is all pending. The applicants are here this evening.

**Jennifer Nicholas:** The concept is you call or walk in for a painting class. You come with friends, or a mix of people for two hours and an artist entertains you, you paint a picture, and you leave. It's not to sit around and drink alcohol. The wine and beer is there if you like a drink. It's kept in a cabinet. There is no bar or seating at a bar to drink. We'll be done by midnight every night with offering two classes per night. We also will have a private party room available. The floor plan is still being built out. This franchise is very much into the community wanting us to spend \$1,000 every month with the local town in advertising. They want us to have, at least once a month, a charity event of some sort. There will also be classes geared for families.

The “twist” concept is you don’t have to have a drink. It’s not geared towards cork and brush where people are thinking alcohol and paint. Coffee will also be served. I want people to come in to have a fun experience on any given day as they walk by.

**Robert Gehm:** This sounds like a neat concept to have downtown with the focus of having fun. How do you recruit the instructors to teach a painting class?

**Chrmn. Rogina:** We had a conversation prior to this meeting and I would like you to talk to the Commission regarding that; although there are some businesses of this type within the area, this is the first Painting with a Twist franchise in Illinois.

**Jennifer:** We went to our “Discovery Day” and they talked about the franchise and did a background check on us to decide if we were eligible for the franchise. The next step is I’ve contacted College of DuPage and will run an ad for local artists going to art school or graduating teachers; select 4 or 5 of them to go to a “Discovery Day” where they will get trained to entertain and paint approximately 10 of their basic pictures. We will have a website where a whole week is mapped out to what kind of picture will be painted and we’ll also have a day that you can paint your pet where you send in a picture of your pet and they will sketch it for you to paint.

**Robert:** So after they are certified as an artist teacher they are rotated on a schedule?

**Jennifer:** Yes, we can select a teacher’s personality that will best fit a certain audience. The franchise interviews the artists as well.

**Ald. Payleitner:** Thank you for your thorough packet. Does the \$35 fee include alcohol or is there a separate fee for that?

**Jennifer:** Alcohol beverages have a fee but coffee and water are free.

**Chuck Amenta:** I have no questions.

**Chrmn. Rogina:** It’s been outlined here why we need to have staff recommend to Government Operations a site specific D-8 license, because based on what Jennifer just told us, a C license would not work since that license requires food. So we recommend staff make a proposal to present to Government Operations Committee a D-8 license. I would like to have attached to that recommendation support for the concept (this is a compound motion).

Motion by Ald. Payleitner, second by Mr. Gehm to have staff proposed a D-8 license to the Government Operations Committee that is site specific to 141 S 1<sup>st</sup> Street and endorsement by the Liquor Control Commission.

**Roll Call:** Ayes: Gehm, Payleitner, Amenta; Nays: None; Absent: Lewis. Chrmn. Rogina did not vote as Chairman. **Motion carried.**

**Chrmn. Rogina:** This will go to the August 3 Government Operations Committee, staff will bring forth a draft D-8 ordinance for discussion and I ask for the applicant to be there as well.

**Chief Keegan:** I did ask the franchisees to research for us and talk to the corporate attorneys from the franchise to see if they have any sample language from other communities, even if it's out of state this is a business model that we would like to see what other franchisees have accomplished.

**5. Recommendation to approve a proposed code revision for Title 5 “Business Licenses and Regulations”, Chapter 5.08 “Alcoholic Beverages”, Section 5.08.090 “License Classifications/Class B Restaurant Licenses”, Section 5.08.260 “Regulations Applicable to Certain Licenses Only”.**

**Chief Keegan:** Often times the Police Department works in concert with Economic Development to make sure we're business friendly and doing our part to recruit and retain solid businesses in St. Charles. As part of that effort, I often times look at our liquor code to make sure it's attractive to perspective businesses. What we've seen as of late is there are always trends and themes (as was just presented earlier) in the entertaining district. We've seen some other communities develop business models or liquor license models similar to what I'm presenting. There's a memo in the packet of some B-3 recommendations that we're proposing to put us at the forefront of economic development in being business friendly. (Chief read into record the proposed language for a B-3 license.)

***Proposed language***

**5.08.090 License – Classifications**

**B. Class B – Restaurant Licenses**

B-3. Class B-3 licenses shall authorize the retail sale of alcoholic liquors for consumption on the premises of a restaurant and tavern. Class B-3 shall also authorize the retail sale of wine in original packages only within the retail wine area of the premises. The retail wine area shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total square footage of the premises. Further, wine and tasting bars shall be permitted in the retail wine area of said premises, and wine tasting may be conducted in accordance with St. Charles Municipal Code 5.08.260 (B).

What we've seen is a combination restaurant and packaged wine establishments. It's a growing trend in Chicago and across the region.

**Chrmn. Rogina:** I can think of a few restaurants that I gone to in the vast metropolitan area that have not only been fine restaurants but have had retail sales and wine clubs. There was also an occasion of a tasting. I think this is a shrewd move on the part of Economic Development.

**Ald. Payleitner:** How is this different than what they do at Olive Garden now? You're able to taste whatever their house wine is and you can buy a bottle.

**Chief Keegan:** This business model looks at the retail piece (Class A license) somewhat like wine clubs and there's one out in rural Geneva and a popular winery in Roselle. It's a restaurant and entertainment piece with fine dining experience, but a lot of their sales is also the wine store and wine club.

**Ald. Payleitner:** You don't have to go to the restaurant to buy the wine?

**Chief Keegan:** Correct, it's all under one roof. It's a wine stop shop. You can go there and enjoy a good meal and a glass of wine but you can also go to the retail store/wine club and buy a bottle of wine.

**Chuck:** What pops into mind is a micro-brew; could that be where they'll have on-site brewing and sell the package beer, for example, after your meal?

**Chief Keegan:** We've haven't seen a micro-brewery concept in our area yet, but will keep our nose to the grindstone on that. This is more for the winery piece.

**Chrmn. Rogina:** To Chuck's point, this particular ordinance is wine exclusive. So per Chuck's question if there was something like that, we would look into it with another ordinance.

**Chief Keegan:** The business models I'm referring to is the Acquaviva Winery on the outskirts of Geneva and Lynfred Winery in Roselle.

**Robert:** The one I thought of is Cooper Hawks in Naperville where they have a really nice dining experience and have a small retail where you can have a tasting and buy a bottle of wine. It's all part of the same establishment but separated.

**Chrmn. Rogina:** Getting to Chief Keegan's original point of giving Economic Development another tool to put in their arsenal to work with in recruiting businesses to St. Charles is crucial.

**Chief Keegan:** I would also like to read in one other piece of language to the code that is a housekeeping measure to include the B-3 language into that part of the code.

#### **5.08.260 Regulations Applicable to Certain Licenses Only**

##### **B. Class A, Class B-3, Class D-1, and Class E Licenses - Wine and Beer Tasting.**

Class A, Class B-3, Class D-1 and local liquor license holders may conduct on premise wine and beer tasting, but only in connection with the bona fide sale of wine or beer in the original package for consumption not on the premises. Wine and beer tasting shall be confined to samples of not more than one ounce (1 oz.) of wine and two ounces (2 oz.) of beer in conjunction with the anticipated sale of wine and beer. The sample shall be provided without compensation. Class E local liquor license holders may conduct such wine and beer tasting, but only with the written approval of the Local Liquor Control Commissioner.

Motion by Ald. Payleitner, second by Amenta to approve a recommendation to approve a proposed code revision for Title 5 “Business Licenses and Regulations”, Chapter 5.08 “Alcoholic Beverages”, Section 5.08.090 “License Classifications/Class B Restaurant Licenses”, Section 5.08.260 “Regulations Applicable to Certain Licenses Only”.

**Roll Call:** Ayes: Gehm, Payleitner, Amenta; Nays: None; Absent: Lewis. Chrmn. Rogina did not vote as Chairman. **Motion carried.**

## **6. Other Business**

**Chrmn. Rogina:** We are aware of a state statute passed and signed by the Governor regarding Happy Hour. Our particular city ordinance mirrors the state statute and to this point it prohibited Happy Hour. The law has changed and the City Administrator’s office is receiving questions on this. We have the law itself to read over and would give us month to read through it and discuss it further at the August meeting.

**Chief Keegan:** I provided Tina with some questions/answers that were put out by the Illinois Liquor Commission. This law just took effect on July 15 and as a home rule community, we can be more restrictive, just not less restrictive than state law. So this is a basic outline of some of the changes.

**Ald. Payleitner:** So as it is right now, we are beholding to the state statute?

**Atty. McGuirk:** The new law still prohibits 2-for-1 drinks. What the new law allows is reduced prices.

**Chrmn. Rogina:** We are going to review this carefully and talk, ask, answer questions next month; but what about right now if a licensee decides to do something?

**Atty. McGuirk:** Right now the law is in effect and they still can’t do 2-for-1 drinks because the statute hasn’t changed that. They can do a reduce price, they have to give 7-day notice of the reduction period on their website, 4-hour limitation up to 15 hours a week. That’s the primary one for the drinks. There is more regarding meal package and party packages. I don’t believe we prohibited those before in ordinance.

**Chrmn. Rogina:** Than Tina’s in a position to advise anyone who asks her about this to tell them to follow the state statute. We, as a city, will be more clear about that in our ordinance in due time after we review the document.

**Atty. McGuirk:** Again what our ordinance says now is that 2-for-1 is still prohibited. They cannot serve that – this hasn’t change. So to the extent that they are not doing reduce price now, the state statute is in effect and they can do that if they follow these provisions.

**Tina:** To clarify I can tell anyone who asked questions that that can now follow state statutes according to this handout of which I will give them; and let them know these allowances may be adjusted accordingly to our home rule process.

**Chrmn. Rogina:** We will honor the fact that in August we'll address this topic in more detail and have a dialogue of what recommendations you might have.

**Chief Keegan:** I will reach out to some other municipalities and see what others have done as far as being responsive to this law change and give me some time to digest the logistic effect.

**Mark:** I would suggest sending everyone a letter with the attachment giving them the lay of land and state this will be further discussed at the August meeting and invite them to attend.

**7. Executive Session (5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(4)).**

**8. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Gehm, second Ald. Payleitner Gehm at 5:00 p.m.

**Voice Vote:** Ayes: Unanimous; Nays: none. Chrmn. Rogina did not vote as Chairman. **Motion carried.**



## AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Title: Recommendation to Approve a Massage Establishment License for Still Waters Spa, LLC to be located at 2075 Prairie Street, St. Charles

Presenter: Mayor Rogina

*Please check appropriate box:*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Government Operations	<input type="checkbox"/>	Government Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Planning & Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	City Council
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Hearing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Liquor Control Commission (8/17/15)

Estimated Cost:

Budgeted:

YES

NO

If NO, please explain how item will be funded:

### Executive Summary:

This is a request for a new owner to take over a new massage business at 2075 Prairie Street (a current masseuse is purchasing the business). Currently Oriental Massage is operating at this location. Background investigations were conducted by a detective of the St. Charles Police Department and granting of a new massage license for Still Waters Spa is recommended. Oriental Massage will continue operation of their business until such time as they rescind their license for the new owner/business to take over at this location.

Through this investigation, we determined that all the requirements have been met and they are eligible for licensing, subject to City Council approval.

### Attachments: (please list)

Massage Establishment Application (front page)  
Background Check  
Site Plan

### Recommendation / Suggested Action (briefly explain):

Recommendation to approve a massage establishment license for Still Waters Spa, LLC to be located at 2075 Prairie Street, St. Charles

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# City of St. Charles

## Office of the Mayor

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St. Charles, Illinois 60174-1984  
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### MESSAGE ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE APPLICATION

**IMPORTANT:** Application must be completed in full and notarized before it will be accepted.  
All fees must be paid at the time the application is submitted.

Annual License Application Fee: \$250.00

Fingerprint Fee: \$50.00

**NOTE:** Applicant must be fingerprinted by the St. Charles Police Department and must provide two passport-size photographs (1" x 1.5" head and shoulders area, face forward) with this application.

1. ☒ New License Application ☐ Renewal Application ☐ Application Change

2. Please select the option that best describes your business:

☐ Corporation

☐ Partnership

☐ Individual

3. Business Name: STILL Waters Spa, LLC Sales Tax#: EIN 47-4307196

Business Address: 2075 Prairie St, Suite #104, St Charles Business Phone: 331-229-1530

4. Name of Applicant: YANLING ZHANG Home Phone: [REDACTED]

Home Address: [REDACTED] City/Zip: South Elgin 60177

Social Security #: [REDACTED] Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Driver's License #: [REDACTED] Issuing State: IL

**\*\*Must include a photocopy of government issued identification card.**

5. Have you ever been convicted of a criminal ordinance violation (other than minor traffic offences):

☐ Yes

☒ No

6. If yes, explain in detail:

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# Memo

To: Chief Keegan  
From: Deputy Chief Huffinan  
Date: August 12, 2015  
Re: Still Waters Spa massage application

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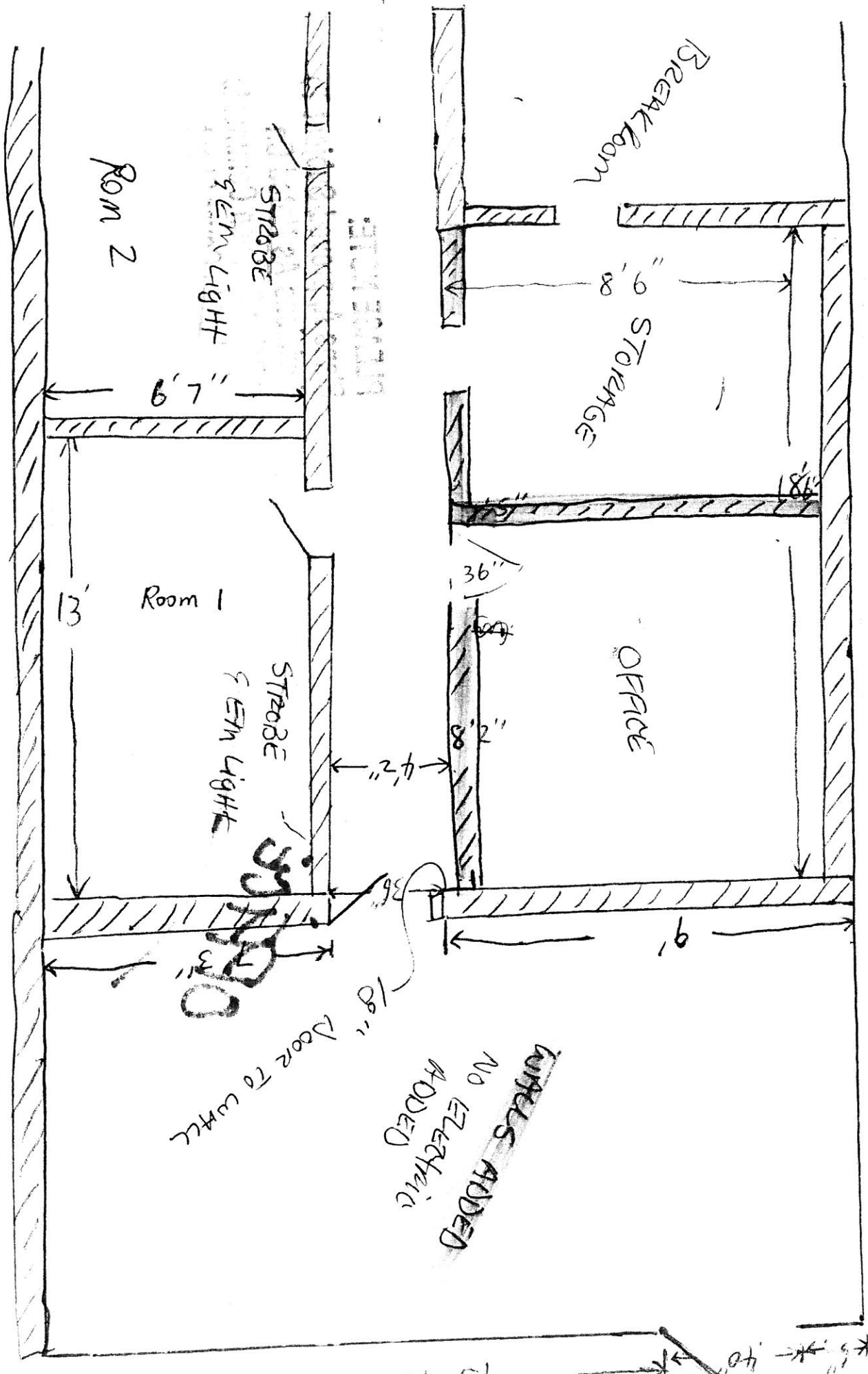
Detective Lamela has completed the background investigation pursuant to the massage business license application for Still Waters Spa, located at 2075 Prairie St., Suite 104. This business is formerly known as Oriental Massage, which was recently sold to the applicant.

I have reviewed the application and the background investigation, and have found that all requirements for licensing have been met and all documents appear to be in order.

I therefore recommend that this license application be forwarded to the ATM Commission for consideration.

SGH/sgH







ST. CHARLES  
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## AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Title:	Recommendation to Approve a Class E-2 Liquor License for Alley 64 for Veterans Wishes/Jack Axe Event at Kane County Fairgrounds.
Presenter:	Chief Keegan

*Please check appropriate box:*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Government Operations	<input type="checkbox"/>	Government Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Planning & Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	City Council
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Hearing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Liquor Commission (8/17/15)

Estimated Cost:	\$N/A	Budgeted:	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
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If NO, please explain how item will be funded:

### Executive Summary:

On Saturday, August 29 and Sunday, August 30, 2015, the Veterans Wishes/Jack Axe Games event will be held at the Kane County Fairgrounds.

Alley 64 Bar and Grill has applied for an E-2 license to serve alcohol at the event. Only beer will be served, and it will be contained inside a tent area. Minors will not be allowed in the area; wrist bands will be provided for those who are 21 and over; food will be provided through Buona Beef and The River House Barbecue; BASSET certificates have been provided.

Beer will be served from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm each day. Two police officers shall be assigned to this event through extra duty reimbursement.

### Attachments: (please list)

Application  
Site locations

### Recommendation / Suggested Action (briefly explain):

Recommendation to approve a class E-2 liquor license for Alley 64 Bar and Grill for August 29 and 30 for the Veterans Wishes/Jack Axe event at the Kane County Fairgrounds.

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**CITY OF ST. CHARLES**

TWO EAST MAIN STREET NON-REFUNDABLE  
ST. CHARLES, ILLINOIS 60174-1984



**CITY LIQUOR DEALER LICENSE APPLICATION  
CLASS E2 - SPECIAL EVENTS**

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 5.08, Alcoholic Beverages, of the City of St. Charles Municipal Code regulating the sale of alcoholic liquors in the City of St. Charles, State of Illinois and all amendments thereto now in force and effect.

The undersigned hereby makes application for a Liquor Dealer License,  
**Class E2**

Commencing AUG 29th '15 and ending Aug 30 '15  
Time Starting NOON and ending MIDNIGHT  
Location of Event KANE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Name of Business ALLEY 64 BAR + GRILL  
Address of Business 212 W MAIN ST. Business Phone 630-513-6464  
Has Applicant had a Class E1 License in the previous 365 days? YES If YES, on what date: 4/27/15  
5.08.050A1 Circle Choice to Show: Individual Partnership Corporation Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Requirements of a Class E2 - Special Civic Event License**

1. The Class E2 license fee is \$100.00 per day.
2. A minimum of three (3) liquor supervisors shall monitor liquor service during all times of operation. **Please provide a list of all supervisors with this application.**
3. Beer and/or Wine are the only alcoholic beverages to be sold.
4. Hours are restricted to 12 noon to 12:00 midnight.
5. Licensee must rope/fence off the licensed premises.
6. Each patron must wear a wristband after having identification checked for legal alcohol consumption age.
7. Are children/minors permitted in the licensed premises? YN
8. A sign limited beer and/or wine consumption to the roped off area must be conspicuously displayed at all times.
9. **Each server of alcohol must be BASSET certified - need copy of BASSET certification.**
10. A copy of site plan diagram to include roped area shall accompany this application.
11. All security/police resources needed shall be attached to this application with approval of the Chief of Police before final issuance by Liquor Commissioner.

TRICK BROWN  
ROB ZIMMER  
SHARI BOWD  
SHARON AUSTIN

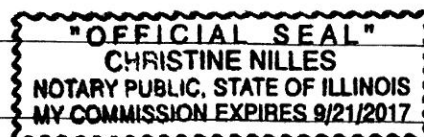
1. Name of class B, Class C or Class I Liquor License: ALLEY 64 BAR + GRILL
2. Has the applicant had a Class E2 License in the previous 365 days? Y If Yes, on what date? 4-27-15
3. Is license to be used in conjunction with a special event approved by the City Council? YES  
If yes, provide name of event: VETERAN WISHES & JACK AXE EVENT
4. Is license to be used in conjunction with a picnic, bazaar, fair or similar assembly with food dispensing and/or sale the predominate purpose of the event? YES
5. Location/address of event. Important: Attached drawing of location to this application. KANE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
6. Important: If location is out of doors, attach proof of liability insurance (photocopy) from an approved insurance agency.

**Affidavit**

State of Illinois )  
County of Kane )

I/We, being duly sworn, that information contained in this application is true to my/our own knowledge and that the statements set forth are of my/our own free will. I/We solemnly swear that I/we will not violate any of the laws of the United States, the State of Illinois or the City Ordinances of the City of St. Charles.

Signed: [Signature] Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sworn to before me this 13th day of August, 2015.  
Notary Public Christine Nilles

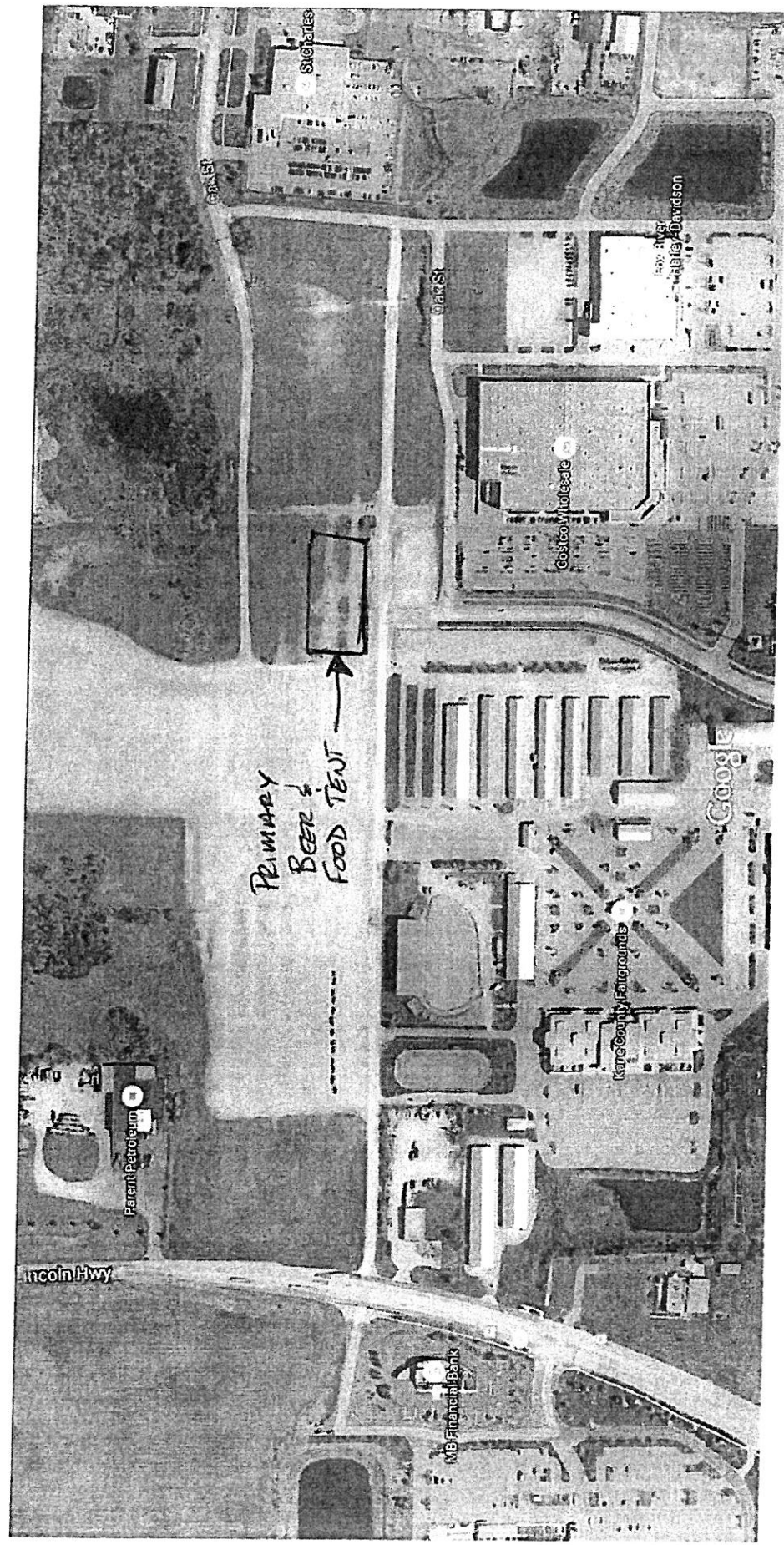


**ENDORSEMENT OF THE LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSIONER**

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Chief of Police: \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Liquor Commissioner: \_\_\_\_\_



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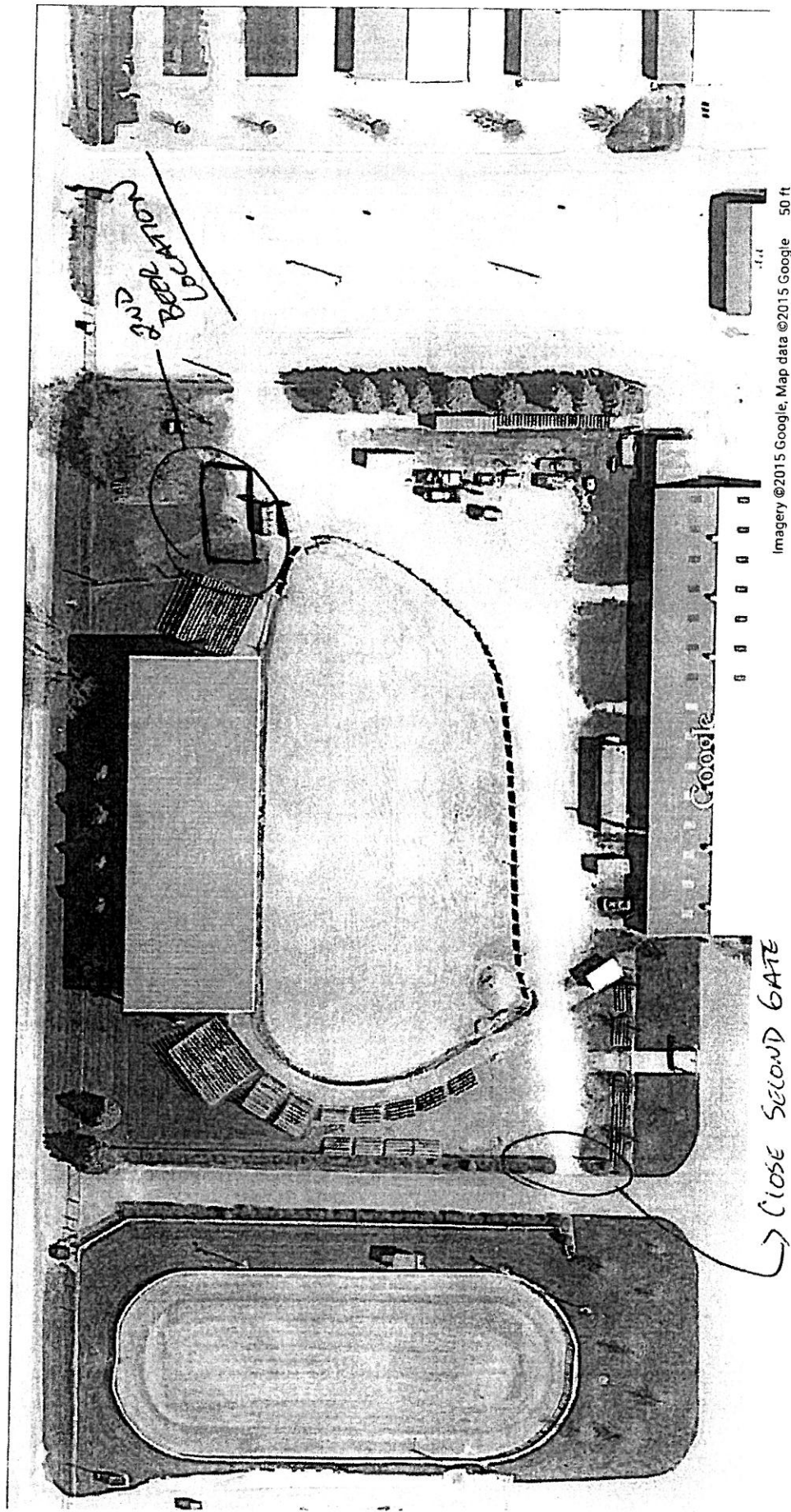


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Primary BEER AREA  
12 to 5 p.m.

TENT:  
ONE ENTRANCE AND EXIT

Google Maps



SECONDARY BEER AREA  
5 to 10 p.m.



ST. CHARLES  
SINCE 1834

## AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Title: Discussion on Recent "Happy Hour" changes Posted by the Illinois Liquor Control Commission Regarding Public Act 99-0046 (went into effect on July 15, 2015)

Presenter: Mayor Rogina/ Atty. McGuirk

*Please check appropriate box:*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Government Operations	<input type="checkbox"/>	Government Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Planning & Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	City Council
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Hearing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Liquor Commission (8/17/15)

Estimated Cost:

Budgeted:

YES

NO

If NO, please explain how item will be funded:

### Executive Summary:

The Illinois Liquor Commission made changes to the state "Happy Hour" law, Public Act 99-0046 which went into effect on July 15, 2015.

The Liquor Control Commission will discuss these changes and make recommendation to change/keep any of these laws to practice within the City of St. Charles.

"The City is a "Home Rule" municipality pursuant to Section 6, Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970. Except as limited by statute, a home rule unit may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs including, but not limited to, the power to regulate for the protection of public health, safety, morals and welfare; to tax; and to incur debt."

### Attachments: (please list)

FAQs on "Happy Hour" Changes

### Recommendation / Suggested Action (briefly explain):

Discussion on recent "Happy Hour" changes posted by the Illinois Liquor Control Commission regarding Public Act 99-0046 ( went into effect on July 15, 2015).

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## FAQs on "happy hour" changes

Posted by the Illinois Liquor Control Commission

Below are frequently asked questions regarding **Public Act 99-0046** which went into effect on **July 15, 2015**:

**Q: Will I be able to offer "happy hour" specials by temporarily reducing the price of drinks at my establishment?**

A: **Yes.** This legislation permits licensees to offer discounted drinks for up to **4 hours per day**, and not more than **15 hours per week**. The specified drink promotional period does not have to be for 4 consecutive hours.

**Q: What are the additional rules and restrictions on price reductions?**

A: Licensees must adhere to the following stipulations on price reductions on drinks:

- Licensee must give notice of the discount of alcohol drinks on the licensee's premises or on their website **7 days prior to the specified drink promotion period**.
- Licensee shall not offer a specified drink promotion period between the hours of **10:00 p.m. and the licensed premise's closing hour**.
- Licensee shall not change the price of an alcoholic drink during a single drink promotion period.

**Q: When can I start reducing prices as part of happy hour?**

A: No earlier than 7 days after the license holder has given notice of the discount of alcohol drinks at its licensed location or on its website.

**Q: Can I provide unlimited drinks for a single price?**

A: No. Drink limits are required unless the drinks are part of a meal/party package or private function.

**Q: Am I allowed to sell "meal packages" with food and alcohol? What does that entail?**

A: **Yes.** "Meal package" means a food & beverage package, which may or may not include entertainment, where the service of alcoholic liquor is an accompaniment to the food, including, but not limited to: a **meal, tour, tasting, or any combination thereof for a fixed price by a retail licensee** or any other licensee operating within a sports facility, restaurant, winery, brewery, or distillery.

**Q: Is there a limit on the number of drinks which may be served with a meal package?**

A: No. There is no limit to the number of drinks included with a meal package.

**Q: What is considered "food" for purposes of a meal package?**

A: Any food, including snacks and other so-called "finger food," that is available on the licensed premises as long as the food and alcoholic drinks are sold as a package for a fixed price.

**Q: Am I allowed to sell "party packages," such as wristband deals for a private event? What are the regulations?**

A: **Yes.** "Party package" means a private party, function, or event for a specific social or business occasion, either arranged by invitation or reservation for a defined number of individuals, that is **not open to the general public and where attendees are served both food and alcohol for a fixed price in a DEDICATED EVENT space**. In order to sell a party package, a business must:

- Offer food in the dedicated event space.
- Limit the party package to no more than 3 hours.
- Distribute wristbands, lanyards, or shirts that designate party package attendees.
- Exclude individuals not participating in the party package from the dedicated event space.

**Q: Is there a limit on the number of drinks which may be served with a party package?**

A: No. There is no limit on the number of drinks allowed to be included with a party package.

**Q: What is considered "food" for purposes of a party package?**

A: Any food, including snacks and other so-called "finger food," that is available on the licensed premises.

**Q: Private functions as defined in the Liquor Control Act (235 ILCS 5/1-3.36) have always been an exception to the prohibition on unlimited drinks; are private functions now limited to 3 hours?**

A: No. Private functions such as weddings, private parties, fund-raising functions, etc., where "guests in attendance are served in a room or rooms designated and used exclusively for the private party, function or event" (235 ILCS 5/1-3.36) are not subjected to a time limit.

**Q: How can alcoholic drinks be sold and served to a customer?**

A: 1) You may serve two or more drinks to one customer at one time;  
2) You may not sell two or more drinks for the price of one drink;  
3) You must increase the price of a drink proportionately to an increase in the volume of the same drink (Example: The price of a 24 ounce draft of Brand X beer must cost twice as much as a 12 ounce draft of Brand X beer).

**Q: Can I sell or serve a pitcher, bottle, carafe, bucket, flight, or similar container to one person?**

A: Yes.

**Q: How does proportionate pricing apply to prices of a pitcher, bottle, carafe, bucket, flight, or similar container?**

A: Proportionate pricing applies to individual drinks, not to pitchers, bottles, carafes, buckets, flight or similar containers. As long as a price reduction is not equal to selling 2 or more alcoholic drinks for the price of one, a retailer is free to set any price for a pitcher, bottle, carafe, bucket, flight or similar container.

**Q: Can I permit or encourage drinking games or contests at my licensed premises?**

A: No.

**Q: Can I still offer daily drink specials?**

A: Yes, as long as the price of the drink special is listed on the mandatory schedule of drink prices.

**Q: May I advertise happy hour, meal packages, and party packages?**

A: Yes. Events permitted under the Liquor Control Act may be legally advertised.

**Q: May I advertise events and drink specials permitted under the Happy Hour law on social media?**

A: Yes. Social media advertising is allowed.

**Q: Does the new law mandate that all servers in Illinois be trained and certified?**

A: Yes. All alcohol servers and those checking ID's for alcohol service in on-premise establishments (ie, bars, restaurants, banquet halls) will be required to successfully complete BASSET by a pre-determined date cited in the law. See following page for the schedule.



## Required training date for alcohol servers

The signing of **Public Act 99-0046** on **July 15, 2015** requires on-premise servers (and those checking ID's for alcohol service) to successfully complete a Beverage Alcohol Sellers/Servers Education & Training (BASSET) class by a certain date based upon county population. NOTE: Some local jurisdictions may already require BASSET. Please visit [www.illinois.gov/ILCC/SitePages/Survey.aspx](http://www.illinois.gov/ILCC/SitePages/Survey.aspx) for ordinances in your community. **Below is the list of Illinois counties by the date in which servers are required to be BASSET-certified** (based on 2010 U.S. Census data):

### **BASSET certification currently required (as of July 1, 2015)**

#### **Cook County**

### **Certification required by July 1, 2016 (in counties with 200,000+ people)**

Champaign County  
DuPage County  
Kane County  
Lake County  
Madison County

McHenry County  
St. Clair County  
Will County  
Winnebago County

### **Certification required by July 1, 2017 (counties between 30,000-200,000 people)**

Adams County  
Boone County  
Bureau County  
Christian County  
Clinton County  
Coles County  
DeKalb County  
Effingham County  
Franklin County  
Fulton County  
Grundy County  
Henry County  
Jackson County

Jefferson County  
Kankakee County  
Kendall County  
Knox County  
LaSalle County  
Lee County  
Livingston County  
Logan County  
Macon County  
Macoupin County  
Marion County  
McDonough County  
McLean County  
Monroe County

Montgomery County  
Morgan County  
Ogle County  
Peoria County  
Randolph County  
Rock Island County  
Sangamon County  
Stephenson County  
Tazewell County  
Vermilion County  
Whiteside County  
Williamson County  
Woodford County

### **Certification required by July 1, 2018 (counties with 30,000 people or less)**

Alexander County  
Bond County  
Brown County  
Calhoun County  
Carroll County  
Cass County  
Clark County  
Clay County  
Crawford County  
Cumberland County  
De Witt County  
Douglas County  
Edgar County

Edwards County  
Fayette County  
Ford County  
Gallatin County  
Greene County  
Hamilton County  
Hancock County  
Hardin County  
Henderson County  
Iroquois County  
Jasper County  
Jersey County  
Jo Daviess County

Johnson County  
Lawrence County  
Marshall County  
Mason County  
Massac County  
Menard County  
Mercer County  
Moultrie County  
Perry County  
Piatt County  
Pike County  
Pope County  
Pulaski County

Putnam County  
Richland County  
Saline County  
Schuyler County  
Scott County  
Shelby County  
Stark County  
Union County  
Wabash County  
Warren County  
Washington County  
Wayne County  
White County