



## MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

**DATE:** August 2, 2016

**CONSENT**

**ITEM #**

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**AGENDA ITEM:** Temporary Liquor License for MN Glamourama-Red Hat Club

**SUBMITTED BY:** Julie Johnson, City Clerk

**BACKGROUND:** Jana Williams, co-chair of the annual Minnesota Glamourama – Red Hat Club convention, has submitted an application on behalf of the organization for a temporary liquor license for a wine tasting event to be held as part of the convention on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn and Suites. The Holiday Inn does not have a liquor license, so the Red Hat Club is requesting the license to allow Northern Vineyards from Stillwater to conduct a wine tasting from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. for approximately 100 – 120 senior “Red Hatters”. Per state law, no sales will occur during the event.

The annual Minnesota Red Hat convention has previously been held in Bloomington, Minnesota for the past several years and has been moved to Lake Elmo. They are expecting a few hundred attendees for the event that starts runs Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.

**ISSUE BEFORE COUNCIL:** Pursuant to Lake Elmo City Code Chapter 111.17 Section (B)(3), temporary on-sale licenses shall be issued only to clubs, charitable, religious, or other non-profit organizations in existence for at least three years and shall authorize the on-sale of intoxicating liquor in connection with a social event sponsored by the licensee and subject to the restrictions imposed by MN Statute 340A.

The Minnesota Red Hat Club is contracting with a state licensed vendor, Northern Vineyards of Stillwater, Minnesota to conduct the event. The City Clerk has spoken with the state Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division to ensure the City and the applicant are compliant with state law for issuing this permit and as a result staff has no concerns with the issuance of this permit.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

If removed from the Consent Agenda, Staff recommends the following motion:

***“Move to approve a temporary on-sale liquor license issued to the Minnesota Glamourama – Red Hat Club for a wine tasting event on October 8, 2016 at the Holiday Inn located at 8511 Hudson Blvd. N., Lake Elmo.”***