

**TO:** Mayor Robinson and City Council

**FROM:** Jeffrey L. McCormick, Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** Liquor Ordinance Change

**DATE:** June 13, 2014

**BACKGROUND**

The Winery has opened an event center and requested the ability to obtain a liquor license. Our existing code provides for events centers; however the last one we had was Grandpa's Garage and was an existing center that was not subject to the provisions of the new code, before it closed.

Our current code defines a Restaurant (which is license holder is required to meet), as serving two meals a day. An event center by design is not serving two meals a day, since they are generally only open to serve a specific event that rents the event center for only a portion of the day. The proposed Ordinance change would address the unique food service provided by an event center. This change would address any future facilities as well as the current location at the Winery. This change does not impact any existing license holders and is for future applicants who seek a license for an event center.

If this is approved the Winery would then be able to apply for a license, The license request have to come back to the Council for approval before the State would consider the license request if the Winery does choose to seek a license.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

I recommend that the City Council approve the first reading of the Ordinance change to Section 111 as outlined in the attached documents.

**REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION**

Motion and approval of the first reading of Ordinance changes to Section 111 of the City Code as attached.

**CITY OF CANNON FALLS  
GOODHUE COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 338  
SECOND SERIES**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 111 OF THE CANNON FALLS CITY  
CODE CONCERNING ALCOHOL LICENSING AND REGULATION**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF CANNON FALLS ORDAINS:

**Section 1.** Section 111.001 of the Cannon Falls City Code is hereby amended to amend the following definition:

***RESTAURANT.*** An establishment, other than a hotel, under the control of a single proprietor or manager, where meals are regularly prepared on the premises and served at tables to the general public, and having seating capacity for at least thirty (30) guests and banquet facilities.

**Section 2.** Section 111.089 (D) (3) of the Cannon Falls City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

(3) The licensed restaurant, with the exception of banquet facilities, shall serve at least two (2) meals at tables, including entrees, salads and sandwiches, on all days when on-sale liquor is sold. The licensed restaurant, including banquet facilities, must also be licensed by the State Department of Health as a medium establishment or large food and beverage establishment.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage and publication according to law.

**PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014 by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls, Minnesota.

CITY OF CANNON FALLS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lyman M. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Ronald S. Johnson, City Administrator