

**Memorandum  
Mayor's Office**

**To: Rock Island City Council**  
**From: Mayor Mike Thoms**  
**Subject: Amendments to the Liquor License Ordinance**  
**Date: September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

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Attached is an Ordinance amending Chapter 3, Section 3-8, *Types of Licenses and Fees*, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rock Island.

This Section would hereby be amended by inserting Section 3-8.1, making it unlawful for a holder of a **Class A (Liquor Store), Class B (Convenience / Grocery Store), Class C (Convenience / Grocery Store – Wine and Beer Only), Class D (Tavern – Packaged Sales Primary) or Class E (Tavern – Packaged Sales Secondary)** liquor license to offer for sale or to sell at retail, certain single serve containers of alcohol for off-premises consumption as outlined in detail in this section.

This ordinance amendment would also delete all paragraphs in Section 3-8 and Section 3-9.2 that pertain to “The sale of alcoholic liquor in packaged sizes of fifty milliliters (50ml) or less, commonly known as ‘airline bottles’ in prohibited” as this size container would already be prohibited under the proposed new language.

**Recommendation:** Recommend that the City Council consider the ordinance.

Submitted by: Linda Mohr, Executive Assistant, Interim City Clerk

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Approved by: Mike Thoms, Mayor

A SPECIAL ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3  
OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE  
CITY OF ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS:

**Section 3-8.** Types of Licenses and Fees will hereby be amended by inserting the following paragraph in its entirety as Section 3-8.1:

It is unlawful for a holder of a Class A, B, C, D or E liquor license to offer for sale or to sell at retail any of the following in its original packaging for off- premises consumption:

(1) A single container of beer or malt beverage if the volume of the container is less than forty-eight (48) ounces (or approximately 1.42 liters) unless said container is either part of a purchase of multiple containers of beer or malt beverage for which the aggregate total volume purchased is no less than forty-eight (48) ounces (or approximately 1.42 liters); or alternatively, for which the aggregate cost of the container or containers of beer or malt beverage purchased is no less than five dollars (\$5.00) exclusive of taxes and after the application of all coupons, discounts and rebates.

(2) A single container of wine if the volume of the container is less than twenty (20) fluid ounces (or approximately .62 liters) unless said container is part of a purchase of multiple containers of wine for which the aggregate total volume purchased is no less than twenty-four (24) ounces (or .748 liters).

(3) A single container of alcoholic liquor, other than beer, malt beverage, or wine, if the volume of the container is less than six and eight-tenths (6.8) ounces (or .200 liters).

**Section 3-8.** Types of Licenses and fees will be further amended by deleting paragraphs (b) (2), (c) (1), (d) (1), (e) (1), (f) (2) which reads “The sale of alcoholic liquor in packaged sizes of fifty milliliters (50ml) or less, commonly known as ‘airline bottles’ is prohibited” in its entirety.

**Section 3-9.2** Sale at Sunset Marina Office Building, paragraph (a) will be amended by deleting the paragraph regarding “airline bottles” in its entirety.

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MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROCK ISLAND

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK