

COUNCIL POLICY STATEMENT

Policy No. 37
General Subject: General
Specific Subject: City's Liquor Sales Philosophy
Date Approved: April 2, 2001

PURPOSE

The purpose is to outline the philosophy of the City Council on the sale of liquor.

RATIONALE

The Procedures and Regulations Committee, along with the City Council, has spent a great deal of time reviewing the Liquor Ordinance. Subsequent to this review, modifications were recommended based on a set of principals. The City Council remains open to future requests from businesses for changes to the liquor ordinance, but believes that a clear understanding of these principals is beneficial to all.

PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

It is the goal of the City of Park Ridge to remain an attractive place to operate a business such as a restaurant, supermarket, specialty food store, and banquet or catering establishment. It is also an objective of the City to discourage taverns, bars, package liquor stores, and other establishments that emphasize the sale of alcohol from doing business in Park Ridge.

The City of Park Ridge strives to enact and enforce reasonable laws that allow the sale and moderate consumption of alcoholic beverages at restaurants, where the primary emphasis is on the dining experience rather than on the consumption of alcohol, and to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages by supermarkets, specialty food stores and similar businesses, where the primary emphasis is on the sale of non-alcoholic products. The City will work in a supportive and cooperative manner with business owners to implement this policy.

The City of Park Ridge will strictly enforce the laws against minors being provided with, possessing or consuming alcoholic beverages. The City will also strictly enforce the laws prohibiting the operation of motor vehicles while intoxicated.