



MEMORANDUM

TO: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
FROM: OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
SUBJECT: **MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022 - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENDA ITEMS 9.4 AND 9.5**

During the City of Brandon regularly scheduled Board of Aldermen meeting on Monday, May 2, 2022, at 6pm, a public hearing was held regarding liquor stores in commercially zoned areas within the city. This public hearing was the culmination of numerous other public work sessions* and discussions on the matter. (*All previous sessions from can be found on the City of Brandon's YouTube channel where the City's livestreams are archived. 8.21-present)

After receiving no further comments at this final hearing, the Board of Aldermen voted to allow liquor stores in commercially zoned areas.

Observations and considerations discussed from May 2021 to present include:

- The 2020 legislation allowing wine and liquor businesses to locate within the Pearl River Valley of Rankin County,
- Business development and expansion with the City of Brandon,
- Requests from citizens to enact changes in current ordinances to allow for the local sale of wine and liquor to eliminate travel to businesses outside of their hometown,
- and significant population growth.

What this means going forward:

- Board of Aldermen voted to allow these businesses on a "conditional use" basis in the City's CC zoning district.
- A "conditional use" business must make application to appear before the Planning Commission and then be approved by the City's Board of Aldermen.
- The City of Brandon will ensure that City ordinances strictly follow all regulations set-forth by the MS Department of Revenue for these types of businesses.

Board action taken:

- Amendments to Section 4.1 Table of uses and Section 4.4.9 Retail and Personal Uses of the Official Zoning Ordinance of the City of Brandon.
 - Adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 6, Sections 6-2, 6-11, 6-12 and 6-17 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Brandon and adding Section 6-10.2 to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Brandon.
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