

Grand Forks Alcohol License Location Ordinance

21-0215. - Locations where licensed premises prohibited.

- (1) Notwithstanding existing zoning or the existence of any previously-issued license, the issuance of a new license at a location within the city must be such that it will not detract from or adversely impact the surrounding area and neighborhoods. Such matters as traffic, noise, parking, proximity to public or parochial schools, proximity to college or university buildings used for academic purposes, and proximity to public libraries, day cares, hospitals and churches will be reviewed to determine if the proposed location will have a negative impact upon the surrounding area, neighborhoods or the community. The existence of the community need will also be assessed by the city council. In this regard, such things as the type of operation proposed will be reviewed for area, neighborhood and community impact. Liquor licenses may be issued or withheld in an effort to encourage overall community development or redevelopment, as the case may be. In recognition of the fact that the granting of a liquor license may artificially enhance the value of any parcel of property, the city council is also to consider the proposed location itself. A building should be appropriate for the intended use. The number of licensed premises within the immediate geographic area of the proposed location will be considered in order to avoid an undue concentration which may have the potential of creating public safety problems or deterring neighborhood development or redevelopment.
- (2) No license for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages shall be issued to any premises as follows:
 - (A) Within three hundred (300) feet from the existing front door of any licensed premises to the proposed front door of the proposed licensed premises, the three hundred (300) feet to be measured upon a straight line drawn directly from the center of the existing front door to the center of the proposed front door; provided, however, the license for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages may be issued, at the discretion of the city council, to premises located within three hundred (300) feet of any previously licensed premises upon the written consent of all license holders operating licensed premises within such three-hundred-foot radius. Provided further, that the restrictions and prohibitions of this section shall not apply to any licensed premises within any area located in a B-4 zone, as specified and described by the zoning ordinances of the city nor shall the restrictions and prohibitions of this section apply to exclude a class 4 food and beverage licensed premises.
 - (B) To any premises not located in zone B-2, B-3 or B-4 as specified and described by the zoning ordinances of the City of Grand Forks.
- (3) These restrictions and prohibitions set forth in this section shall not apply to those licensed premises existing on June 30, 1993, which would otherwise be prohibited hereby.

(Ord. No. 3270, § 2, 3-1-93; Ord. No. 3302, §§ 8, 9, 7-6-93; Ord. No. 4094, § I, 10-3-05; Ord. No. 4316, § I, 4-4-11)