



AGENDA

LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

Liquor Control Commission: July 29, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Village Hall 740 Hillgrove Avenue, Western Springs, IL 60558

A. Call to Order

B. Approval of Minutes

1. June 9, 2026

C. Public Comment

D. Considerations

1. Alano Ristorante, 821 Burlington Avenue, Cotto Geneva LLC – Class "B", "G", and "H" Liquor Licenses

E. Other Business

F. Adjournment

Individuals with disabilities who plan to attend / participate in this meeting and who require accommodations to allow them to observe and participate, or who have questions regarding accessibility of the meeting or facilities, please email accommodations@wsprings.com or contact Jill Izzo at 708-246-1800, extension 127.

Liquor Control Commission
Village Board Room
Tuesday, June 9, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Peter Glimco
Member Doug DeRock
Member John F. Dixon

Heather Valone, Community Development Director
Anne Skrodzki, Village Attorney
Alex Corral, The Clever Drinker LLC

Call to Order: Chairman Glimco called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Members Dixon and DeRock were in attendance. There were no additions/deletions to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes: Member Dixon made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for September 30, 2025. Chairman Glimco seconded the motion to approve. A voice vote was conducted, and the minutes were approved with all three voting aye.

Public Comment: There were no members of the public in attendance to speak or provide comments at this time in the meeting.

The Clever Drinker, 4354 Johnson Avenue, The Clever Drinker LLC - Class "O" Liquor License:
Director Valone provided a brief overview of the application and explained the history related to the application.

Alex Corral discussed the business and operations plan. Mr. Corral discussed the history of the concept.

Chairman Glimco and Members DeRock and Dixon asked questions related to the application and business concept. All expressed support for the application.

Chairman Glimco asked if there were any other questions or comments. Hearing none, Chairman Glimco made a motion to recommend approval of the application for a Class "O" Liquor License to the Village Board at their next meeting and to update the draft recommendation for signature. Member Dixon seconded the motion to approve. Director Valone then did a roll call. All Members voted "aye".

Other Business: None.

Adjournment: Chairman Glimco made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Dixon seconded the motion. A voice vote was conducted with all Members voting aye. Meeting is adjourned at 7:15 pm.



Heather Valone, AICP, Director of Community Development



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

Liquor Control Commission: July 29, 2026

AGENDA ITEM D.1.

To: Liquor Control Commission

From: Heather Valone, AICP, Director of Community Development

CC: Ellen Baer, Village Manager, Casey Biernacki, Deputy Village Manager, Jill Izzo, Deputy Village Clerk, Michael Jurusik, Village Attorney, Anne Skrodzki, Village Attorney, Kelsey Fawell, Senior Planner

RE: Alano Ristorante, 821 Burlington Avenue, Cotto Geneva LLC – Class “B”, “G”, and “H” Liquor Licenses

Recommendation

The General Government Committee will review this item at their meeting on July 29, 2026. Their recommendation will be presented at the Liquor Control Commission meeting.

Summary

Request

Chris Esley, managing member of Cotto Geneva LLC d/b/a Alano Ristorante (the “Applicant”), has leased 821 Burlington Avenue to open a new Italian restaurant. The Applicant has submitted requests for a Class “B” (Full Service Restaurant with a Patron Bar), Class “G” (Fine Wine, Premium Spirits, Premium Beer and Gourmet Food Store; Premium Spirits, Premium Beer and Wine Only), and Class “H” (Outdoor Liquor Café) liquor licenses. Mr. Esley is an existing business owner and current liquor license holder in the Village, as he owns and operates Hillgrove Tap.

The restaurant will occupy the former Salerno’s Pizzeria and R Bar space. The Applicant has submitted a building permit application to complete minor updates to the interior. The submitted floor plan depicts the proposed seating (see Figure 1).



Figure 1

- A bar area with 11 seats and two lounge seats;
- Twenty-six (26) two-top tables;
- Thirteen (13) four-top tables (mixture of round and square); and
- One booth with eight seats.

The Applicant is also proposing an outdoor seating area with eight tables of various sizes, providing a total of 36 seats (see Figure 2).

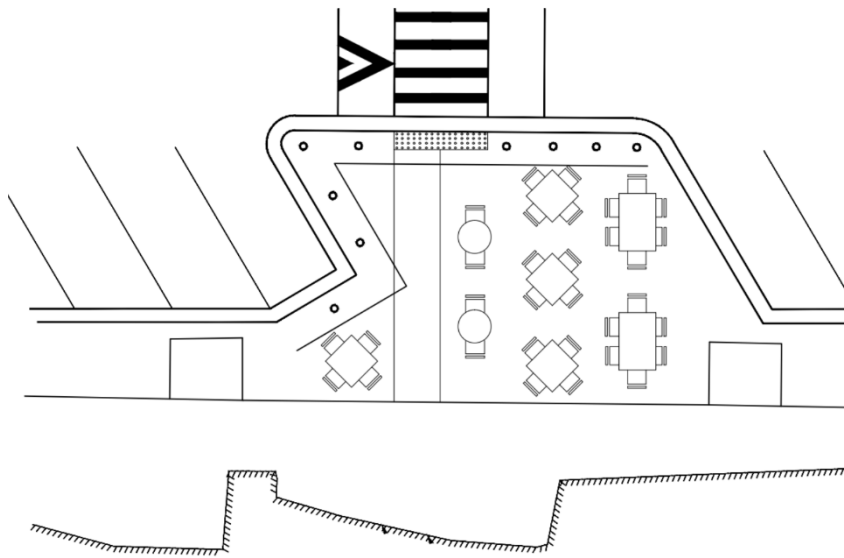


Figure 2

Background

The Liquor Commissioner (President Rudolph) reviewed the application submittals and requested that the application be advanced to the General Government Committee (GGC) and Liquor Commission for their reviews and recommendations.

Class B License

The following is a summary of the Class B License regulations:

- Purpose:** A Class B license shall authorize the retail sale of alcoholic liquor in a full service restaurant for consumption only within the licensed premises. Alcoholic liquor shall be served as an adjunct to food service at the restaurant. The amount of customer seating in the restaurant dining area shall constitute at least sixty percent (60%) of the total customer seating area available in all parts of the restaurant. Customer seating area at the patron bar shall not exceed: 1) ten percent (10%) of the total customer seating area in all parts of the restaurant, or 2) fifteen percent (15%) of the total customer seating area available in all parts of the restaurant for those restaurants having a patron bar without a related bar/bar area. Seating at the patron bar or within the bar/bar area shall constitute seating at which patrons can order solely alcoholic liquor, without food, if they so choose.
- Rules of Operation:** Consumption of alcoholic liquor and nonalcoholic liquor is restricted to the dining area of the restaurant, the patron bar and its related patron seating area. Alcoholic liquor shall not be sold in pitchers. No package sales are permitted. No billiard or pool tables, or any other mechanical/electrical amusement devices, shall be allowed

on the licensed premises, except internet music stations, jukeboxes, and video game devices/machines, which shall be permitted provided the licensee complies with the Village's mechanical/electrical amusement device licensing requirements. Video gaming terminals, as regulated by the Illinois Video Gaming Act, are prohibited on the licensed premises. All Class A liquor licensees are required to ensure that any on-site owner/manager, as well as all employees and any other individuals who may sell, serve, or handle alcoholic liquor on the premises as part of their job, successfully complete a Beverage Alcohol Sellers and Servers Education and Training (BASSET) Program certified by the State of Illinois. Once the initial certification expires, a renewal is required. A copy of the current BASSET course completion certificate(s) for the on-site owner/manager, employees, and others mentioned above must be made available at all times at the licensed premises for inspection by the Village Manager or their designee. Regular hours of operation are from eleven o'clock (11:00) A.M. and twelve o'clock (12:00) midnight on Mondays through Thursdays; between the hours of eleven o'clock (11:00) A.M. and one o'clock (1:00) A.M. on Fridays/Saturdays and Saturdays/Sundays (note: the 1:00 A.M. closing time carries over to the next following day); and between the hours of eleven o'clock (11:00) A.M. and eleven o'clock (11:00) P.M. on Sundays, except alcoholic liquor may be sold, given away or offered for sale within the licensed premises between the hours of eleven o'clock (11:00) P.M. on New Year's Eve Day and one o'clock (1:00) A.M. on New Year's Day. Licensees offering a brunch menu may serve alcoholic liquor beginning at nine o'clock (9:00) A.M. on Mondays through Sundays.

- **License Fee:** The Class A license includes a license application fee of \$1,000 and an annual license fee of \$2,000.
- **Availability of Food:** The principal business of a "full service restaurant" is the service of complete meals, and said service of such meals shall constitute at least sixty percent (60%) of the gross income of the establishment as distinguished from the principal business being the service of food as a supplement to the service of alcoholic liquor. The restaurant design shall reflect the character of an establishment that is a restaurant rather than an establishment set up to serve alcoholic liquor as its principal activity. Fast food restaurants are not eligible for a Class B license. Patrons at the bar are permitted to order solely alcoholic liquor, without food, if they so choose.

The Applicant has submitted the required information for the background check, per Section 4-1-17 of the Village Code. Mr. Esley and the individuals listed on the liquor application completed a background check pursuant to Section 4-1-17 of the Village Code. The results did not show any violations or law enforcement history that would make them ineligible to obtain a liquor license.

Recommendation

The General Government Committee will review this item at their meeting on July 29, 2026. Their recommendation will be presented at the Liquor Control Commission meeting. If the

Liquor Control Commission LCC) is amenable to approving the issuance of a Class "B", "G", and "H" Liquor Licenses, a motion can be made to recommend approval and refer the application to the Village Board. Attachment 2 contains a draft recommendation for discussion. Attachments 3, 4, and 5 contain the draft ordinances for the Class "B", "G", and "H" Liquor Licenses. The Applicant, Village Attorney, and staff will be available at the LCC meeting to discuss the request and answer any questions.

Attachments

1. Applicant Submittal Package
2. Draft Recommendation - Recommendation Relative To An Application For A New Class "B" (Full Service Restaurant With A Patron Bar), Class "G" (Fine Wine, Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Gourmet Food Store License; Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Wine Only), and Class "H" (Outdoor Liquor Café) Liquor License Submitted By Cotto Geneva LLC d/b/a Alano Ristorante For Operation Of A Full Service Restaurant With Patron Bar For The Retail Sale Of Alcoholic Liquor In A Restaurant For Consumption Only Within The Licensed Premises, Located At 821 Burlington Avenue, Western Springs, Illinois and in the Public sidewalk located at 821 Burlington Avenue, Western Springs, Illinois.
3. Draft Ordinance - An Ordinance Amending Title 4 (Liquor Control) Of The Western Springs Municipal Code Relative To The Number Of Class "B" (Full Service Restaurant With A Patron Bar) Liquor Licenses Which Can Be Issued In The Village Of Western Springs, Cook County, Illinois For The Retail Sale Of Alcoholic Liquor In A Restaurant For Consumption Only Within The Licensed Premises Located At 821 Burlington Avenue, Western Springs, Illinois (Applicant: Cotto Geneva, LLC d/b/a Alano Ristorante).
4. Draft Ordinance - An Ordinance Amending Title 4 (Liquor Control) Of The Western Springs Municipal Code Relative To The Number Of Class "G" (Fine Wine, Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Gourmet Food Store License; Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Wine Only) Liquor Licenses Which Can Be Issued In The Village Of Western Springs, Cook County, Illinois For The Retail Sale Of Alcoholic Liquor In A Restaurant For Consumption Only Within The Licensed Premises Located At 821 Burlington Avenue, Western Springs, Illinois (Applicant: Cotto Geneva, LLC d/b/a Alano Ristorante).
5. Draft Ordinance - An Ordinance Amending Title 4 (Liquor Control) Of The Western Springs Municipal Code Relative To The Number Of Class "H" (Outdoor Liquor Cafe) Liquor Licenses Which Can Be Issued In The Village Of Western Springs, Cook County, Illinois (Applicant: Cotto Geneva, LLC D/B/A Alano Ristorante Pub For The Operation Of An Outdoor Liquor Cafe Area Located Adjacent To The 821 Burlington Avenue Building At 821 Burlington Avenue, Western Springs, Illinois).

Financial Impact

None.

Recommended Motion

I move to recommend to the Village Board the approval of the Class "B", "G", and "H" Liquor Licenses.

Strategic Plan Alignment

Community Planning and Economic Development.

File Attachments

1. Applicant Submittals
2. Draft Recommendation
3. Draft Ordinance
4. Draft Ordinance
5. Draft Ordinance

June 23, 2026

Alano Ristorante

821 Burlington Ave

Western Springs, IL 60558



Alano Ristorante will be designed to be an elegant Italian restaurant in downtown Western Springs. The estimated price per person is \$30-\$45 depending alcoholic beverages. The full service restaurant will offer appetizers, salads, pastas, pizza, fish, chicken and steaks. The restaurant is proposed with a patron bar. The proposed alcoholic beverage menu contains specialized spirits, classic cocktails, wine and beer to pair with dining options. Non-alcoholic beverages will round out the full menu.

Minor remodeling to the existing space is proposed. The existing special event space is proposed to be upgraded and remain.

I look forward to presenting this new concept to the Village Officials.

Chris Elsey

Owner

Alano Ristorante

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE TYPEWRITTEN. NO HANDWRITTEN FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED.
THE FURNISHING OF ANY INACCURATE INFORMATION SHALL BE CAUSE FOR LICENSE REVOCATION.

MUST BE FILED IN DUPLICATE WITH THE OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER

**VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
LOCAL LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION
APPLICATION FOR RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE**

NEW/RENEWAL: Class B,G & H Liquor License
(Non-Refundable Application Fee for
Issuance of new Liquor License; One-Time Only Fee)

DATE: June 12, 2026

Honorable Presiding Village President and Local Liquor Control Commissioner
Village of Western Springs, Illinois

Reference in this Application to an owner shall mean any person who is an owner of more than five percent (5%) of the corporation, a partner in a partnership or a member of a limited liability company, which is applying for the license. All questions must be answered completely. **QUESTIONS ARE TO BE ANSWERED ACCURATELY. IF QUESTIONS ARE NOT ANSWERED ACCURATELY, THE LICENSE WILL BE SUBJECT TO REVOCATION. IT WILL NOT BE A DEFENSE THAT ANSWERS WERE GIVEN TO THE BEST OF THE ANSWERER'S KNOWLEDGE. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ASCERTAIN THE ACCURACY OF YOUR RESPONSE. IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED TO FULLY RESPOND, ATTACH A SEPARATE PAGE(S).**

The undersigned (an owner), Christopher Elsey (name), Christopher Elsey
(title) of Cotto Geneva LLC d/b/a Alano Ristorante (business name and assumed name) makes application for a Class B,G & H liquor license, at the address of 821 Burlington Ave Western Springs, IL 60558 for the period ending March 31, 2 027, and tenders the sum of \$ 2150, the prescribed fee as set forth in the following:

SCHEDULE OF ANNUAL FEES FOR THE VARIOUS CLASSES OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSES (SECTIONS 3-3-2 and 4-1-9):		Application Fee	Annual Fee
CLASS A:	Full Service Restaurant with a Service Bar	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
CLASS B:	Full Service Restaurant with a Patron Bar	1,000.00	2,000.00
CLASS C:	Full Service Restaurant; Beer and Wine Only	1,000.00	1,000.00
CLASS D:	Limited-Service Restaurant License; Beer and Wine Only; No Patron or Service Bar	1,000.00	1,000.00
CLASS E:	Supermarket License	1,000.00	3,000.00
CLASS F:	Culinary School License	1,000.00	500.00
CLASS G:	Fine Wine, premium spirits and beer, gourmet food store	1,000.00	1,000.00
CLASS H:	Outdoor Liquor Café	500.00	150.00
CLASS I:	Special Event (Not-For-Profit Organization Owned or Leased Property)	400.00*	100.00**
CLASS J:	Special Event (Village-Owned Property (Beer And Wine Only)	400.00*	100.00**
CLASS K:	BYOB - Corkage License (Beer and Wine Only)	250.00	200.00
CLASS L:	Limited Special Event License; Tastings Of Beer And Wine And Beer And Wine Package Sales Only	345.00	357.00
CLASS M:	Theatre license	250.00	100.00
CLASS N:	Caterer's License	200.00	100.00
CLASS O:	Craft Beer, Wine, And Spirits Establishment License (On-Site Consumption And Packaged Sales)	1,000.00	1,000.00
CLASS Q:	Wine Establishment License (Wine Tasting And Retail Wine Sales By The Bottle; On-Site Consumption)	1,000.00	1,000.00

* There is no special event license application fee for the holder of an existing Village-issued liquor license.

** The above \$100 fee is a "renewal application fee" payable by an applicant in subsequent years to renew a special event license. For each special event license (5 or fewer events in one calendar year), there is a \$25 per event fee, and for each additional event after the 5th event in one calendar year, there is a \$15 per event fee.

*** Class "N" fees are higher for those entities not currently holding a liquor license issued by the Village of Western Springs. Consult the Village Code for current fees.

AN OWNER MUST COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION. IF A MANAGER IS TO BE EMPLOYED BY THE OWNER, THE MANAGER WILL ALSO HAVE TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION, WHICH WILL BE MARKED AS A "SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION." NO FEE WILL BE CHARGED TO PROCESS THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION. EACH LICENSE TERMINATES ON THE 31st DAY OF MARCH.

THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN NOS. 1(A)-(S) MUST BE PROVIDED FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL WHO WILL AT ANY PARTICULAR TIME BE THE PERSON ON THE PREMISES WHO HAS SUPERVISORY OR MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY OVER THE OTHER EMPLOYEES. PLEASE PROVIDE SUCH INFORMATION ON SEPARATE SHEETS OF PAPER. EACH SUCH MANAGEMENT PERSON MUST BE FINGERPRINTED BY THE WESTERN SPRINGS DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES. APPOINTMENTS FOR FINGERPRINTING MUST BE MADE 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE. NO FINGERPRINTING WILL BE DONE WITHOUT SUCH AN APPOINTMENT.

SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE THE ATTACHED "SPECIAL EVENT RIDER."

1. INFORMATION ON APPLICANT AND PERSON COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION. Pursuant to Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 16 of the Western Springs Municipal Code, please provide the following information.

A. Name: Christopher Elsey ☒ Male ☐ Female:

B. Mailing Address:

C. Address:

D. Home Phone:

E. Work Phone:

F. Citizenship:

G. If naturalized:

H. Place of Birth:

I. Driver's License:

J. Height: 6'0"

K. Weight: 180

L. Color of Eyes: Blue

M. Color of Hair: Brown

N. Social Security Number: 123-45-6789

O. Vehicles:

P. Other home addresses within the last 5 years:

Street Address	City, State, ZIP	Dates	
		From	To

Q. Businesses owned or operated within the last 5 years that required a liquor license, stating: (a) Name of business; (b) State and municipal liquor license numbers; (c) Address; and (d) Phone number.

Business Name: Hillgrove Tap LLC dba Hillgrove Tap

Address: 800 Hillgrove Ave Western Springs, IL 60558 Phone Number: 708-290-0055

Dates owned: From: Dec. 4 2015 To: present

Describe any liquor license incident requiring police intervention:

State liquor license #: 1A-1128070 Date of license: Expires 6/1/2027

Municipal liquor license #: 2026-19 Date of license: " 4/1/27

Name, address and telephone number of municipality issuing liquor license: _____

Village of Western Springs IL 60558

R. Has any of the Applicant's liquor licenses ever been suspended or revoked? If so, explain: NO

S. State your relationship to the business for which the license is sought. Owner/Operator

2. Description of the premises at which business will be operated. Additionally, attach a floor plan or site plan

Total square feet: 5000 Bar area Sq. Ft.: 600 Kitchen area Sq. Ft.: 900

No. of tables: 34 Type of food served: Italian

No. of parking spaces: street parking

3. If this is a new license application, what kind of business was previously conducted in the space where you intend to operate your business? Restaurant

4. Name of corporation to which license is to be issued. Cotto Geneva LLC dba Alano Ristorante

5. Name, address and phone number under which the licensed business will be operated.

Business Name: Alano Ristorante

Address: 821 Burlington Ave Western Springs, IL Phone Number: _____

6. Does the Applicant own the building or the space in which the business is located? ☐ Yes ☒ No

[Attach/include proof of ownership (e.g., a deed) to this Application].

7. Does the Applicant lease the building or the space in which the business is located? ☒ Yes ☐ No

The expiration date of the Lease is: 2046 [Attach a certified copy of Lease to this Application].

8. Is the nearest part of any church building used for worship services or educational programs within 100 feet of the nearest part of the proposed licensed premises? ☐ Yes ☒ No

9. Is any school (other than an institution of higher learning), hospital, home for the aged or indigent persons or for veterans, their spouses, or children within 100 feet of the center of the proposed licensed premises?

☐ Yes ☒ No

10. Do you have or intend to have a manager or a management contract with another entity or person, who is not a bona fide employee, to manage the licensed business for you? ☐ Yes ☒ No

11. If the answer to Question Number 10 is "Yes," state the name, age, address and telephone number of the manager, or for a management company state the same information, as applicable, for the company and for any assigned representative of the company who will serve as the on-site manager.

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

(The manager or management company must complete and submit an Application, which will be marked as a "Supplemental Application.")

12. How long has the Applicant been in the business of the retail sale of alcohol and describe the nature of its business experiences? 26 years

13. Date of incorporation or organization of your company: March 2025

(As applicable, attach a copy of the Articles of Incorporation, Articles of Organization, Shareholders Agreement, Operating Agreement and Partnership Agreement).

14. If the Applicant is a corporation or a limited liability company, has it ever been dissolved, either voluntarily or involuntarily? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, state the date of reinstatement: _____

15. If the Applicant is incorporated or organized in a state other than the State of Illinois, you must attach the document pursuant to which the company is qualified under Illinois law to transact business in Illinois.

16. List the names, addresses, dates of birth, telephone numbers and social security numbers of all Officers and Directors.

Name: see attached sheet Address: _____ Office Held: _____

Date of Birth: _____ SS#: _____ Phone No.: _____

Name: _____ Address: _____ Office Held: _____

Date of Birth: _____ SS#: _____ Phone No.: _____

Name: _____ Address: _____ Office Held: _____

Date of Birth: _____ SS#: _____ Phone No.: _____

17. List the names, addresses, dates of birth and social security numbers of all partners (if a partnership), members (if a limited liability company), or shareholders who own in the aggregate more than 5% of the stock of the corporation.

Name: Christopher Elsey Address: [REDACTED] % of Stock: 65

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

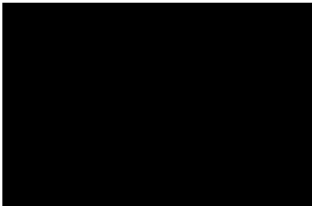
Name: see attached for all Address: _____ % of Stock: _____

Date of Birth: _____ SS#: _____ Phone No.: _____

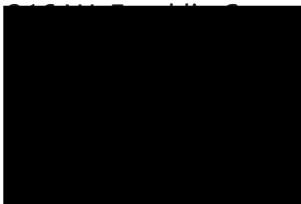
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LLC members (Investors) Information:

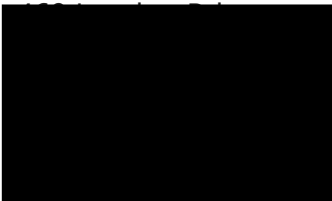
Christopher Elsey **65%**



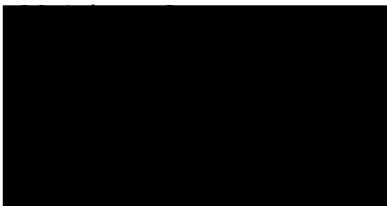
Massimo Salatino **15%**



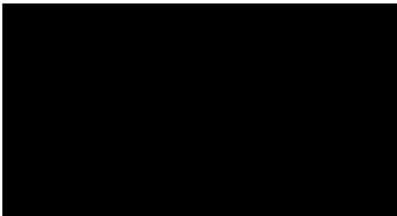
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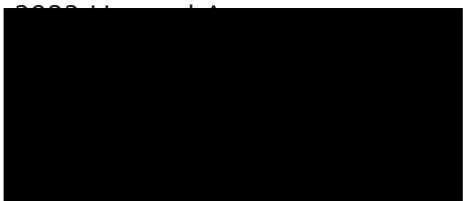
Robert Marth **5%**



RP Fox & Associates INC (Michael Fox) **5%**



Dan Riordan **5%**



18. Is the Applicant a subsidiary of a parent corporation? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, state the name, address and telephone number of the parent corporation. *(The Local Liquor Control Commission has the right to require that the parent company complete and submit this Application).*

Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone No: _____

19. Is the Applicant obligated to pay a percentage of profits to any person or entity not listed in Question Numbers 17 and 18? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, explain and identify the name, address and telephone number of such persons or entities: _____

Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone No: _____

Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone No: _____

20. Has the Applicant or any person listed in Questions Numbers 17 or 18 or any of your managers ever held another liquor license in the United States? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If so, state the dates, city and state of each license:

License Holder: **Christopher Elsey** Date: **expires 6/1/27**

City and State: **Western Springs, IL 60558**

License Holder: _____ Date: _____

City and State: _____

21. Has the Applicant or any person listed in Question Numbers 17 or 18 or any of your managers ever been denied a liquor license from any jurisdiction? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, state the date of particulars: _____

22. Has the Applicant or any person listed in Question Numbers 17 or 18 or any of your managers ever had a previous liquor license (whether wholesale or retail) revoked by the Federal Government or by any state, county or local government? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, explain: _____

23. Other than when making an initial application for a license, has the Applicant or any predecessor to or subsidiary or corporate parent entity of the Applicant ever been subject to charges, hearing violations, or citations of the "State Liquor Control Act of 1934" and any local liquor ordinance with respect to a liquor license? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please state the following:

Previous Licensor: _____ Licensee Name(s): _____

Licensee(s) Address: _____

Address of Licensed Premises: _____

Names of the licensed establishment and the date or dates of such revocation or suspension: _____

24. If the answer to either Question Numbers 22 or 23 is "Yes," **describe on a separate page** for each and every charge, violation, or citation: a) the date of the charge; b) the final disposition of the charge; and c) name, address and telephone number of the municipality or other jurisdiction bringing the charge.

If no charges were involved, state the reason for the investigation or hearing: _____

25. Has the Applicant or any person listed in Question Numbers 17 and 18 or any of your managers ever been found guilty of a felony or a misdemeanor, including but not limited to any gambling offense, concerning the sale or use of illegal drugs or any alcohol related traffic offense? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, explain the charge, the date, the city and state where the charge was brought, and the disposition. This must include all findings of guilty, whether subsequently vacated or not and shall specifically include any orders of court supervision, whether satisfactorily completed or not.

Name of Person: _____ Charge: _____

Date: _____ City and State: _____

Disposition: _____

Name of Person: _____ Charge: _____

Date: _____ City and State: _____

Disposition: _____

26. Please attach a verified financial statement showing the assets and liabilities of the Applicant dated no later than thirty (30) days prior to date of the Application. Additionally, a verified financial statement must be submitted for all persons who will share in the profits or losses of a limited liability company or a partnership, which seeks a liquor license, as well as for shareholders owning more than five percent (5%) of a corporation which applies for a license.

27. The Applicant's Retailer Occupational Tax Registration (ROT) Number: _____

The Applicant's Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN): 33-4044875

28. Is the Applicant delinquent in the payment of the Retailer's Occupational Tax (sales tax)? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If the answer is "Yes," explain: _____

29. Is any person listed in Question Numbers 17 and 18 or any of your managers an elected public official?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, state the office and unit of government: _____

30. Is any other person directly or indirectly connected with the operation, ownership or management of the Applicant's place of business or the premises to be licensed an elected public official? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, state the particulars: _____

31. Does any person listed in Question Numbers 17 or 18 or any of your managers hold any law enforcement office?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, name the person, title and agency:

Person: _____ Title: _____

Agency: _____

(When answering Question Numbers 32 through 39, the term "person" shall include any partnership in which the person was a partner, any limited liability company in which the person was a member, or any corporation in which the person was or is more than a 5% shareholder).

32. In the past two years, has any person listed in Question Numbers 17 or 18 or have any of your managers made any political contributions to any member of the Western Springs Board of Trustees or to any member of the Illinois State Liquor Commission? ☐ Yes ☒ No

33. If the answer to question number 32 is "Yes," identify each contribution and the amount:

Contribution: _____ Amount: _____

Contribution: _____ Amount: _____

Contribution: _____ Amount: _____

34. Does any person listed in Question Numbers 17 and 18 or any of your managers possess a current Federal Wagering or Gambling Device Stamp? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, state the reasons _____

35. State the value of goods, wares and merchandise to be used in the business that are purchased and on hand at this time: Nothing on hand yet but closer to opening food, liquor, beer , wine will be in stock

36. If this is a renewal application, has the ownership or management changed in any manner since the prior application? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain the nature of the change(s): _____

37. Does the business that is proposed to be licensed currently carry Dram Shop Insurance coverage for the premises or have a binder for Dram Shop Insurance coverage to be issued upon approval of the liquor license?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, attach a copy of the insurance certificate or binder. The Applicant should provide the Village Manager with at least a binder during the application review process in order to expedite the consideration of the application. A certificate of insurance meeting the requirements of Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 20 of the Western Springs Municipal Code must be provided to the Village Manager following license approval in order for a liquor license to be issued.

38. Pursuant to Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 15 of the Western Springs Municipal Code, no license shall be issued if any of the below statements cannot be answered in the affirmative by the Applicant. By signing this Application, the Applicant affirmatively states that the Applicant is:
- A. A person who is a resident of the Village (unless Subsections J, K or L apply).
 - B. A person of good character and reputation in the community in which he or she resides.
 - C. A person who is a citizen of the United States.
 - D. A person who has not been convicted of a felony under any federal or state law, unless the Local Liquor Control Commissioner determines, after investigation, that such person has been sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant the public trust after considering matters set forth in such person's application and the Commission's investigation. The burden of proof of sufficient rehabilitation shall be on the applicant.
 - E. A person who has not been convicted of being the keeper of or is not keeping a house of ill fame.
 - F. A person who has not been convicted of pandering, sexual molestation or other crime or misdemeanor opposed to decency and morality.
 - G. A person whose license to sell alcoholic liquor, whether issued under this Chapter or by any other governmental entity, has not been revoked for cause.
 - H. A person who at the time of application for renewal of license issued hereunder would be eligible for such license upon a first application.
 - I. A partnership, and all of the partners of such partnership qualified to obtain a license as individuals except for reason of residency.
 - J. A copartnership, if any general partnership thereof, or any limited partnership thereof, owning more than 5% of the aggregate limited partner interest in such copartnership would not be eligible to receive a license hereunder for any reason other than residence within the Village.
 - K. A corporation where:
 - (i.) No officer, manager or director thereof, or any stockholder or stockholders owning in the aggregate more than five percent (5%) of the stock of such corporation, is ineligible to receive a license hereunder for any reason other than citizenship and residency; and
 - (ii.) It is incorporated in Illinois and is in good standing under the laws of Illinois, or if an out of state or foreign corporation which is qualified under the Illinois Business Corporation Act to transact business in Illinois, it is in good standing under the state of incorporation.
 - L. A limited liability company where:
 - (i.) No officer, manager or director owning more than 5% of the aggregate ownership interest in such company is ineligible to receive a license hereunder for any reason hereunder other than citizenship and residency; and
 - (ii.) It is organized in Illinois and is in good standing under the laws of Illinois, or if an out of state or foreign limited liability company which is qualified under Illinois law to transact business in Illinois, it is in good standing under the state of organization.
 - M. A person whose place of business is conducted and physically controlled and operated by a manager or agent and such manager or agent possesses the same qualifications required of an individual licensee hereunder.
 - N. A person who has not been convicted of a violation of any federal or state law concerning the sale or use of illegal drugs, or the manufacture, possession or sale of alcoholic liquor, or has not forfeited his bond to appear in court to answer charges of any such violation, unless the Local Liquor Control Commissioner determines, after investigation, that such person has been sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant the public trust after considering matters set forth in such person's application and the Commission's investigation. The burden of proof of sufficient rehabilitation shall be on the applicant.
 - O. A person who either owns the premises (or the beneficial interest in a land trust owning the premises) for which a license is sought, or has a lease thereon for the full period for which the license is to be issued.

- P. A person who is a beneficial owner of the business to be operated by the licensee.
- Q. A person who is not a law enforcing public official, the village president, member of the board of trustees, member of the local liquor control commission or any other elected public official, unless said applicant is a member of the board of trustees (except for the village president who serves as the local liquor commissioner) who seeks a license in relation to premises that are located within the Village, provided (i) the sale of alcoholic liquor pursuant to the license is incidental to the selling of food, (ii) the issuance of the license is approved by the State Commission, (iii) the issuance of the license is in accordance with all applicable local ordinances in effect where the premises are located, and (iv) the official granted a license does not vote on alcoholic liquor issues pending before the Village Board.
- R. A person or entity to whom a federal wagering stamp has not been issued by the federal government for the current tax period unless the person or entity is eligible to be issued a license under the Raffles Act or the Illinois Pull Tabs and Jar Games Act.
- S. A person who has not been convicted of a gambling offense as proscribed by any of subsections (a) (3) through (a) (11) of Section 28-1 of, or as proscribed by Section 28-1.1 or 28-3 of, the Criminal Code of 1961, or as proscribed by a statute replaced by any of the aforesaid statutory provisions.
- T. A person who is twenty-one (21) years of age or older.

39. Pursuant to Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 16 of the Western Springs Municipal Code, by signing this Application, the Applicant affirmatively states that:

- A. The Applicant has not been convicted of a felony or any other offenses prohibited under Title 4 of the Western Springs Municipal Code.
- B. The Applicant will not violate any of the laws of the Village, the State or of the United States in the conduct or operation of the place of business to be licensed.

40. The Applicant shall complete and submit with this Application an Authorization for Release of Information Relative to Application for Retail Liquor License on a form approved by the Village.

IF A NEW MANAGER HAS BEEN OR IS ADDED TO THE BUSINESS, THAT PERSON MUST CONTACT THE WESTERN SPRINGS DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES, (708) 246-1800, TO SET UP AN APPOINTMENT TO BE FINGERPRINTED AND MUST SUBMIT A SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION. THE APPOINTMENT SHOULD BE MADE MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

A LIQUOR LICENSE IS NOT TRANSFERABLE. IF YOU ANTICIPATE A SALE OF THE BUSINESS, OR A CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP OR MANAGEMENT, IT IS YOUR SOLE RESPONSIBILITY TO ASSURE THAT THE REQUIRED NOTIFICATION AND/OR REAPPLICATION PROCESS IS STARTED AT LEAST 120 DAYS PRIOR TO THE CHANGE. ALL INVESTIGATIONS BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE LOCAL LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSIONER AND LOCAL LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION WILL CONSIDER THE APPLICATION.

SIGNATORY PAGE

Corporate Seal
(If applicant is corporation)

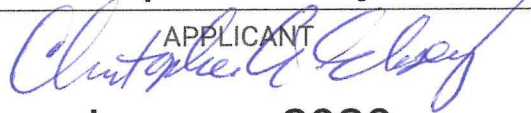
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS.
COUNTY OF C O O K)

The undersigned, **Christopher Elsey**, first being duly sworn, under oath deposes and says that _he_ is/are the Applicant(s) for the license requested in the foregoing Application; that _he_ is/are of good repute, character and standing and that answers to the questions asked in the foregoing Application are true and correct in every detail. I further state that I have read and understand the Code provisions of the Western Springs Municipal Code that govern the sale and delivery of alcoholic beverages. I further agree not to violate any of the laws of the State of Illinois, the United States of America or any of the ordinances of the Village of Western Springs in the conduct of my place of business.

I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT AN UNTRUE, INCORRECT OR MISLEADING ANSWER GIVEN IN THIS APPLICATION IS SUFFICIENT CAUSE FOR THE REFUSAL TO GRANT OR THE REVOCATION OF ANY LICENSE GRANTED PURSUANT TO THIS APPLICATION.

I further give my permission to the Village of Western Springs or any agency of the Village to check with any agency or individual named or referred to in this Application to verify or clarify any answer that I have given.

Christopher Elsey


APPLICANT

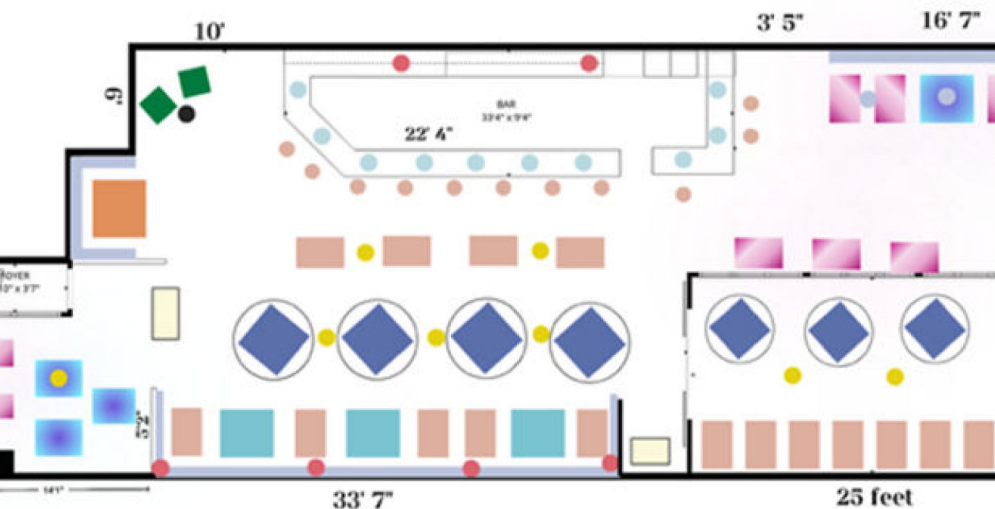
Subscribed and Sworn to before me this **15th** day of **June**, **2026**

NOTARY PUBLIC

APPLICATION APPROVED:

Local Liquor Control Commissioner

Date: _____



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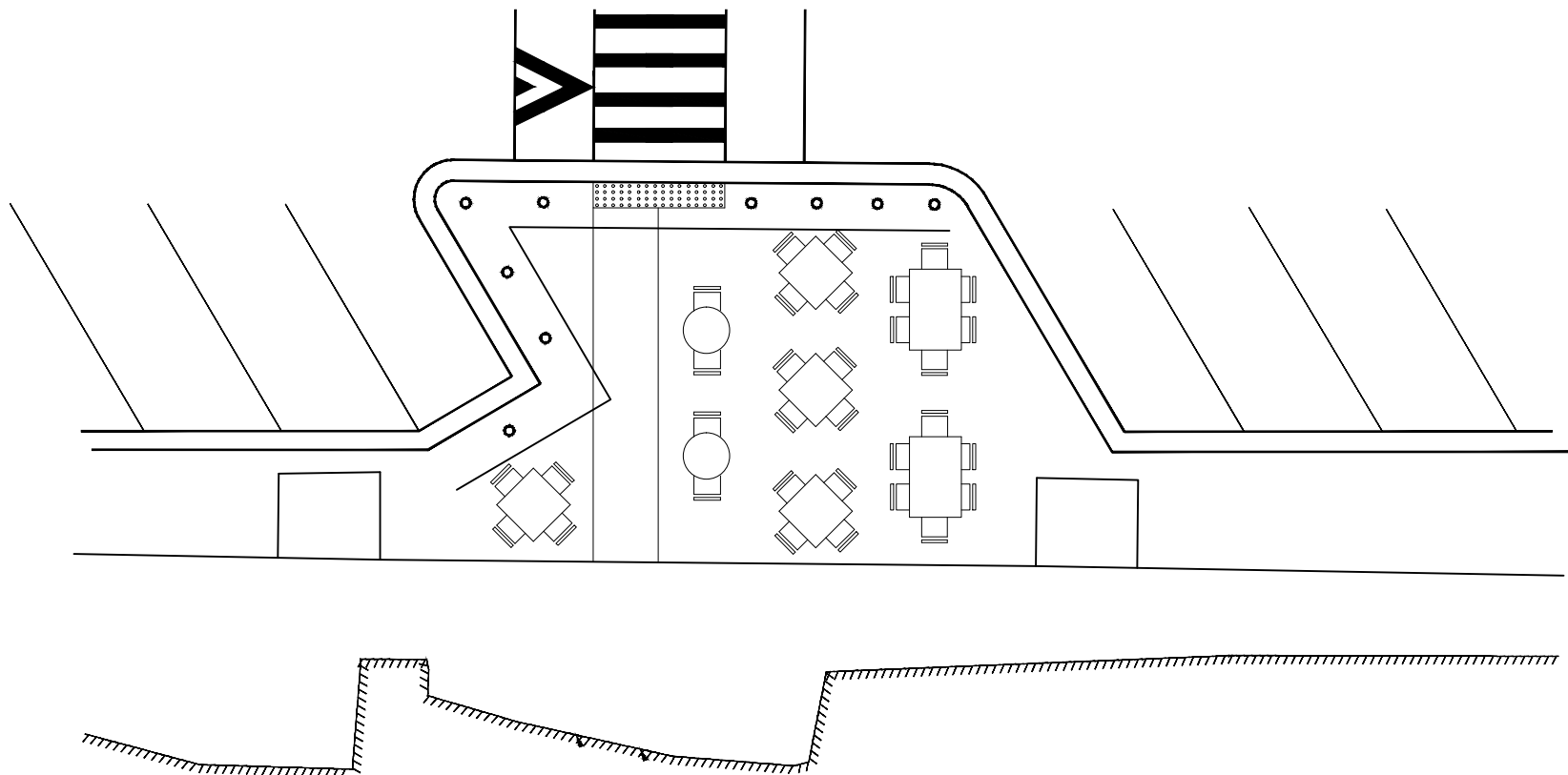
-  2 Top: 30 x 24
-  4 Top: 30 x 48
-  4 Top Square/ Round: 34 x 34 (48 Round)
-  Banquette
-  2 Top: 30 x 24: High Top
-  4 Top: 30 x 48: High Top
-  Bar Stool

Lighting

-  Chandelier
-  Pendant
-  Wall Sconce

Main Dining seats 24 - 24
 Private Room - 34 seats
 Side Room Seats - 20 seats
 Lounge seats 4

Recommend 24 inches between each table on a banquet-style seating



WESTERN SPRINGS LOCAL LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION
RECOMMENDATION NO. 26-02

Recommendation Relative To An Application For A New Class "B" (Full Service Restaurant With A Patron Bar), Class "G" (Fine Wine, Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Gourmet Food Store License; Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Wine Only), and Class "H" (Outdoor Liquor Café) Liquor License Submitted By Cotto Geneva LLC d/b/a Alano Ristorante For Operation Of A Full Service Restaurant With Patron Bar For The Retail Sale Of Alcoholic Liquor In A Restaurant For Consumption Only Within The Licensed Premises, Located At 821 Burlington Avenue, Western Springs, Illinois and in the Public sidewalk located at 821 Burlington Avenue, Western Springs, Illinois.

WHEREAS, Cotto Geneva LLC d/b/a Alano Ristorante (managing member: Chris Esley) (the "Applicant") has filed a liquor license application (the "Application") and the required application fees with the Village of Western Springs ("Village") for a Class "B" (Full Service Restaurant With A Patron Bar), Class "G" (Fine Wine, Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Gourmet Food Store License; Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Wine Only), and Class "H" (Outdoor Liquor Café) Liquor License. The Applicant requests to operate a full service restaurant with a patron bar within the premises and in the public sidewalk located at 821 Hillgrove Avenue, Western Springs, Illinois (the "Restaurant" or the "Licensed Premises") and packaged sales. The Application is incorporated herein by reference as **Group Exhibit "A"**.

WHEREAS, under the Liquor Control Ordinance, a Local Liquor Control Commission has been created to assist the Commissioner with the investigation and processing of liquor license applications and applicants and to perform certain other duties at the direction of the Commissioner. The Commission's duties include the review of liquor applications, the review of the investigation of applicants for liquor licenses as well as the submission of recommendations to the Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, after receipt by the Village Clerk, copies of the Application were distributed to the Commissioner, the members of the Commission, the Village Manager, the Director of Law Enforcement Services, the Director of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, the Director of Finance, the Building and Zoning Officer, and the Village Attorney. Each of the members of the Commission has reviewed the Application; and

WHEREAS, in regard to its investigation of and consideration of the Application, the Commission held a public meeting on July 29, 2026, pursuant to proper notice being posted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. During this public meeting, the legal counsel for the Applicant made a presentation regarding its Application, the Village staff gave reports relative to the background check and investigative activities performed with respect to the Application, members of the Commission examined, under oath, the Applicant/Owner, its representatives and all other individuals who spoke during the public meeting, and an opportunity for public input was provided; and

WHEREAS, the necessary background check and fingerprinting of the representatives of the Applicant/Owner was performed by the Department of Law Enforcement Services. The Director of Finance has determined that the Applicant/Owner is not delinquent in the payment of the retailer's occupation tax, sales tax, or any other financial debt or obligation owed to the Village. On this information, the Applicant/Owner was found by Village staff to still be eligible for a liquor license under the provisions of the Illinois Liquor Control Act of 1934 and the Village's Liquor Control Ordinance, and the Applicant/Owner was found to be in compliance with the other applicable sections of the Village's Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing information and activities, the Commission makes a recommendation to the Commissioner as set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE WESTERN SPRINGS LOCAL LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION FINDS AND RECOMMENDS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: Findings. Based on the information contained in the Application and the investigations performed by the Village staff and the information and testimony received at the Public Meeting, the Western Springs Local Liquor Control Commission finds:

- A. *The Applicant would qualify for a Class "B" (Full Service Restaurant With A Patron Bar), Class "G" (Fine Wine, Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Gourmet Food Store License; Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Wine Only), and Class "H" (Outdoor Liquor Café) Liquor License under the provisions of the Illinois Liquor Control Act of 1934 and the Village's Liquor Control Ordinance.*

SECTION 2: Recommendation and Conditions. Based on the information contained in the Application and the investigations performed by the Village staff and the information and testimony received at the Public Meeting, the Western Springs Local Liquor Control Commission recommends:

Class "B" (Full Service Restaurant With A Patron Bar), Class "G" (Fine Wine, Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Gourmet Food Store License; Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Wine Only), and Class "H" (Outdoor Liquor Café) Liquor Licenses

- A. **Approval / Denial** of the Applicant/Owner's Application for a Class "B" (Full Service Restaurant With A Patron Bar).
- B. **Approval / Denial** of the Applicant/Owner's Application for a Class "G" (Fine Wine, Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Gourmet Food Store License; Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Wine Only).
- C. **Approval / Denial** of the Applicant/Owner's Application for a Class "H" (Outdoor Liquor Café).
- D. **Approval / Denial** by the Village Board and the Commissioner of the draft Ordinances, copies of which are attached to this Recommendation as part of **Group Exhibit "B"**, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4 (LIQUOR CONTROL) OF THE WESTERN SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATIVE TO THE NUMBER OF CLASS "B" (FULL SERVICE RESTAURANT WITH A PATRON BAR) LIQUOR LICENSES WHICH CAN BE ISSUED IN THE VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE RETAIL SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR IN A RESTAURANT FOR CONSUMPTION ONLY WITHIN THE LICENSED PREMISES LOCATED AT 821 BURLINGTON AVENUE, WESTERN SPRINGS, ILLINOIS (APPLICANT: Cotto Geneva, LLC d/b/a Alano Ristorante).

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4 (LIQUOR CONTROL) OF THE WESTERN SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATIVE TO THE NUMBER OF CLASS "G" (FINE WINE, PREMIUM SPIRITS, PREMIUM BEER AND GOURMET FOOD STORE LICENSE; PREMIUM SPIRITS, PREMIUM BEER AND WINE ONLY) LIQUOR LICENSES WHICH CAN BE ISSUED IN THE VILLAGE OF WESTERN

SPRINGS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE RETAIL SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR IN A RESTAURANT FOR CONSUMPTION ONLY WITHIN THE LICENSED PREMISES LOCATED AT 821 BURLINGTON AVENUE, WESTERN SPRINGS, ILLINOIS (APPLICANT: Cotto Geneva, LLC d/b/a Alano Ristorante).

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4 (LIQUOR CONTROL) OF THE WESTERN SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATIVE TO THE NUMBER OF CLASS "H" (OUTDOOR LIQUOR CAFE) LIQUOR LICENSES WHICH CAN BE ISSUED IN THE VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS (APPLICANT: COTTO GENEVA, LLC D/B/A ALANO RISTORANTE PUB FOR THE OPERATION OF AN OUTDOOR LIQUOR CAFE AREA LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE 821 BURLINGTON AVENUE BUILDING AT 821 BURLINGTON AVENUE, WESTERN SPRINGS, ILLINOIS).

E. Approval of the following additional conditions: **INSERT**

A motion was made to approve the Recommendation for the Liquor License listed above, the motion was seconded, and then the motion was approved by a _____ (____) to _____ (____) vote of the Commissioners (motion by: **INSERT**).

PASSED by the Western Springs Local Liquor Control Commission at a meeting held on the 29th day of July, 2026.

VOTE: Peter Glimco, Doug DeRock and John F. Dixon

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

OTHER:

The above vote has been certified by me this 29th day of July, 2026.

Peter Glimco, Chair

Group Exhibit "A"

**Liquor License Application for "B" (Full Service Restaurant With A Patron Bar), "G" (Fine Wine, Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Gourmet Food Store License; Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Wine Only), and "H" (Outdoor Liquor Café) Liquor Licenses
Liquor License and Attachments**

(incorporated herein by reference)

and

Group Exhibit "B"

Draft

ORDINANCE NO. 26-_____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4 (LIQUOR CONTROL) OF THE WESTERN SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATIVE TO THE NUMBER OF CLASS "B" (FULL SERVICE RESTAURANT WITH A PATRON BAR) LIQUOR LICENSES WHICH CAN BE ISSUED IN THE VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE RETAIL SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR IN A RESTAURANT FOR CONSUMPTION ONLY WITHIN THE LICENSED PREMISES LOCATED AT 821 BURLINGTON AVENUE, WESTERN SPRINGS, ILLINOIS (APPLICANT: Cotto Geneva, LLC d/b/a Alano Ristorante).

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(attached)

ORDINANCE NO. 26-**VOTE:****AYES:****NAYS:****ABSTAIN:****ABSENT:****DATE: August 10, 2026.****OTHER: Roll Call Vote.**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4 (LIQUOR CONTROL) OF THE WESTERN SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATIVE TO THE NUMBER OF CLASS "B" (FULL SERVICE RESTAURANT WITH A PATRON BAR) LIQUOR LICENSES WHICH CAN BE ISSUED IN THE VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE RETAIL SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR IN A RESTAURANT FOR CONSUMPTION ONLY WITHIN THE LICENSED PREMISES LOCATED AT 821 BURLINGTON AVENUE, WESTERN SPRINGS, ILLINOIS (APPLICANT: Cotto Geneva, LLC d/b/a Alano Ristorante)

WHEREAS, Cotto Geneva, LLC d/b/a Alano Ristorante (managing members: Chris Esley) (the "Applicant/Owner") filed a liquor license application and the required application fee with the Village of Western Springs ("Village") for a Class "H" (Outdoor Liquor Cafe) Liquor License (the "Application") for purposes of operating an outdoor liquor café on a portion of the public sidewalk located adjacent to 821 Burlington Avenue, Western Springs, Illinois (the "Licensed Premises"). The outdoor liquor café will be operated in conjunction with Applicant/Owner's restaurant located at 821 Burlington Avenue, Western Springs, Illinois. The Applicant/Owner has also applied for a Class "B" (Full Service Restaurant With A Patron Bar) and Class "G" (Fine Wine, Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Gourmet Food Store License; Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Wine Only) Liquor Licenses with the Village. The Application is incorporated into this Ordinance by reference; and

WHEREAS, at its July 29, 2026 Meeting, the General Government Committee considered the Applicant/Owner's liquor license application for three (3) liquor licenses consisting of a Class "B" (Full Service Restaurant With A Patron Bar) Liquor License, Class "G" (Fine Wine, Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Gourmet Food Store License; Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Wine Only), and a Class "H" (Outdoor Liquor Cafe) Liquor License and then received and considered input from Village staff and provided an opportunity for public input regarding the Application. At the July 29, 2026, meeting, the Committee recommended that the Village Board approve three (3) liquor licenses consisting of a Class "B" (Full Service Restaurant With A Patron Bar) Liquor License, Class "G" (Fine Wine, Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Gourmet Food Store License; Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Wine Only), and a Class "H" (Outdoor Liquor Cafe) Liquor Licenses to the Applicant/Owner; and

WHEREAS, the Local Liquor Control Commission (the "Commission") held a public meeting on July 29, 2026 in regard to the Application for the above-described three (3) liquor licenses and issued its Recommendation No. 26-02 relative to the Application on that date. A copy of Recommendation No. 26-02 is incorporated by reference into this Ordinance. The Commission favorably recommended the issuance of three (3) liquor licenses consisting of a Class "B" (Full Service Restaurant With A Patron Bar) Liquor License, Class "G" (Fine Wine, Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Gourmet Food Store License; Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Wine Only), and a Class "H" (Outdoor Liquor Cafe) Liquor License to the Applicant/Owner, subject to the conditions set forth in Recommendation No. 26-02; and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Western Springs (the “Village Board”) find that the Applicant/Owner is eligible to hold the above-described three (3) liquor licenses, and is also in good standing with the Village and the Local Liquor Control Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Western Springs find that the Applicant/Owner is eligible to hold a Class “B” (Full Service Restaurant With A Patron Bar) Liquor License, and is also in good standing with the Village and the Local Liquor Control Commissioner.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: Incorporation. Each Whereas paragraph set forth above is incorporated by reference into this Section 1.

SECTION 2: Approval of Amendment to Liquor License Ordinance. The President and Board of Trustees approve an amendment to Title 4 (Liquor Control), Chapter 1 (Alcoholic Liquor), Section 4-1-10 (A)(2) (Limitation on Number of Licenses) of the Western Springs Municipal Code to increase the number of Class “B” (Full Service Restaurant With A Patron Bar) Liquor Licenses that can be issued by the Local Liquor Control Commissioner from six (6) to seven (7) for purposes of the issuance of a Class “B” (Full Service Restaurant With A Patron Bar) Liquor License to Cotto Geneva LLC d/b/a Alano Ristorante to permit the sale at retail of alcoholic liquor in a restaurant for consumption only within the Licensed Premises located at 821 Burlington Avenue, Western Springs, Illinois. Upon issuance of the Class “B” (Full Service Restaurant With A Patron Bar) Liquor License by the Local Liquor Control Commissioner, Section 4-1-10 (A)(2) (Limitation on Number of Licenses) of the Western Springs Municipal Code shall be created to read, in its entirety, as follows (new text is marked with underlining; deletions to existing text marked using strikethrough):

“f. Cotto Geneva LLC d/b/a Alano Ristorante for a restaurant located at 821 Burlington Avenue, Western Springs, Illinois.”

SECTION 3: Authorization to Issue Class “B” (Full Service Restaurant With A Patron Bar) Liquor License Subject to Conditions. The President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Western Springs authorize the Local Liquor Control Commissioner to issue a Class “B” (Full Service Restaurant With A Patron Bar) Liquor License created under Section 3 of this Ordinance to Cotto Geneva LLC d/b/a Alano Ristorante for the sole purpose of permitting the sale at retail of alcoholic liquor in a restaurant for consumption only within the Licensed Premises located at 821 Burlington Avenue, Western Springs, Illinois, SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH BELOW IN SECTION 4.

SECTION 4: Conditions for New Class “B” (Full Service Restaurant With A Patron Bar) Liquor License and Applicant. The Local Liquor Control Commissioner shall not issue the Class “B” (Full Service Restaurant With A Patron Bar) Liquor License to Cotto Geneva LLC d/b/a Alano Ristorante until the following conditions are satisfied, which conditions must be complied with for the duration of the Liquor License (as applicable):

A. The Applicant/Owner shall provide to the Village Manager written proof from an insurer that the required Dram Shop Insurance (minimum \$1,000,000 coverage limits per Section 4-1-20

(Insurance Requirements) of the Municipal Code) has been purchased to cover the retail sale of alcoholic liquor to patrons of the Licensed Premises.

B. The Applicant/Owner shall obtain and maintain a business license from the Village for the Licensed Premises.

C. There shall be one or more on-site managers, who has applied to the Village and is qualified to serve in such capacity under the Village's Liquor Control Ordinance, physically present within the Licensed Premises at all times that alcoholic liquor is being sold.

D. The following individuals shall serve as the initial on-site managers: Chris Esley. If additional on-site managers are necessary to operate the convenience retail location, or the above-listed initial on-site manager is replaced, the Applicant/Owner and the new, proposed on-site managers are each required to file with the Village a completed Supplemental Liquor Application signed by the proposed on-site manager that satisfies the liquor license eligibility and application requirements of the Village's Liquor Control Ordinance (Title 4). The proposed on-site managers must satisfactorily pass the required criminal background check and the required Village staff investigations. Copies of the Supplemental Liquor Application, criminal background check report and Village staff investigation reports shall be submitted to the Local Liquor Control Commissioner and the Village Attorney for review.

E. The Applicant/Owner and its on-site manager(s) shall meet periodically with the Local Liquor Control Commissioner, at their request, to discuss the retail sale of alcoholic liquor in the convenience retail location and shall provide the Commissioner with information relative to its operations upon request.

F. The Applicant/Owner and its on-site manager(s) shall comply with all of the applicable provisions of federal, State and county laws and regulations, and the Western Springs Municipal Code, including, without limitation, the regulations of Title 4 (Liquor Control Ordinance) as well as the regulations for a Class "B" (Full Service Restaurant With A Patron Bar) Liquor License set forth at Section 4-1-9(B) (Class B Liquor License), the applicable provisions of the Illinois Liquor Control Act of 1934, including the State laws governing retail sales of alcoholic liquor, the conditions set forth in this Section 4 and any other conditions or regulations imposed from time to time by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village or the Local Liquor Control Commissioner.

G. All retail sales of alcoholic liquor pursuant to the Class "B" (Full Service Restaurant With A Patron Bar) Liquor License shall take place within the Restaurant Establishment at 821 Burlington Avenue, Western Springs, Illinois.

H. Alcoholic liquor shall be sold by the Basset-trained staff who are at least 21 years old. The staff shall sell alcoholic liquor only to patrons who are 21 years old or older.

I. Hours: The operation of the retail liquor sales shall be permitted only for Regular Hours Of Operation between the hours of eleven o'clock (11:00) A.M. and twelve o'clock (12:00) midnight on Mondays through Thursdays; between the hours of eleven o'clock (11:00) A.M. and one o'clock (1:00) A.M. on Fridays/Saturdays and Saturdays/Sundays (note: the 1:00 A.M. closing time carries over to the next following day); and between the hours of eleven o'clock (11:00) A.M. and eleven o'clock (11:00) P.M. on Sundays, except alcoholic liquor may be sold, given away or offered for sale within the licensed premises between the hours of eleven o'clock (11:00) P.M. on New Year's Eve Day and one o'clock (1:00) A.M. on New Year's Day. Licensees offering a brunch menu may serve alcoholic liquor beginning at nine o'clock (9:00) A.M. on Mondays through Sundays.

J. The assumed name or "doing business as" name and any related signage that is used by the Applicant/Owner shall conform to the applicable regulations of Title 4 (Liquor Control) of the Western Springs Municipal Code.

K. If within **one hundred eighty (180) calendar days of the approval date of this Ordinance** the Local Liquor Control Commissioner has not issued the "B" (Full Service Restaurant With A Patron Bar) Liquor License to the Applicant/Owner or advised in writing of their intention to issue the Class "B" (Full Service Restaurant With A Patron Bar) Liquor License upon satisfaction of one or more conditions then this Ordinance shall automatically become null and void without any further action or notice by the Corporate Authorities of the Village or the Local Liquor Control Commissioner.

L. The President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Western Springs or the Local Liquor Control Commissioner shall have the right to impose additional regulations and conditions on the Applicant/Owner and its on-site manager(s) relative to its retail sale of alcoholic liquor any time during the initial license year or any time thereafter when a renewal license is in effect.

SECTION 5: Conflicts and Repealer. Any Ordinance, or portion thereof, in conflict herewith is repealed to the extent of such conflict. Except as to the amendments heretofore mentioned, all Chapters and Sections of the Municipal Code of the Village of Western Springs shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6: Severability and Validity. Each section, paragraph, clause and provision of this Ordinance is separable, and if any portion of this Ordinance is held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance, nor any part thereof, other than that part affected by such decision.

SECTION 7: Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption, approval and publication as provided by State law.

PASSED by a roll call vote of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Western Springs, Cook County, Illinois, at a Regular Meeting thereof, held on the 10th day of August, 2026, and approved by me as Village President, and attested by the Village Clerk, on the same day.

Heidi Rudolph, Village President

Edward Tymick, Village Clerk

This Ordinance was published by me in pamphlet form on the 10th day of August, 2026.

Edward Tymick, Village Clerk

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONSENT
TO THE PROVISIONS OF WESTERN SPRINGS ORDINANCE NO. 26-____
AND AGREEMENT TO COMPLY WITH AND FULFILL
THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH ABOVE IN THIS ORDINANCE**

I, Chris Esley, have read the conditions set forth in the above-referenced Ordinance, including those contained in Section 4, and agree to be bound by the same.

Cotto Geneva LLC d/b/a Alano Ristorante (Applicant/Owner)

By: _____
Chris Esley, Managing Member

By: _____
Notary Public

Date: _____

Date: _____

Commission Expires: _____

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF COOK)

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I, Edward Tymick, Clerk of the Village of Western Springs, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, certify that the attached document is a true and correct copy of that certain Ordinance now on file in my office, entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 26-_____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4 (LIQUOR CONTROL) OF THE WESTERN SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATIVE TO THE NUMBER OF CLASS "B" (FULL SERVICE RESTAURANT WITH A PATRON BAR) LIQUOR LICENSES WHICH CAN BE ISSUED IN THE VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE RETAIL SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR IN A RESTAURANT FOR CONSUMPTION ONLY WITHIN THE LICENSED PREMISES LOCATED AT 821 BURLINGTON AVENUE, WESTERN SPRINGS, ILLINOIS
(APPLICANT: Cotto Geneva, LLC d/b/a Alano Ristorante)**

which Ordinance was passed by a roll call vote of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Western Springs at a Regular Meeting on the 10th day of August, 2026, at which meeting a quorum was present, and approved by the President of the Village of Western Springs on the 10th day of August, 2026.

I further certify that the vote on the question of the passage of said Ordinance by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Western Springs was taken by Ayes and Nays and recorded in the minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Western Springs, and that the result of said vote was as follows, to-wit:

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

I do further certify that the original Ordinance, of which the foregoing is a true copy, is entrusted to my care for safekeeping, and that I am the lawful keeper of the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Village of Western Springs, this 10th day of August, 2026.

Edward Tymick, Village Clerk

[SEAL]

ORDINANCE NO. 26-**VOTE:****AYES:****NAYS:****ABSTAIN:****ABSENT:****DATE: August 10, 2026.****OTHER: Roll Call Vote.**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4 (LIQUOR CONTROL) OF THE WESTERN SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATIVE TO THE NUMBER OF CLASS "G" (FINE WINE, PREMIUM SPIRITS, PREMIUM BEER AND GOURMET FOOD STORE LICENSE; PREMIUM SPIRITS, PREMIUM BEER AND WINE ONLY) LIQUOR LICENSES WHICH CAN BE ISSUED IN THE VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE RETAIL SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR IN A RESTAURANT FOR CONSUMPTION ONLY WITHIN THE LICENSED PREMISES LOCATED AT 821 BURLINGTON AVENUE, WESTERN SPRINGS, ILLINOIS (APPLICANT: Cotto Geneva, LLC d/b/a Alano Ristorante)

WHEREAS, Cotto Geneva, LLC d/b/a Alano Ristorante (managing members: Chris Esley) (the "Applicant/Owner") filed a liquor license application and the required application fee with the Village of Western Springs ("Village") for a Class "H" (Outdoor Liquor Cafe) Liquor License (the "Application") for purposes of operating an outdoor liquor café on a portion of the public sidewalk located adjacent to 821 Burlington Avenue, Western Springs, Illinois (the "Licensed Premises"). The outdoor liquor café will be operated in conjunction with Applicant/Owner's restaurant located at 821 Burlington Avenue, Western Springs, Illinois. The Applicant/Owner has also applied for a Class "B" (Full Service Restaurant With A Patron Bar) and Class "G" (Fine Wine, Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Gourmet Food Store License; Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Wine Only) Liquor Licenses with the Village. The Application is incorporated into this Ordinance by reference; and

WHEREAS, at its July 29, 2026 Meeting, the General Government Committee considered the Applicant/Owner's liquor license application for three (3) liquor licenses consisting of a Class "B" (Full Service Restaurant With A Patron Bar) Liquor License, Class "G" (Fine Wine, Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Gourmet Food Store License; Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Wine Only), and a Class "H" (Outdoor Liquor Cafe) Liquor License and then received and considered input from Village staff and provided an opportunity for public input regarding the Application. At the July 29, 2026, meeting, the Committee recommended that the Village Board approve three (3) liquor licenses consisting of a Class "B" (Full Service Restaurant With A Patron Bar) Liquor License, Class "G" (Fine Wine, Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Gourmet Food Store License; Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Wine Only), and a Class "H" (Outdoor Liquor Cafe) Liquor Licenses to the Applicant/Owner; and

WHEREAS, the Local Liquor Control Commission (the "Commission") held a public meeting on July 29, 2026 in regard to the Application for the above-described three (3) liquor licenses and issued its Recommendation No. 26-02 relative to the Application on that date. A copy of Recommendation No. 26-02 is incorporated by reference into this Ordinance. The Commission favorably recommended the issuance of two (2) liquor licenses consisting of a Class "B" (Full Service Restaurant With A Patron Bar) Liquor License, Class "G" (Fine Wine, Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Gourmet Food Store License;

Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Wine Only), and a Class “H” (Outdoor Liquor Cafe) Liquor License to the Applicant/Owner, subject to the conditions set forth in Recommendation No. 26-02; and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Western Springs (the “Village Board”) find that the Applicant/Owner is eligible to hold the above-described three (3) liquor licenses, and is also in good standing with the Village and the Local Liquor Control Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Western Springs find that the Applicant/Owner is eligible to hold a Class “G” (Fine Wine, Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Gourmet Food Store License; Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Wine Only) Liquor License, and is also in good standing with the Village and the Local Liquor Control Commissioner.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: Incorporation. Each Whereas paragraph set forth above is incorporated by reference into this Section 1.

SECTION 2: Approval of Amendment to Liquor License Ordinance. The President and Board of Trustees approve an amendment to Title 4 (Liquor Control), Chapter 1 (Alcoholic Liquor), Section 4-1-10 (A)(7) (Limitation on Number of Licenses) of the Western Springs Municipal Code to increase the number of Class “G” (Fine Wine, Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Gourmet Food Store License; Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Wine Only) Liquor Licenses that can be issued by the Local Liquor Control Commissioner from two (2) to three (3) for purposes of the issuance of a Class “G” (Fine Wine, Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Gourmet Food Store License; Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Wine Only) Liquor License to Cotto Geneva LLC d/b/a Alano Ristorante to permit the sale at retail of alcoholic liquor in a restaurant for consumption only within the Licensed Premises located at 821 Burlington Avenue, Western Springs, Illinois. Upon issuance of the Class “G” (Fine Wine, Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Gourmet Food Store License; Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Wine Only) Liquor License by the Local Liquor Control Commissioner, Section 4-1-10 (A)(7) (Limitation on Number of Licenses) of the Western Springs Municipal Code shall be created to read, in its entirety, as follows (new text is marked with underlining; deletions to existing text marked using strikethrough):

“c. Cotto Geneva LLC d/b/a Alano Ristorante for a restaurant located at 821 Burlington Avenue, Western Springs, Illinois.”

SECTION 3: Authorization to Issue Class “G” (Fine Wine, Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Gourmet Food Store License; Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Wine Only) Liquor License Subject to Conditions. The President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Western Springs authorize the Local Liquor Control Commissioner to issue a “G” (Fine Wine, Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Gourmet Food Store License; Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Wine Only) Liquor License created under Section 3 of this Ordinance to Cotto Geneva LLC d/b/a Alano Ristorante for the sole purpose of permitting the sale at retail of alcoholic liquor in a restaurant for consumption only within the Licensed Premises located at 821 Burlington Avenue, Western Springs, Illinois, SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH BELOW IN SECTION 4.

SECTION 4: Conditions for New Class “G” (Fine Wine, Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Gourmet Food Store License; Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Wine Only) Liquor License and Applicant. The Local Liquor Control Commissioner shall not issue the Class “G” (Fine Wine, Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Gourmet Food Store License; Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Wine Only) Liquor License to Cotto Geneva LLC d/b/a Alano Ristorante until the following conditions are satisfied, which conditions must be complied with for the duration of the Liquor License (as applicable):

A. The Applicant/Owner shall provide to the Village Manager written proof from an insurer that the required Dram Shop Insurance (minimum \$1,000,000 coverage limits per Section 4-1-20 (Insurance Requirements) of the Municipal Code) has been purchased to cover the retail sale of alcoholic liquor to patrons of the Licensed Premises.

B. The Applicant/Owner shall obtain and maintain a business license from the Village for the Licensed Premises.

C. There shall be one or more on-site managers, who has applied to the Village and is qualified to serve in such capacity under the Village’s Liquor Control Ordinance, physically present within the Licensed Premises at all times that alcoholic liquor is being sold.

D. The following individuals shall serve as the initial on-site manager: Chris Esley. If additional on-site managers are necessary to operate the convenience retail location, or the above-listed initial on-site manager is replaced, the Applicant/Owner and the new, proposed on-site managers are each required to file with the Village a completed Supplemental Liquor Application signed by the proposed on-site manager that satisfies the liquor license eligibility and application requirements of the Village’s Liquor Control Ordinance (Title 4). The proposed on-site managers must satisfactorily pass the required criminal background check and the required Village staff investigations. Copies of the Supplemental Liquor Application, criminal background check report and Village staff investigation reports shall be submitted to the Local Liquor Control Commissioner and the Village Attorney for review.

E. The Applicant/Owner and its on-site manager(s) shall meet periodically with the Local Liquor Control Commissioner, at their request, to discuss the retail sale of alcoholic liquor in the convenience retail location and shall provide the Commissioner with information relative to its operations upon request.

F. The Applicant/Owner and its on-site manager(s) shall comply with all of the applicable provisions of federal, State and county laws and regulations, and the Western Springs Municipal Code, including, without limitation, the regulations of Title 4 (Liquor Control Ordinance) as well as the regulations for a Class “G” (Fine Wine, Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Gourmet Food Store License; Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Wine Only) Liquor License set forth at Section 4-1-9(G) (Class G Liquor License), the applicable provisions of the Illinois Liquor Control Act of 1934, including the State laws governing retail sales of alcoholic liquor, the conditions set forth in this Section 4 and any other conditions or regulations imposed from time to time by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village or the Local Liquor Control Commissioner.

G. All retail sales of alcoholic liquor pursuant to the Class “G” (Fine Wine, Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Gourmet Food Store License; Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Wine Only) Liquor License shall take place within the Restaurant Establishment at 821 Burlington Avenue, Western Springs, Illinois.

H. Alcoholic liquor shall be sold by the Basset-trained staff who are at least 21 years old. The staff shall sell alcoholic liquor only to patrons who are 21 years old or older.

I. Hours: sale of retail liquor shall be permitted to sell premium spirits, premium beer and wine between the hours of eleven o'clock (11:00) A.M. and eleven o'clock (11:00) P.M. on weekdays and

Saturdays, and between the hours of twelve o'clock (12:00) noon and eleven o'clock (11:00) P.M. on Sundays.

J. The assumed name or "doing business as" name and any related signage that is used by the Applicant/Owner shall conform to the applicable regulations of Title 4 (Liquor Control) of the Western Springs Municipal Code.

K. If within **one hundred eighty (180) calendar days of the approval date of this Ordinance** the Local Liquor Control Commissioner has not issued the "G" (Fine Wine, Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Gourmet Food Store License; Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Wine Only) Liquor License to the Applicant/Owner or advised in writing of their intention to issue the Class "G" (Fine Wine, Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Gourmet Food Store License; Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Wine Only) Liquor License upon satisfaction of one or more conditions then this Ordinance shall automatically become null and void without any further action or notice by the Corporate Authorities of the Village or the Local Liquor Control Commissioner.

L. The President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Western Springs or the Local Liquor Control Commissioner shall have the right to impose additional regulations and conditions on the Applicant/Owner and its on-site manager(s) relative to its retail sale of alcoholic liquor any time during the initial license year or any time thereafter when a renewal license is in effect.

SECTION 5: Conflicts and Repealer. Any Ordinance, or portion thereof, in conflict herewith is repealed to the extent of such conflict. Except as to the amendments heretofore mentioned, all Chapters and Sections of the Municipal Code of the Village of Western Springs shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6: Severability and Validity. Each section, paragraph, clause and provision of this Ordinance is separable, and if any portion of this Ordinance is held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance, nor any part thereof, other than that part affected by such decision.

SECTION 7: Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption, approval and publication as provided by State law.

PASSED by a roll call vote of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Western Springs, Cook County, Illinois, at a Regular Meeting thereof, held on the 10th day of August, 2026, and approved by me as Village President, and attested by the Village Clerk, on the same day.

Heidi Rudolph, Village President

Edward Tymick, Village Clerk

This Ordinance was published by me in pamphlet form on the 10th day of August, 2026.

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONSENT
TO THE PROVISIONS OF WESTERN SPRINGS ORDINANCE NO. 26-____
AND AGREEMENT TO COMPLY WITH AND FULFILL
THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH ABOVE IN THIS ORDINANCE**

I, Chris Esley, have read the conditions set forth in the above-referenced Ordinance, including those contained in Section 4, and agree to be bound by the same.

Cotto Geneva LLC d/b/a Alano Ristorante (Applicant/Owner)

By: _____
Chris Esley, Managing Member

By: _____
Notary Public

Date: _____

Date: _____

Commission Expires: _____

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF COOK)

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I, Edward Tymick, Clerk of the Village of Western Springs, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, certify that the attached document is a true and correct copy of that certain Ordinance now on file in my office, entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 26-_____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4 (LIQUOR CONTROL) OF THE WESTERN SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATIVE TO THE NUMBER OF CLASS "G" (FINE WINE, PREMIUM SPIRITS, PREMIUM BEER AND GOURMET FOOD STORE LICENSE; PREMIUM SPIRITS, PREMIUM BEER AND WINE ONLY) LIQUOR LICENSES WHICH CAN BE ISSUED IN THE VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE RETAIL SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR IN A RESTAURANT FOR CONSUMPTION ONLY WITHIN THE LICENSED PREMISES LOCATED AT 821 BURLINGTON AVENUE, WESTERN SPRINGS, ILLINOIS (APPLICANT: Cotto Geneva, LLC d/b/a Alano Ristorante)

which Ordinance was passed by a roll call vote of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Western Springs at a Regular Meeting on the 10th day of August, 2026, at which meeting a quorum was present, and approved by the President of the Village of Western Springs on the 10th day of August, 2026.

I further certify that the vote on the question of the passage of said Ordinance by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Western Springs was taken by Ayes and Nays and recorded in the minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Western Springs, and that the result of said vote was as follows, to-wit:

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

I do further certify that the original Ordinance, of which the foregoing is a true copy, is entrusted to my care for safekeeping, and that I am the lawful keeper of the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Village of Western Springs, this 10th day of August, 2026.

Edward Tymick, Village Clerk

[SEAL]

ORDINANCE NO. 26-**VOTE:****AYES:****NAYS:****ABSTAIN:****ABSENT:****DATE: August 10, 2026.****OTHER: Roll Call Vote.**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4 (LIQUOR CONTROL) OF THE WESTERN SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATIVE TO THE NUMBER OF CLASS "H" (OUTDOOR LIQUOR CAFE) LIQUOR LICENSES WHICH CAN BE ISSUED IN THE VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS (APPLICANT: COTTO GENEVA, LLC D/B/A ALANO RISTORANTE PUB FOR THE OPERATION OF AN OUTDOOR LIQUOR CAFE AREA LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE 821 BURLINGTON AVENUE BUILDING AT 821 BURLINGTON AVENUE, WESTERN SPRINGS, ILLINOIS).

WHEREAS, Cotto Geneva, LLC d/b/a Alano Ristorante (managing members: Chris Esley) (the "Applicant/Owner") filed a liquor license application and the required application fee with the Village of Western Springs ("Village") for a Class "H" (Outdoor Liquor Cafe) Liquor License (the "Application") for purposes of operating an outdoor liquor café on a portion of the public sidewalk located adjacent to 821 Burlington Avenue, Western Springs, Illinois (the "Licensed Premises"). The outdoor liquor café will be operated in conjunction with Applicant/Owner's restaurant located at 821 Burlington Avenue, Western Springs, Illinois. The Applicant/Owner has also applied for a Class "B" (Full Service Restaurant With A Patron Bar) and Class "G" (Fine Wine, Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Gourmet Food Store License; Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Wine Only) Liquor Licenses with the Village. The Application is incorporated herein by reference as **Group Exhibit "A"**; and

WHEREAS, at its July 29, 2026 Meeting, the General Government Committee considered the Applicant/Owner's liquor license application for three (3) liquor licenses consisting of a Class "B" (Full Service Restaurant With A Patron Bar) Liquor License, Class "G" (Fine Wine, Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Gourmet Food Store License; Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Wine Only), and a Class "H" (Outdoor Liquor Cafe) Liquor License and then received and considered input from Village staff and provided an opportunity for public input regarding the Application. At the July 29, 2026, meeting, the Committee recommended that the Village Board approve three (3) liquor licenses consisting of a Class "B" (Full Service Restaurant With A Patron Bar) Liquor License, Class "G" (Fine Wine, Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Gourmet Food Store License; Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Wine Only), and a Class "H" (Outdoor Liquor Cafe) Liquor Licenses to the Applicant/Owner; and

WHEREAS, the Local Liquor Control Commission (the "Commission") held a public meeting on July 29, 2026 in regard to the Application for the above-described three (3) liquor licenses and issued its Recommendation No. 26-02 relative to the Application on that date. A copy of Recommendation No. 26-02 is incorporated by reference into this Ordinance. The Commission favorably recommended the issuance of two (2) liquor licenses consisting of a Class "B" (Full Service Restaurant With A Patron Bar) Liquor License, Class "G" (Fine Wine, Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Gourmet Food Store License; Premium Spirits, Premium Beer And Wine Only), and a Class "H" (Outdoor Liquor Cafe) Liquor License to the Applicant/Owner, subject to the conditions set forth in Recommendation No. 26-02; and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Western Springs (the “Village Board”) find that the Applicant/Owner is eligible to hold the above-described three (3) liquor licenses, and is also in good standing with the Village and the Local Liquor Control Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds that the Applicant/Owner is eligible to receive a Class “H” (Outdoor Liquor Cafe) Liquor License for the purpose of allowing the retail sale, service and consumption of alcoholic liquor in conjunction with the service of food as part of operating an outdoor liquor cafe.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: Approval of Amendment to Liquor License Ordinance. The President and Board of Trustees approve an amendment to Title 4 (Liquor Control), Chapter 1 (Alcoholic Liquor), Section 4-1-10 (A)(8) (Limitation on Number of Licenses) of the Western Springs Municipal Code to increase the number of Class “H” (Outdoor Liquor Cafe) Liquor Licenses that can be issued by the Local Liquor Control Commissioner from five (5) to six (6) for purposes of the issuance of a Class “H” (Outdoor Liquor Cafe) Liquor License to Cotto Geneva, LLC d/b/a Alano Ristorante for the operation of an outdoor liquor cafe located on a portion of the public sidewalk adjacent to 821 Burlington Avenue, Western Springs, Illinois. Upon issuance of the Class “H” (Outdoor Liquor Cafe) Liquor License by the Local Liquor Control Commissioner, Section 4-1-10 (A)(8) (Limitation on Number of Licenses) of the Western Springs Municipal Code shall be amended to read, in its entirety, as follows (new text is marked with underlining; deletions to existing text marked using strikethrough):

“f. Cotto Geneva, LLC d/b/a Alano Ristorante for an outdoor liquor café located at 821 Burlington Avenue, Western Springs, Illinois.”

SECTION 2: Authorization to Issue New Class “H” (Outdoor Liquor Cafe) Liquor License Subject to Conditions. The President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Western Springs authorize the Local Liquor Control Commissioner to issue a Class “H” (Outdoor Liquor Cafe) Liquor License created under Section 2 of this Ordinance to Cotto Geneva, LLC d/b/a Alano Ristorante for the sole purpose of selling and serving alcoholic liquor as part of the operation of an outdoor liquor café, which will operate in conjunction with a full service restaurant, located at 821 Burlington Avenue, Western Springs, Illinois, as attached hereto as **Exhibit “B”**, SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH BELOW IN SECTION 4.

SECTION 3: Approval and Execution of Temporary Use Permit and License Agreement For Temporary Use Of A Public Right-Of-Way For The Operation Of An Outdoor Liquor Café. The President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Western Springs authorize the approval and execution of the attached Temporary Use Permit For An Outdoor Liquor Café (Use Of Public Sidewalk And Streetscape Bump Out) (**Exhibit “C”**) and the attached License Agreement For Temporary Use Of A Public Right-Of-Way Relative To The Operation Of An Outdoor Liquor Café (**Exhibit “D”**), SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH BELOW IN SECTION 4.

SECTION 4: Conditions for New Class “H” (Outdoor Liquor Cafe) Liquor License and Applicant. The Local Liquor Control Commissioner shall not issue the Class “H” (Outdoor Liquor Cafe) Liquor License to Cotto Geneva, LLC d/b/a Alano Ristorante until the following conditions are satisfied, which conditions must be complied with for the duration of the Liquor License (as applicable):

A. The Applicant/Owner obtains a temporary use permit from the Village for its outdoor liquor café to be located adjacent to 821 Burlington Avenue, Western Springs, Illinois in accordance with the outdoor liquor café requirements of Section 10-4-5 of the Western Springs Municipal Code. The temporary use permit shall only be issued in the event that the outdoor liquor café is constructed in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Western Springs Municipal Code, the provisions of this Ordinance, and in substantial conformance with the Outdoor Liquor Café Site Plan, as amended in subsection G below, which is on file with the Village's Building Department and is incorporated herein by reference.

B. The Applicant/Owner shall provide to the Village Manager written proof from an insurer that the required Dram Shop Insurance (minimum \$1,000,000 coverage limits per Section 4-1-20 (Insurance Requirements) of the Municipal Code) has been purchased to cover the service to and consumption of alcoholic liquor by patrons of the Licensed Premises.

C. The Applicant/Owner shall obtain a business license from the Village for the Licensed Premises, which license shall only be issued in the event that the Outdoor Liquor Café is constructed in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Western Springs Municipal Code, and in substantial conformance with the architectural and engineering design and construction plans, a copy of which is on file with the Village's Community Development Department and is incorporated herein by reference.

D. As part of operating an outdoor liquor café under a Class "H" Liquor License and a full service restaurant under a Class "B" Liquor License at the Licensed Premises, the Applicant/Owner and its on-site manager(s) agree to operate a separate, dedicated cash register or sales tracking system for purposes of tracking the retail sales of food and alcoholic beverages relative to the full service restaurant and the outdoor liquor café.

E. There shall be one or more on-site managers, who has applied to the Village and is qualified to serve in such capacity under the Village's Liquor Control Ordinance, physically present within the Licensed Premises at all times that alcoholic liquor is being sold or served.

F. The following individual shall serve as the initial on-site manager(s): Chris Esley. If additional on-site managers are necessary to operate the restaurant and outdoor liquor café or the above-listed initial on-site manager(s) is replaced, the Applicant/Owner and the new, proposed on-site managers are each required to file with the Village a completed Supplemental Liquor Application signed by the proposed on-site manager that satisfies the liquor license eligibility and application requirements of the Village's Liquor Control Ordinance (Title 4). The proposed on-site managers must satisfactorily pass the required criminal background check and the required Village staff investigations. Copies of the Supplemental Liquor Application, criminal background check report and Village staff investigation reports shall be submitted to the Local Liquor Control Commissioner and the Village Attorney for review.

G. The Applicant/Owner and its on-site manager(s) shall meet periodically with the Local Liquor Control Commissioner, at their request, to discuss the retail sale, service and consumption of alcoholic liquor in the outdoor liquor café and shall provide the Commissioner with information relative to its operations upon request.

H. The Applicant/Owner and its on-site manager(s) shall comply with all of the applicable provisions of federal, State and county laws and regulations, and the Western Springs Municipal Code, including, without limitation, the regulations of Title 4 (Liquor Control Ordinance) as well as the regulations for a Class "H" (Outdoor Liquor Café) Liquor License set forth at Section 4-1-9H, the applicable provisions of the Illinois Liquor Control Act of 1934, including the State laws governing retail sales and service of alcoholic liquor and food, the conditions set forth in this Section 4 and any other conditions or

regulations imposed from time to time by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village or the Local Liquor Control Commissioner.

I. The President and Board of Trustees approve the following amendments to the Outdoor Liquor Café Site Plan and the following additional regulations relating to the operation of the outdoor liquor café:

1. All sales, service and consumption of alcoholic liquor pursuant to the Class “H” (Outdoor Liquor Café) Liquor License shall take place within the outdoor liquor cafe.
2. Alcoholic liquor shall be sold and served by the Bassett/TIPS-trained wait staff who are at least 21 years old. The wait staff shall sell and serve alcoholic liquor only to patrons who are 21 years old or older and who are seated at the patron tables within the outdoor liquor cafe.
3. A maximum of **seating capacity of thirty- six (36) persons, a maximum of eight (8) tables, four (4) tables each with four (4) seats and two (2) tables with two (2) seats and two (2) tables with six (6) seats** are allowed within the Outdoor Liquor Cafe. The maximum seating capacity and the maximum number of tables may be increased under a modified Outdoor Liquor Café Plan, if approved by the Local Liquor Control Commissioner, after input from Village staff and after completion of the Village staff plan review process.
4. Hours: The operation of the outdoor liquor cafe shall be permitted only for **Regular Hours Of Operation between the hours of eleven o'clock (11:00) A.M. and ten o'clock (10:00) P.M. on Sundays through Thursdays, and between the hours of eleven o'clock (11:00) A.M. and eleven o'clock (11:00) P.M. on Fridays and Saturdays. The Applicant/Owner offering a brunch menu may serve alcoholic liquor beginning at nine o'clock (9:00) A.M. on Mondays through Sundays.** Prior to the opening time and after the closing times listed above, patrons will be allowed to occupy the outdoor liquor café for meals, provided there are no liquor sales, service or consumption of alcoholic beverages, except during brunch service. The Applicant/Owner shall not allow patrons to consume alcoholic beverages in the outdoor liquor cafe outside of the authorized hours of operation. No live entertainment shall be permitted in the outdoor liquor café.
5. The Applicant/Owner agrees to remove all tables, chairs and other appurtenances from the Village’s sidewalk area (the “Licensed ROW Area”) when requested by the Village at any time for governmental purposes such as to allow for snow removal, maintenance or other Village projects. The Owner is responsible for snow removal of the Licensed ROW Area regardless of placement of tables, chairs and other appurtenances. The Applicant/Owner agrees to remove all tables, chairs and other appurtenances from the Licensed ROW Area from December to March each year.
6. The Applicant/Owner, at its cost, shall comply with the Village Manager’s and the Village Staff’s written direction relative to the installation and maintenance of a fence or exterior barrier for the outdoor liquor café adjacent to the on-street parking stalls to protect against a motor vehicle from accidentally entering into the outdoor liquor café. The Applicant/Owner, at its cost, shall also comply with any modifications to or other safety-related requirements pertaining to the outdoor liquor café’s location and operation, including the perimeter fence or barrier for the outdoor liquor café, that are required by the Village Manager and the Village Staff from time to time for the duration of the Class “H” (Outdoor Liquor Café) Liquor License approved under this Ordinance or any renewal of such License. The above-written direction of the Village Manager and the Village Staff and any such modifications or other safety-related requirements referred to above shall be incorporated into this Ordinance by reference and

made a part hereof for enforcement purposes by the Village and the Local Liquor Control Commissioner.

7. If the Applicant/Owner desires to install temporary electric lighting in the Outdoor Liquor Cafe, the Village Board, in its discretion, shall approve a lighting plan that shows the type of lighting standards, the location of the lighting standards and the orientation of the lighting standards, including the hoods or covers to the lighting standards, so that the light is focused within the Outdoor Liquor Cafe and not at surrounding properties. Extension cords shall not be permitted to lie on the ground within the Outdoor Liquor Cafe so as to create a trip hazard. Any electrical equipment used within the right-of-way shall comply with current N.E.C. standards.
8. The noise from the operation of and patrons of the outdoor liquor café shall be monitored by the owner and on-site manager of the Applicant/Owner as to not become a nuisance to surrounding property owners.
9. No live music is allowed in the outdoor liquor café, but the same music being played in the restaurant may be played through speakers in the outdoor liquor café in a manner that is not a nuisance to surrounding property owners.
10. The assumed name or "doing business as" name and any related signage that is used by the Applicant/Owner shall conform to the applicable regulations of Title 4 (Liquor Control) of the Western Springs Municipal Code.

J. If within **one hundred eighty (180) calendar days of the approval date of this Ordinance** the Local Liquor Control Commissioner has not issued the Class "H" (Outdoor Liquor Cafe) Liquor License to the Applicant/Owner or advised in writing of their intention to issue the Class "H" (Outdoor Liquor Cafe) Liquor License upon satisfaction of one or more conditions (e.g., issuance of a temporary use permit for the outdoor liquor cafe), then this Ordinance shall automatically become null and void without any further action or notice by the Corporate Authorities of the Village or the Local Liquor Control Commissioner.

K. The President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Western Springs or the Local Liquor Control Commissioner shall have the right to impose additional regulations and conditions on the Applicant/Owner and its on-site manager(s) relative to its retail sale and service of alcoholic liquor any time during the initial license year or any time thereafter when a renewal license is in effect.

SECTION 5: Conflicts and Repealer. Any Ordinance, or portion thereof, in conflict herewith is repealed to the extent of such conflict. Except as to the amendments heretofore mentioned, all Chapters and Sections of the Municipal Code of the Village of Western Springs shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6: Severability and Validity. Each section, paragraph, clause and provision of this Ordinance is separable, and if any portion of this Ordinance is held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance, nor any part thereof, other than that part affected by such decision.

SECTION 7: Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption, approval and publication as provided by State law.

PASSED by a roll call vote of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Western Springs, Cook County, Illinois, at a Regular Meeting thereof, held on the 10th day of August , 2026, and approved by me as Village President, and attested by the Village Clerk, on the same day.

Heidi Rudolph, Village President

Edward Tymick, Village Clerk

This Ordinance was published by me in pamphlet form on the 10th day of August, 2026.

Edward Tymick, Village Clerk

Group Exhibit "A"

Application submitted date June 23, 2026

(attached)

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Exhibit “B”

**Outdoor Liquor Café Site Plan
dated July 18, 2026**

(attached)

Draft

Exhibit “C”

**Temporary Use Permit For An Outdoor Liquor Café
(Use Of Public Sidewalk And Streetscape Bump Out)**

(attached)

Draft

Exhibit “D”

**License Agreement For Temporary Use Of A Public Right-Of-Way
Relative To The Operation Of An Outdoor Liquor Café**

(attached)

Draft

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONSENT
TO THE PROVISIONS OF WESTERN SPRINGS ORDINANCE NO. 26-_____
AND AGREEMENT TO COMPLY WITH AND FULFILL
THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH ABOVE IN SECTION 3 OF THIS ORDINANCE**

I, Chris Esley, have read the conditions set forth in the above-referenced Ordinance, including those contained in Section 4, and agree to be bound by the same.

Cotto Geneva LLC d/b/a Alano Ristorante (Applicant/Owner)

By: _____
Chris Esley, Member

By: _____
Notary Public

Date: _____

Date: _____

Commission Expires: _____

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF COOK)

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I, Edward Tymick, Clerk of the Village of Western Springs, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, certify that the attached document is a true and correct copy of that certain Ordinance now on file in my office, entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 26-_____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4 (LIQUOR CONTROL) OF THE WESTERN SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATIVE TO THE NUMBER OF CLASS "H" (OUTDOOR LIQUOR CAFE) LIQUOR LICENSES WHICH CAN BE ISSUED IN THE VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS (APPLICANT: COTTO GENEVA, LLC D/B/A ALANO RISTORANTE PUB FOR THE OPERATION OF AN OUTDOOR LIQUOR CAFE AREA LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE 821 BURLINGTON AVENUE BUILDING AT 821 BURLINGTON AVENUE, WESTERN SPRINGS, ILLINOIS).

which Ordinance was passed by a roll call vote of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Western Springs at a Regular Meeting on the 10th day of August, 2026, at which meeting a quorum was present, and approved by the President of the Village of Western Springs on the 10th day of August, 2026.

I further certify that the vote on the question of the passage of said Ordinance by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Western Springs was taken by Ayes and Nays and recorded in the minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Western Springs, and that the result of said vote was as follows, to-wit:

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

I do further certify that the original Ordinance, of which the foregoing is a true copy, is entrusted to my care for safekeeping, and that I am the lawful keeper of the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Village of Western Springs, this 10th day of August, 2026.

Edward Tymick, Village Clerk

[SEAL]