



Item Number: 1

CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS AGENDA ACTION REQUEST

DATE: May 13, 2025

TO: Mark Washington, City Manager

COMMITTEE: Committee of the Whole

LIAISON: Mark Washington, City Manager, City Manager

FROM: Joel H. Hondorp, City Clerk
City Clerk's Office

SUBJECT: **Resolution recommending approval by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission of Social District Permit application pursuant to Public Act 124 of 2020 for Pickle and Pin, LLC located at 662 Leonard St NW**

Public Act 124 of 2020 as amended empowers local communities to designate "Social Districts" containing "Commons Areas" where purchasers may consume alcoholic beverages sold by multiple qualified Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) licensees who obtain an MLCC Social District Permit. (Note: The Social District concept is distinct from, but may overlap with, permitted parklets and other outdoor seating areas.)

PA 124 specifies a 2-step process before a qualified licensee may use a Social District Permit:

1. City Commission designation of a Social District containing Commons Areas
2. City Commission recommendation of Social District Permit applications followed by MLCC issuance of Social District Permits

To date, the City Commission has designated eleven Social Districts: Downtown Grand Rapids, Wealthy Street, West Fulton, Creston, Fourth & Stocking, Michigan Street, West Leonard, East Fulton, East Hills, Cheshire Village, and Alger Heights.

The attached resolution recommends approval by MLCC of a Social District Permit application within the West Leonard Social District from Pickle and Pin, LLC; 662 Leonard St NW.

City staff will be available to answer your questions about the proposed resolution at the City Commission meeting on May 13, 2025. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Your COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE recommends the adoption of the following resolution recommending approval by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission of Social District Permit application pursuant to Public Act 124 of 2020 for Pickle and Pin, LLC located at 662 Leonard St NW.

WHEREAS:

1. Increasing the availability of outdoor dining space will help increase the vibrancy of downtown and neighborhood business districts; and
2. Public Act 124 of 2020 as amended empowers the City Commission to designate Social Districts with Commons Areas where purchasers may consume alcoholic beverages sold by multiple qualified Michigan Liquor Control Commission licensees who obtain Social District Permits; and
3. The City Commission has designated Social Districts containing Commons Areas within the City of Grand Rapids; and
4. The City Commission has received a request from a qualified licensee to recommend approval of their Social District Permit application by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission; and
5. The licensed premises of the licensee is contiguous to the Commons Areas within the designated Social District; and
6. The City Commission desires to recommend approval of the Social District Permit application; therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That the Social District Permit application from Pickle and Pin, LLC; 662 Leonard St NW, is recommended by the City Commission for consideration and approval by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission; and
2. That the City Clerk is authorized and directed to provide the applicant with a certification of this action in the form specified by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

CORRECT IN FORM

CITY ATTORNEY