

Charter Township of Ypsilanti

RESOLUTION 2021-06

Liquor Licensing Fee Schedule

Whereas, the Township Code of Ordinances, Chapter 37, contains specific provisions establishing liquor licensing fees, and

Whereas, the number of new on-premise liquor licenses available to be approved by the Board of Trustees is limited by a quota system mandated by state law and controlled by state liquor control regulations; and

Whereas, the number of on-premise liquor licenses available to be approved by Ypsilanti Township as a local governmental unit is restricted by state law to one license for every 1,500 residents, which currently equates to a total quota of 36 on-premise liquor licenses based upon 2010 U.S. Census data showing the Township's population of 53,362 people; and

Whereas, to date, the Board of Trustees has approved a total of 31 new on-premise liquor licenses intended for use by businesses operating in Ypsilanti Township for the benefit of Township residents; and

Whereas, an analysis of new on-premise liquor licenses previously approved by the Board of Trustees shows that 17 of 31 new on-premise liquor licenses approved by the Board of Trustees and intended for use in Ypsilanti Township, which equals approximately 55% of all new licenses granted to applicants, have been sold by the applicant and transferred for use outside of Ypsilanti Township in other local governmental units within Washtenaw County; and

Whereas, in addition to the loss of 17 on-premise liquor licenses, five (5) additional on-premise liquor licenses in Ypsilanti Township are currently held in escrow and are not being used; and

Whereas, the 17 on-premise liquor licenses approved by the Board of Trustees and transferred out for use in other communities continue to be counted in perpetuity against Ypsilanti Township's quota of on-premise liquor licenses in accordance with state law and state regulations with no recourse available to retain or recover such

licenses to further promote future economic development for the benefit of the residents of Ypsilanti Township; and

Whereas, the typical monetary value of an on-premise liquor license offered for sale on the open market has been reliably reported to be as much as 80 times more than the current license application fee being charged by Ypsilanti Township; and

Whereas, the licensing fee currently being charged for a new on-premise liquor license is misaligned with the true market value of such a license thereby contributing to the continued pattern of loss of such licenses being sold and transferred outside of Ypsilanti Township to the detriment of economic development and Township residents; and

Whereas, the Township liquor committee has studied liquor licensing fees and has recommended removing licensing fees from Chapter 37 of the Code of Ordinances and adopting a separate Liquor License Fee Schedule that can be periodically reviewed and revised as necessary by the Board of Trustees for the benefit of the community.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Liquor License Fee Schedule attached hereto is adopted by reference.

I, Heather Jarrell Roe, Clerk of the Charter Township of Ypsilanti, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan hereby certify the above resolution is a true and exact copy of Resolution No. 2021-06 approved by the Charter Township of Ypsilanti, Board of Trustees assembled at a Regular Meeting held on February 2, 2021.



Heather Jarrell Roe, Clerk
Charter Township of Ypsilanti



FEE SCHEDULE

(Effective March, 11th, 2020)

New On-Premises License (such as a Class C, Hotel A, Hotel B, Tavern, etc.)	\$5,000.00
New Manufacturing or Non-Retail License with On-Premise Permit (such as a Micro-Brewer and Wine Maker)	\$5,000.00
Transfer of Location & Ownership of an Existing On-Premise License	\$5,000.00
Transfer of Location and Ownership of an Existing On-Premises License (previously approved outside of the Charter Township of Ypsilanti)	\$5,000.00
Transfer of Location of an Existing On-Premise License (previously approved by the Charter Township of Ypsilanti)	\$2,500.00
Transfer of Ownership of an Existing On-Premise License (previously approved by the Charter Township of Ypsilanti)	\$2,500.00
Other Changes (Stock Ownership, Addition of Space, Deletion of a Partner, etc.)	\$1,500.00
Other Changes, not specified	\$1,500.00
License Renewal Fee (Building Inspection, Fire Inspection, Liquor Control Officer Inspection, etc.)	\$150.00