

**CITY OF LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN
CITY PLAN COMMISSION
REPORT
February 27, 2017**

➤ **AGENDA ITEM - 17-0162 (Tim Acklin)**

AN ORDINANCE to create Section 115-347(8) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse allowing distilleries in the C-1 Local Business, C-2 Commercial, and C-3 Community Business zoning districts by a Conditional Use Permit.

➤ **ROUTING:** J&A Committee, Public Hearing 2/28/17 7:30 p.m.

➤ **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The proposed Ordinance would allow for small scale distilleries in the C-1 Local Business, C-2 Commercial, and C-3 Community Business zoning districts by a Conditional Use Permit. There has been some interest from the business community in establishing a local distillery in La Crosse, however, current code does not permit them unless they are located in a Heavy Industrial zoning district.

➤ **GENERAL LOCATION:**

City-Wide in the C-1 Local Business, C-2 Commercial, and C-3 Community Business zoning districts.

➤ **RECOMMENDATION OF OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

N/A

➤ **CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:**

N/A

➤ **PLANNING RECOMMENDATION:**

Due to the nature of the process associated with distilleries, the Fire Inspection and Building Safety Department and the Planning Department have been working together to understand and educate themselves on all of the State and Federal requirements associated with licensing in order to make sure that all appropriate safety concerns are addressed. Both Departments are still wading through all of the State and Federal regulations and would like more time to review and make any revisions to the Ordinance is needed. The proposed use is supported by both Departments. **This item is recommended to be referred for 30 days.**