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MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members

From: Nikki Elsen, City Clerk

Date: July 15, 2022

Re: File 22-0939 AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 4-48 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding sale of intoxicating liquor.

This ordinance amendment will bring us current with State law. In 2019, the State removed the liter limit restriction on intoxicating liquor sales – see 2019 Wisconsin Act 6 below.

“Class B” licensees are allowed to sell alcohol for both on-premise and off-premise consumption. Currently, our Code limits the amount of intoxicating liquor that can be sold at one time; however, there was no limit on the amount of wine and fermented malt beverage (beer) that may be sold.

This amendment removes the limit on intoxicating liquor (which includes wine). This change is being requested because grocery stores are now licensed with a “Class B”.

Please contact me if you have questions.

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2019 Senate Bill 83

Date of enactment: **June 24, 2019**
Date of publication*: **June 25, 2019**

2019 WISCONSIN ACT 6

AN ACT to amend 125.51 (3) (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** retail sales of intoxicating liquor for consumption off the licensed premises.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 125.51 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

125.51 (3) (b) In all municipalities electing by ordinance to come under this paragraph, a retail “Class B” license authorizes the sale of intoxicating liquor to be consumed by the glass only on the premises where sold

and also authorizes the sale of intoxicating liquor in the original package or container, in ~~multiples not to exceed 4 liters at any one time, and any quantity,~~ to be consumed off the premises where sold. ~~Wine, however, may be sold for consumption off the premises in the original package or otherwise in any quantity.~~ This paragraph does not apply to a winery that has been issued a “Class B” license. Paragraph (am) applies to all wineries that have been issued a “Class B” license.