

	<p>Agenda Item: Licensing</p> <p>Title: 2026 Renewal Liquor License Applications</p>
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Recommended Council Motion:

I move that the Laramie City Council approve all applications and exceptions affidavits requests listed on the cover sheet in accordance with LMC 5.09.310 for the 2026 Liquor License Renewal period to include Retail, Restaurant, Bar and Grill Liquor Licenses, Microbrewery Permits, Club/Limited Liquor Licenses, Golf Club License, Resort Licenses, Special Malt Beverage Permit, and Winery Permit as indicated in the Public Hearing notice, noting a public hearing was held on April 7, 2026 for the license term of May 8, 2026 thru May 7, 2027, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the licenses.

Administrative or Policy Goal:

To administer the liquor license program in accordance with W.S. Title 12 and Laramie Municipal Code 5.09.

Background:

Renewal applications were due February 14th and received through March 3rd in accordance with LMC 5.09.060.F. All applications have been reviewed by the City Clerk and the Wyoming Liquor Division for completeness. We have received an Alcohol Server Training Report from each establishment in accordance with LMC 5.09.060.G. Included with the renewal documents are the Alcohol Beverage Violation Points Assessment Report for March 1, 2025 thru February 28, 2026 per LMC 5.09.800.H.; a Tavern Meeting Report in accordance with LMC 5.09.060.H; affidavits to allow minor into Retail Liquor License establishments; and additional exception for Bond’s Brewing to allow underage persons into the licensed building.

One application for Eat Sleep Barbecue LLC dba Dickey’s Barbecue Pit withdrew their application for renewal after careful consideration. Roxie’s Catering LLC decided to not renew at this time until future awards of the contract for the stadium and arena have been made.

LMC 5.09.310 —Prohibited on licensed premises—General Exceptions.

- A. No licensee (or the licensee’s employee or agent) shall knowingly permit anyone under 21 years of age to enter or remain in the licensed building where alcoholic or malt beverages are dispensed unless:
 - 5. The establishment is operating a restaurant and the primary source of revenue (greater than fifty percent of revenue) of the operation is from the sale of food. Further:
 - a. In calculating the percentage of a licensee’s revenue attributable to sale of food and sale of alcoholic and/or malt beverages, the licensee’s revenue from alcoholic and/or malt beverages sold off-premises pursuant to an Alcohol Catering Permit shall not be included in the calculation; and

Affidavits received from retail liquor license holders that serve 50% or more in food vs alcohol have been received from the following:

Requests received that meet the requirements:

- Alibi Woodfire Pizzeria and Bakery (77% food/23% alcohol),
- Sweet Melissa’s (67% food, 33% alcohol),
- Wyoming’s Rib and Chophouse (81.9% food, 18.1%),
- Altitude Chophouse (77% food, 23% alcohol).

Requests received **outside the general provisions:**

LMC 5.09.310 - Prohibited on licensed premises—General exceptions.

A. No licensee (or the licensee's employee or agent) shall knowingly permit anyone under twenty-one years of age to enter or remain in the licensed building where alcoholic or malt beverages are dispensed unless:

2. The licensee applies for and obtains approval of city council to allow persons under the age of twenty-one in the licensed premises, on terms or conditions set by city council; or

- Bond’s Brewing Company LLC dba Bond’s Brewing Company has requested a continuation of the following exception granted last year to allow underage persons into the licensed premises of Bond’s Brewing with the following conditions: anyone under the age of 21 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian; all minors must leave by 9 pm; and signs stating the conditions must be posted.

All liquor license holders or their representative(s) attended the two required tavern meetings via Zoom or completed the approved makeup sessions.

The application documentation presented appears to be complete. All required attachments have been received by the City. Advertisement requirements have occurred. Wyoming Liquor Division has certified the application as complete. [W.S. 12-4-104(d)].

Advertised	March 18, 2026
Advertised	March 25, 2026
Public Hearing (PH) Held	April 7, 2026

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Requirement of W.S. 12-4-101 (a) and Laramie Municipal Code that “Incorporated cities, towns and counties within Wyoming shall license and regulate or prohibit the retail sale of alcoholic and malt beverages under this title..... or from refusing to issue any license or permit authorized by this title.”

Budget Information:

REVENUE: **\$1,500.00** Annual Retail Renewal Fee
 \$1,750.00 Annual Restaurant Renewal Fee

\$3,000.00	Annual Bar and Grill Renewal Fee
\$3,000.00	Annual Resort Renewal Fee
\$1,500.00	Annual Retail Renewal Fee
\$1,500.00	Annual Golf Renewal Fee
\$ 500.00	Annual Limited Retail (Club) Renewal Fee
\$ 500.00	Annual Microbrewery or Winery Renewal Fee
\$ 100.00	Annual Special Malt Beverage Permit- UW Renewal Fee
\$ 2000.00	Annual Special Malt Beverage Permit – 10,0001-20,000 occupancy
\$ 4000.00	Annual Special Malt Beverage Permit – 20,001 or more occupancy
\$ 50.00	Processing Fee
\$ 15.00	Late Fee of \$15/day per LMC 5.09.105.F.

Responsible Staff:

Nancy Bartholomew, City Clerk, Email: nancyb@cityoflarame.org, Phone: 307-721-5233

Attachments:

Summary 2026 Renewal Liquor License App 4-7-26
Liquor License Renewals Introduction Letter 2026
PH Notice Posting LLC 2026
Alcohol Server Training Report 2026
Tavern Meeting Report 2026
Liquor License Renewal Exceptions from LMC 5.09.310
Point Assmt Report – 2026
Renewal Liquor License Applications