

1 **BILL NO. R-26-01-18**

2 RESOLUTION - R-5-20

3 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MUNICIPAL RIVERFRONT  
4 DEVELOPMENT DOWNTOWN DINING DISTRICT LIQUOR LICENSE

5 WHEREAS, the City of Fort Wayne has created the Municipal Riverfront  
6 Development Project, known as the Downtown Dining District, to continue the  
7 current progress in the redevelopment of downtown; and

8 WHEREAS, Indiana Code 7.1-3-20, authorizes the issuance of certain, non-  
9 transferable permits to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premise consumption in a  
10 restaurant located on land or in a historic river vessel within a municipal riverfront  
11 development project; and

12 WHEREAS, to be considered for a recommendation for approval of a 221-3  
13 Riverfront License from the Indiana ATC, an applicant submit a Downtown  
14 Dining District Liquor License Application and shall enter into a formal written  
15 agreement with the municipality; and

16 WHEREAS, The Philharmonic Center applied for a Downtown Dining District  
17 Liquor License, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and is prepared  
18 to enter into a formal written agreement with the City of Fort Wayne, a copy of  
19 which is attached hereto as Exhibit 2; and

20 WHEREAS, the application and agreement meet the criteria established by  
21 Resolution R-105-15 as adopted by Common Council;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Common Council of The City of  
23 Fort Wayne, Indiana:

24 Section 1. That the City of Fort Wayne Common Council hereby approves the  
25 "Downtown Dining District" application and agreement between The City of Fort  
26 Wayne and The Philharmonic Center and hereby provides the required local  
recommendation to the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission for a 221-3  
Riverfront license to be issued to The Philharmonic Center; and

1 Section 2. That this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its  
2 passage and approval by the Mayor, unless rescinded by resolution by this  
3 legislative body.

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Council Member

6 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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Malak Heiny, City Attorney

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# CITY OF FORT WAYNE

SHARON TUCKER, MAYOR

## Downtown Dining District Liquor License Application

Business Entity Making this Application: Fort Wayne Philharmonic, Inc

Applicant's Name: Abigail Cleveland

Applicant's Address: 826 Ewing Street City: Fort Wayne State: IN Zip: 46802

Applicant's Phone (daytime): 260-740-3975 Email: acleveland@fwphil.org

Please include a thorough narrative for each of the items below:

1. Provide description (including renderings) of plans you have to improve the facility in which you will operate
2. The expected timetable for work and business commencement
3. Explain the overall concept and unique features of the proposed establishment
4. Describe the level of control and participation the owners will have in the day-to-day operation of the business.
5. Explain how your operation plans to focus on a dining, entertainment or cultural experience rather than an alcohol consumption experience
6. Describe how your venue/operation will draw people to Downtown Fort Wayne
7. Provide information regarding the proposed permit holder's related experience

**Permits are not transferable and any renewal is subject to compliance with the terms of the agreement with the City of Fort Wayne. The permits shall not be pledged as collateral or subject to any lien judgment, property settlement agreement, or third party claim.**



## **Downtown Dining District - Liquor License Application Eligibility Requirements and Evaluation Criteria**

*The Downtown Dining District is a project district where 3-way liquor licenses are made available to eligible dining, entertainment, and cultural establishments as a way to encourage dining in Downtown Fort Wayne. This District was made possible via state legislation and an Ordinance passed by the City of Fort Wayne Council that designated the District and adopted eligibility requirements.*

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

In addition to complying with all building, health, zoning laws, ordinances and all rules and regulations of the Indiana State Alcohol and Tobacco Commission (ATC), and local, state, and federal government's applicants must also meet the following local requirements annually in order to be eligible to apply or renew:

1. Applicant's establishment must be located within the Downtown Dining District boundaries.
2. The focus of operation must be on a dining, entertainment or cultural experience rather than solely an alcohol consumption experience.
3. The establishment cannot be a private club, nightclub, or adult entertainment venue.
4. Fees: Applicant must submit a \$1,000 non-refundable application fee with application.

### **District Requirements:**

**Applicants will enter into a formal written agreement with the City of Fort Wayne committing to ongoing compliance with the following district requirements, including annual reporting, and verification of compliance.**

1. Establishments receiving Riverfront liquor licenses within the Downtown Dining District are required to maintain an annual ratio of non-liquor sales to total sales of at least 25%.
2. The licensed establishment will be actively open for business and fully operational during a minimum of three hundred (210) days per year.
3. The Applicant shall comply with all local and ATC application and renewal procedures.
4. Annual dues in the amount of \$3500 must be paid for membership in the *Downtown Dining Association*, payable through the Downtown Improvement District.

**Evaluation Criteria:**

The recommendation to support the state permit application will be based on how strongly the applicant meets the following criteria:

1. Granting of the license will benefit the purposes of the district, i.e. to become a cultural and dining destination in Downtown Fort Wayne.
2. Granting of the license and the business activity will not be detrimental to the property values and business interest of others in the district.

The above criteria will be evaluated on the following:

1. The Physical Location
2. The Business Plan
3. Reputation/Experience of Ownership

**Attachments to include:**

1. A copy of your completed Indiana State form entitled "Application for New or Transfer Permit" along with any attachments. (Please redact any personal Social Security numbers)
2. A signed copy of this Application, including the Applicant's Certification
3. A copy of your business plan
4. A check made payable to the City of Fort Wayne in the amount of \$1,000.

Submit this form and all attachments to: City of Fort Wayne – Community Development, Attention: Andrea Robinson, PhD - Downtown Dining District, 200 E. Berry Street - Suite 320, Fort Wayne, IN 46802.


**APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that all information in this application and all information furnished in support of this application are true and complete to the best of the Applicant's knowledge and belief.

I understand that the project described in this Application may **not** receive a Downtown Liquor License.

**I certify that I have read and understand and agree to the above eligibility requirements and evaluation criteria. I further understand and agree to enter into a formal written agreement regarding the aforementioned district requirements, to be approved by the City of Fort Wayne Common Council and the Mayor.**

I hereby release and discharge the City of Fort Wayne, together with their respective subsidiaries, affiliates, employees, agents, directors and other related parties, from any and all rights and obligations, duties, claims, debts, actions, causes of action or liabilities arising out of, or relating to, the seeking or receipt of a Downtown Dining District Liquor License pursuant to this Project Application and related documents.

Applicant's Signature:  Date: 12/5/2025

Printed Name: Abigail Cleveland Title: Executive Director, Philharmonic Center

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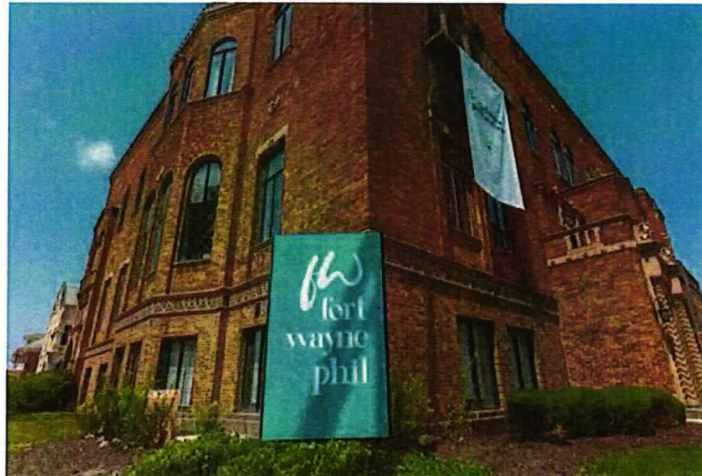
**Downtown Dining District 3-Way Liquor License Application**

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## **1. The Philharmonic Center 826 Ewing Street: Improvements to the Historic Woman's Club & Chamber of Commerce**

The Philharmonic purchased the property at 826 Ewing Street from the University of St. Francis in May 2024. The building is in process of being transformed into the administrative offices of the Philharmonic and multi-use space for Philharmonic rehearsals, concerts & musical experiences, and private rentals on its 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors. Renovations to the property began in June of 2025 and will be completed in early December 2025. The focus of renovations and improvements have been patron accessibility through additional family-restroom facilities, acoustical enhancements for live music in rehearsal and performance spaces, and cosmetic changes in paint and flooring.



These renovations have been meticulously designed and implemented through construction partners Design Collaborative, Hagerman Construction, Haverstick Acoustic, Sweetwater Sound and a host of other partners. The purchase and reactivation of this property have totaled \$7million in investment in both the Fort Wayne Philharmonic and downtown. This property has created a full-time Executive Director position, and through success and growth will support the workforce with additional need for venue assistants, janitorial, bartender, av/tech.



The primary public space for concerts, event rentals, and other cultural experiences is located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. The Music Room (above) will be for receptions, studio recitals, and lectures and will hold around 75-100 people in a cocktail setting. The Ballroom (below) will accommodate 250 seated auditorium style and around 160 on tables. Refinished floors, natural light and a two-toned color scheme will make for a bright, intimate environment for performances, lectures, workshops, themed dinners & teas.



## **2. Timetable for Work & Business Commencement**

The Philharmonic began its renovations in June of 2024 after a year of capital fundraising following the purchase of the property. The project has expected construction completion of late November 2025, and final technology installation at the end of December 2025. The Philharmonic Center will begin “soft launch” events beginning in January 2026 and has a Grand Opening planned for April 2026. An ideal time for liquor permitting to go into full effect is halfway through our soft opening, late February or early March 2026. This allows the Philharmonic Center team to begin training with a full license for service at the soft opening events in preparation for a busy grand opening season. Beyond training, the team will have time to build relationships with alcohol distributors, security providers, and refine systems for inventory, setup, and service quality.

The Phil Center is an asset acquired by the Philharmonic to diversify its revenue streams and generate income to support the operations of the full Orchestra.

While the Philharmonic has never ceased its regular operations of producing live concerts throughout the construction period, we are eager to begin activating the downtown space with events. While large orchestra concerts will remain at PFW’s campus, the Philharmonic is ready to relocate programs like its Freimann Chamber Series and Stories in Music Series, as well as pilot new artistic ventures at the Center. Examples of such programs include themed super club, Yoga with live musicians, and string educational summer camps.

As a private event venue, the Philharmonic is booking for April of 2026 and preparing its rental packages. While regular administrative hours will remain 8am-5pm, rentals will be available 7 days a week through 11pm and on certain holidays.

## **3. Concept & Features**

The Philharmonic Center will be a downtown hub of culture and entertainment that builds on the Fort Wayne Philharmonic’s reputation as a beloved cultural institution. The Center will be part of a diverse revenue mix that supports the operations of the orchestra and its mission of spreading live music to the community. With nods to its origins as the Woman’s social club, the Center will present programs that further pursuit of knowledge with adult lectures, children’s educational performances and camps. The Center will present programs in pursuit of wellness, with yoga and

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mindfulness sessions in collaboration with our musicians. Finally, it will produce and present programs in pursuit of entertainment, community, and hospitality; intimate concerts and dinners, chamber music, collaborations with partner arts organizations like the Fort Wayne Ballet, Youtheatre, Heartland Sings. The Center will be rentable for private events, retirement parties, weddings, conferences, galas, awards nights.

As a licensed service location, the Philharmonic plans to offer a curated menu of wines and bottled beers, and a standard selection of spirits. Offering a few signature vintage cocktails like sidecars and sazeracs, the environment will be polished and elegant. With small bites that enhance the quality of entertainment, warm marinated olives, breadstick crackers, dark chocolate.

The Philharmonic will service its audience based on event. For dinner events, licensed bartenders will provide tableside service in partnership with dinner caterers, for events with auditorium style seating, there will be a mobile bar in multiple locations. For mixed seating, there may be a mix of table service available at a premium ticket price, and walk-up service for those sitting auditorium style.

The Center will also run coffee and tea service for professional events, morning lectures, and offer a variety of N/A beverages to accommodate guests of all propensities.

#### **4. Owner Participation in Daily Operations**

As a public non-profit the Fort Wayne Philharmonic is governed by a board of directors, who oversee operations of the orchestra and its leadership through dedicated committees. Examples of committees include Finance, Governance, Endowment, Development, and Facilities who have overseen the renovations of the property. While Facilities Committee is currently comprised of community members in the fields of architecture, finance, facilities operations, and economic development, following the construction period, the Facilities Committee will be retooled for a focus on activating the Center at its highest potential. The organization is led by President & CEO Brittany Hall who has over 15 years of experience in the arts sector, excelling in revenue strategy and community-first programming.

Abby Cleveland is the new Executive Director of the Philharmonic Center. As former head of fundraising with the Philharmonic, she was connected to the inception and developing the vision for the Center. With experience in arts management, large-scale event production, and patron safety, she will be managing the day-to-day operations of the Center.

## **5. Cultural Experiences, Entertainment, Dining at the Center**

The Philharmonic is first and foremost a performing arts organization that produces live orchestra music and educational experiences for Northeast Indiana. Its commitment to accessible music-making impacts around 100,000 residents a year. That commitment will be at the core of the Center's operations. The Center will be the Philharmonic's downtown home while the orchestra continues to perform across the region.

The Center will produce, present, and rent throughout its space. Creative partnerships with other area arts organizations, restaurants, wellness organizations, and cultural nonprofits will be at the heart of the programs offered at the building. Presenting rising talent to the region in the form of comedians, folk artists, jazz groups, Christian contemporary artists, and classical recitals will round out regularly offered entertainment in an intimate concert setting. Renting for long-term lease holders that are culturally relevant, and private event rentals will help sustain programming of both the building and the orchestra.

All of these events will be executed with the reputation and trust of the Philharmonic for its high production value, intentional design, and pristine service.

This venue will create cultural experiences for all ages, children will come to summer string camp, musical instrument petting zoo, Stories in Music programs and other family-friendly events. Girlfriends will come to an afternoon tea event with music from the popular Bridgerton series, a bachelor party will come to a Music and Mixology class led by a local bar creative with musical selections by a local country artist. A bride and groom will host their rehearsal dinner in our Music Room, complete with a Philharmonic string quartet, the evening before their wedding at the Center.

## **6. Draw to Downtown**

The Philharmonic Center has the opportunity to be the premier arts and culture institution of downtown Fort Wayne. Already, the Center has established neighborly connections with Downtown Improvement District, Visit Fort Wayne, and the Grand Wayne as a hub of both local programming for area residents and space for groups traveling into Fort Wayne.

The Center will be a part of Allen County Together plan of being recognized as a Top 10 Music City.

The Fort Wayne Philharmonic's current audience trends towards an underrepresented part of target downtown markets. The largest portion of our audience is 65+, the majority college educated, with a median household income between \$75,000-\$99,999. Most do not live in

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downtown Fort Wayne but in other areas in Allen County, primarily in zip codes -814,-815,-835,-845,. In turn, the downtown market of professionals aged 25-48 is one that the Philharmonic would like to attract and retain.

Per the Americans for the Arts AEP6 2023 study, a typical attendee of an arts and culture event in Fort Wayne will spend of \$27.82 per artistic event, 38% of that on food and drink. This figure is beyond the cost of the event attendance and food and beverage purchased on-site.

## **7. Related Experience, Oversight & Organization Chart**

The Philharmonic is an organization with 83 years of safe and successful large-scale events, primarily orchestra concerts, most of which have had alcohol service present. As an organization that rents its performance venues, the Philharmonic has never held a Liquor Permit and is looking forward to being able to respond to audience and patron feedback.

The primary operations of the Center will still be an integrated part of the Philharmonic's broader operations. It will rely on a Senior Leadership team with a wealth of experience in event production, Finance, Marketing, Human Resources and strategic leadership.

Finance Director Mary Pruchniewski began her role with the Philharmonic following an equivalent position with the Erie Art Museum, which had its own venue and alcohol permitting and operations. She has spent 14 years providing fiscal oversight for ordering, & purchasing, and inventorying at Erie. Because the Philharmonic is a public entity, she maintains the Philharmonic's fiscal transparency in the form of clean audits and 990s and has put the Center in a favorable position for the careful tracking of expenses and revenues related to alcohol income.

VP of Development Mitch Sheppard hosts a wealth of experience in running one of Fort Wayne's most recognizable downtown landmarks, the Botanical Conservatory as a successful cultural venue, which has included events similar to the scope of the Philharmonic Center.

Executive Director Abby Cleveland has produced safe large-scale events with the Philharmonic for the past 4 years, creating experiences for patrons that have been well received and respected by attendees, volunteers, venue staff, and other fundraising professionals. The largest event being Patriotic Pops at Parkview Field and Moonshot Homerun Celebration, a fundraiser and free concert event for 6,000 participants at Parkview Field.

President & CEO Brittany Hall has been a partner producer with community-wide celebrations in her home state of New York, creating and engaging in events like Pops on the River and LUMA Projection Festival. She has been in Fort Wayne spearheading concert production, gala events, and receptions for over 7 years.



# Business Plan for 3-Way Liquor Permit Application

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## 1. Executive Summary

The Philharmonic Center is a historic, newly renovated performing arts and event venue designed to serve as a hub for music, community, and cultural connection. Located at 826 St, the Center will open to the public in April 2026, following a soft-opening period in early 2026.

The Center will operate as both the home of Fort Wayne Philharmonic and a premier community gathering place, offering space for weddings, conferences, corporate events, and performances.

A 3-way liquor permit will allow us to offer controlled, high-quality bar service, enhancing guest experience, strengthening financial sustainability, and aligning with standard amenities offered by peer venues.

## 2. Organizational Overview

- Organization: Fort Wayne Philharmonic (nonprofit 501(c)(3))
- DBA: Philharmonic Center
- Mission: Create unrepeatable experiences, cultivated programs and events, where every guest is fully present and connected, with high production value, intentional design, and pristine service.
- Vision: The Phil Center brings people together for moments that matter. Every gathering should be meaningful, beautifully executed, and deeply human.
- Core Values: Presence, Partnerships, Artistry in Detail, Service, Access.

## 3. Facility Overview

- Address: 826 Ewing Street, Fort Wayne IN, 46802
- Building History: Built in 1926 as the Chamber of Commerce & Woman's Club; later St. Francis School of Business; acquired by the Philharmonic in 2024.
- Size: 36,000 sq ft; 4 rentable spaces (Ballroom, Music Room, Rehearsal Room, Conference Room).
- Capacity: Ballroom — 160 seated (no dance floor), 132 (with dance floor), 250 (auditorium).
- Amenities: Catering kitchen, tables/chairs, A/V, lighting, sound, bar service.

- Primary Uses: Philharmonic rehearsals, concerts, youth programs, community arts partnerships, rentals for weddings, corporate and social events.

#### **4. Market & Demand Analysis**

- Growing demand in Fort Wayne for elegant, full-service event venues. Downtown is a growing hub of cultural activities and becomes more desirable each year.
- Peer venues (e.g., museums, arts centers, downtown event halls) already offer bar service under liquor permits.
- Competitive pricing strategy developed for daily and half-day rentals.
- 246 rentable days per year, with strong demand projected during summer and holiday seasons. This availability will shift as the Philharmonic produces more of its own programming.

#### **5. Operations Plan: Rentals & Bar Service**

- Bar Service Model: Beer, wine, and liquor service for private and ticketed events. Tiered pricing (Premium, Ultra-Premium). Service only in designated spaces.
- Staffing: Certified bartenders only, sourced through 3<sup>rd</sup> party provider; Center staff trained in responsible service and ID compliance.
- Security & Safety: Alcohol stored in secure areas, no self-service, service hours limited to event times, compliance with all ATC and city regulations. Security for events over 70 attendees with alcohol service.
- Event Management: Optional support and tech services available for renters.

#### **6. Operations Plan: Producing, Presenting, & Educational Programming**

- Series of ticketed programs created for public by Philharmonic Center.
- Event Mix: 2 weekends a month, produced or presented program with average ticket price of \$36 and a targeted attendance of 133 participants. 1 weekend a month of dinner club.
- Revenue Streams: Ticket Sales, Sponsorships, Education grants, program tuition, Merchandise sales and fees.

#### **7. Financial Model**

- Occupancy Goals: 40% Year 1 | 60% Year 2 | 100% Year 3.
- Event Mix: 1 ballroom weekend rental/month, 3-4 weekday half-day rentals/week at full capacity. 1 produced/presented weekend a month.
- Revenue Streams: Restricted Philharmonic endowment fund for facilities, private event rentals, bar service, tech/event services, long-term office leases, and community programming produced by Philharmonic.
- Fixed Costs: director salary, insurance, utilities, maintenance.
- Variable Costs: Bartenders, event maintenance, inventory, linen laundering, security.



**APPLICATION FOR NEW OR TRANSFER PERMIT –  
RETAILER OR DEALER**  
State Form 51189 (R10 / 7-25)

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Date received (mm/dd/yyyy)	
Permit number	
Permit type	
Base fee receipt number	
Catering receipt number	
Processor	
Jurisdiction	

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Type or print legibly.
2. Include payment.
3. Do not complete shaded areas.
4. If there is no opening for this applied permit or there is an omission, this application will be returned.
5. Please attach a completed Property Tax Clearance – Form 1 (State Form 1462), if applicable.
6. Please attach a completed County Verification of Business Location form (State Form 44184), if applicable.
7. Please attach additional documentation as indicated throughout the application.
8. For a list of permit fees, please visit [www.in.gov/atc/files/Complete-ATC-Fee-Schedule.pdf](http://www.in.gov/atc/files/Complete-ATC-Fee-Schedule.pdf).
9. To apply online, please visit [www.in.gov/atc/alcohol-permit-resources/alcohol-permit-applications-and-forms/](http://www.in.gov/atc/alcohol-permit-resources/alcohol-permit-applications-and-forms/).

\* This agency is requesting your Social Security Number in accordance with IC 4-1-8-1.  
Disclosure is mandatory, and this record cannot be processed without it.

**SECTION 1: GENERAL INFORMATION**

1.1. Application type:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New	<input type="checkbox"/> Transfer of location (\$250 fee)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Transfer of ownership (\$250 fee)	<input type="checkbox"/> Transfer of ownership and location (\$500 fee)	
1.2. Permit type for which you are applying: Riverfront		
1.3. Please briefly describe how the applicant qualifies for this permit type: Non Profit located within Riverfront district, meeting local qualifications for dining district license.		1.4. Permit number (Transfers only)
1.5. Name of applicant (individual or business entity) Fort Wayne Philharmonic, Inc		
1.6. Doing business as (d/b/a) Fort Wayne Philharmonic. Philharmonic Center		
1.7. The applicant is a: (Check one)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Sole Owner	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited Partnership	<input type="checkbox"/> Government Entity
<input type="checkbox"/> Club Association	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/> Simple Partnership
	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Company	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Partnership
1.8. Premises address <input type="checkbox"/> Location pending		
Street name and number 826 Ewing Street		Suite number (if applicable)
City / Town Fort Wayne	State IN	ZIP code 46802
E-mail address info@fwphil.org		Telephone number of premises 260-740-3975
1.9. Mailing address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as above <b>NOTE: Notices from the ATC will be sent to the mailing address and/or e-mail address provided this form. It is your responsibility to notify the ATC of any change in mailing address.</b>		
Street name and number		
City / Town	State	ZIP code
E-mail address		Telephone number of applicant
1.10. What county is the proposed permit premises located in?		Allen
1.11. Is the proposed permit premises located inside the corporate limits of a city / town?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
1.12. If yes, please name the incorporated city / town.		Fort Wayne
1.13. Is there at least 200 feet between the proposed permit premises and any church or school?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

If no, please check the exception that applies:

- Church or school has provided a written statement pursuant to IC 7.1-3-21-11, and the applicant is applying for a grocery store, drug store, restaurant, hotel, or catering hall permit. *(Must attach a copy of written statement(s) from church and/or school to application.)*
- Wall of the proposed premises and wall of the church and/or school are separated by at least eighty-five (85) feet, including a two-lane road of at least thirty (30) feet in width.
- The applicant is applying for a retail restaurant permit located in a facility on the National Register of Historic Places. *(Must include documentation of the historic designation.)*
- The applicant is applying for a retail restaurant permit located within the boundaries of an historic district established in accordance with IC 36-7-11-7. *(Must include documentation of the historic designation and a map of the historic district which indicates the location of the proposed permit premises within the historic district.)*
- The applicant is applying for one of the following permit types:
  - a) Mall (IC 7.1-3-20-24.4);
  - b) City market (IC 7.1-3-20-25);
  - c) Historic railway station (IC 7.1-3-20-16(e)(1));
  - d) Renovation (IC 7.1-3-20-16(e)(2)); or
  - e) Food hall master (IC 7.1-3-20-29) or food hall vendor (IC 7.1-3-20-30).
- An alcoholic beverage permit premises has continuously operated at the location since prior to the opening of the church and/or school.

1.14.	Do any individuals, corporations, limited liability companies, limited liability partnerships, or stock owners, members, or partners of any such entities have any interest, either directly or indirectly, in any distiller, vintner, farm winery, rectifier, brewer, primary source of supply, or wholesaler permit?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
1.15.	If issued a permit, will you manage the licensed premises? <i>If no, please complete Section 7, Manager's Questionnaire.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
1.16.	Do you sell tobacco products? <i>If yes, please provide the Tobacco Sales Certificate number.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
1.17.	Do you consent for the duration of the permit to inspection and search by an enforcement officer, without a warrant or other process, of your licensed premises and vehicles to determine compliance with the provisions of Indiana Code 7.1? <i>Answering "No" to this question will result in the denial of this application.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
1.18.	Do you have a legal right to possess the permit premises for the term of the permit (ownership or a bona fide lease)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**SECTION 2: QUALIFICATIONS**

**THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS PERTAIN TO ALL INDIVIDUALS WITH AN INTEREST IN THE PERMIT BEING APPLIED FOR.**

NOTE: "Individuals" referred to in all questions in the below section include limited liability companies (LLCs), limited liability partnerships (LLPs), corporations, partnerships, and all other business entities recognized under Indiana law, as well as a natural person where applicable.

2.1.	Do all individuals with an interest in this application have lawful status in the United States as defined by IC 9-13-2-92.3?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2.2.	Are all individuals with an interest in this application of sound mind and good repute in the community in which they reside?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2.3.	Have any individuals with an interest in this permit been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor? <i>(If yes, please attach a letter with conviction, court, date, and sentence information.)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
2.4.	Have any individuals with an interest in this application ever been convicted of and/or found to have committed a violation of the Indiana Alcoholic Beverage laws, rules, regulations, or orders of the ATC? <i>(If yes, please attach a letter detailing the conviction and/or violation, including permit number.)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
2.5.	Are any individuals with an interest in this application a law enforcement officer, a non-elected officer of a municipal corporation or government subdivision, or an officer of the state of Indiana, charged with any duty or function in the enforcement of Title 7.1 of the Indiana Code?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
2.6.	Have any individuals with an interest in this application held a permit under Title 7.1 of the Indiana Code and had the permit revoked within one (1) year prior to the date of this application? <i>(If yes, please provide the permit number(s) and an explanation.)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
2.7.	Have any individuals with an interest in this application made an application for an alcoholic beverage permit of any type which was denied less than one (1) year prior to this application for a permit (unless the application was denied by reason of a procedural or technical defect)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
2.8.	Do any individuals, corporations, limited liability companies, limited liability partnerships, partnerships, or stock owners, members, or partners of such entities have any interest, either directly or indirectly, in any other permits or registrations of any kind issued under Title 7.1 of the Indiana Code connected with, but not limited to, the production, distribution, transportation, or sale of alcoholic beverages? <i>If yes, list permits below. (Attach additional sheet if necessary.)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Permit number(s)

2.9. Are you indebted to a person (or an officer or agent of that person) who holds a brewer's permit or wholesale permit, for a debt secured by a lien, mortgage, or otherwise, upon the premises for which the beer retailers permit is to be applicable or upon any of the property or fixtures on the premises or used in connection with the premises?  Yes  No

**SECTION 3: OWNERSHIP INFORMATION**

IC 7.1-3-21-8 requires the disclosure of each person or entity that holds (directly or indirectly) at least a five percent (5%) interest in the permit or the business conducted under it. When disclosing a publicly traded corporation, please provide the name and address of the corporate officers and members of the board of directors.

3.1. Complete name Brittany Hall	Social Security number * XXX-XX-XXXX	Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy) 09/01/1986	Lawful Status in United States <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code) 4802 Beaver Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN 46807		Title President & CEO	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sole Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Stockholder <input type="checkbox"/> Partner <input type="checkbox"/> Member <input type="checkbox"/> Club Officer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporate Officer			Ownership percent (%) 25%

3.2. Complete name Abigail Cleveland	Social Security number * XXX-XX-XXXX	Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy) 07/11/1996	Lawful Status in United States <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code) 4710 Tacoma Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN 46807		Title Executive Director, Philharmonic Center	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sole Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Stockholder <input type="checkbox"/> Partner <input type="checkbox"/> Member <input type="checkbox"/> Club Officer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporate Officer			Ownership percent (%) 75%

3.3. Complete name	Social Security number *	Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Lawful Status in United States <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code)		Title	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sole Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Stockholder <input type="checkbox"/> Partner <input type="checkbox"/> Member <input type="checkbox"/> Club Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Officer			Ownership percent (%)

3.4. Complete name	Social Security number *	Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Lawful Status in United States <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code)		Title	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sole Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Stockholder <input type="checkbox"/> Partner <input type="checkbox"/> Member <input type="checkbox"/> Club Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Officer			Ownership percent (%)

3.5 Complete name	Social Security number *	Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Lawful Status in United States <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code)		Title	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sole Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Stockholder <input type="checkbox"/> Partner <input type="checkbox"/> Member <input type="checkbox"/> Club Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Officer			Ownership percent (%)

3.6 Complete name	Social Security number *	Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Lawful Status in United States <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code)		Title	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sole Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Stockholder <input type="checkbox"/> Partner <input type="checkbox"/> Member <input type="checkbox"/> Club Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Officer			Ownership percent (%)

3.7 Complete name	Social Security number *	Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Lawful Status in United States <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code)		Title	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sole Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Stockholder <input type="checkbox"/> Partner <input type="checkbox"/> Member <input type="checkbox"/> Club Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Officer			Ownership percent (%)

Check here if you have disclosed less than 100% of the permit ownership and the remaining undisclosed owners hold less than a 5% ownership interest.

**SECTION 4: ESCROW REQUEST**

The permit application and issuance process can take up to ninety (90) days or more, including application review, newspaper publication notice, orange sign posting, local alcoholic beverage board hearing, commission approval, and final floor plan approval by the Indiana State Excise Police. If your application is approved and you will not be immediately ready to open to the public upon issuance of the permit, the permit will need to be placed in escrow, (i.e., a non-operational status) pursuant to IC 7.1-3-1.1. All applicants must answer the following questions:

4.1.1. When will the permit premises for which you are applying be ready to open for business?

04/01/2026

*(mm/dd/yyyy)*

4.1.2. If you will not be ready to open to the public within ninety (90) days of permit issuance, please explain the steps you are taking to make the proposed permit operational and provide an estimated timeframe for when the permit will be operational. *(Please attach additional sheets as needed).*

**SECTION 5: RETAILER PERMIT QUESTIONS**  
*(Skip to next section if you are not applying for a retailer permit.)*

**5.1. LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE**

Retail permit holders, other than those completing *and* qualifying under the exception below, must maintain during the permit term a liquor liability insurance policy or a liquor liability endorsement to a general liability insurance policy. Evidence of compliant insurance coverage should include the legal entity name and address of the insured party where the permit is or will be issued, coverage amount, policy effective date, and policy expiration date. Acceptable evidence includes certificate of liability insurance, policy declaration page, or any other official documentation provided by the insurance provider containing the name of the insured, coverage amount, policy term, and statement that the policy includes liquor liability endorsement. Evidence of insurance coverage must originate from the insurance provider; an affidavit or other self-certified statement of compliance is not acceptable.

*(NOTE: For permits that are or will be deposited in escrow, proof of liquor liability insurance must be provided prior to the permit being made active.)*

5.1.1. Is the establishment operating at this location expected to have less than \$25,000 in gross sales from alcoholic beverages annually?

*If yes, you qualify for an exception to the liquor liability insurance requirement. If your gross sales of alcoholic beverages exceed \$25,000, you must obtain the required liquor liability insurance. If you answer no, you must attach proof of required liquor liability insurance.*

Yes  No

**5.2. MINORS**

5.2.1. Will minors be present on the permit premises? *(If no, skip to next applicable section.)*

Yes  No

5.2.2. Please select the exception below that allows minors on the permit premises: *(See IC 7.1-5-7-11 for additional information.)*

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civic center  | <input type="checkbox"/> Convention center  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sports arena  | <input type="checkbox"/> Fraternal club (IC 7.1-3-20-7)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social club (IC 7.1-3-20-1)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Boat   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dining car  | <input type="checkbox"/> Horse racetrack facility (IC 4-31-5)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Satellite facility (IC 4-31-2-20.5)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Private catering hall that is not open to the public (IC 7.1-3-20-24)  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Entertainment complex (IC 7.1-1-3-16.5)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor golf facility   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Automobile racetrack  | <input type="checkbox"/> Licensed premises owned or operated by a postsecondary educational institution (IC 21-17-6-1)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor theater (IC 7.1-3-20-26)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Food hall master permit (IC 7.1-3-20-29) or food hall vendor permit (IC 7.1-3-20-30)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior residence facility campus (IC 7.1-3-1-29)  | <input type="checkbox"/> A hotel (other than a part of the hotel that is in a room of a restaurant in which a bar <sup>1</sup> is located) (IC 7.1-3-20-18)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational facility (i.e., a golf course, bowling center, or similar facility whose principal business is recreational activity and not the sale of food and beverages) | <input type="checkbox"/> A restaurant with full separation** between the barroom and family dining room   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No alcoholic beverages are served across a bar <sup>1</sup> and service is accomplished by an employee  | <input type="checkbox"/> A restaurant operated by the holder of an artisan distiller, small brewer, and/or farm winery permit with limited separation*** between the barroom and family dining room that is <u>not</u> subject to the minimum food sales requirement set forth in 905 IAC 1-41-2. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A restaurant with limited separation*** between the barroom and family dining room that is subject to the minimum food sales requirement set forth in 905 IAC 1-41-2.     |   |

<sup>1</sup> For purposes of this section, a "bar" refers to a counter over which alcoholic beverages are sold or dispensed by the drink to consumers. Full\*\* or limited\*\*\* separation is required for any bar located in a restaurant if minors are allowed on the restaurant premises and no applicable exception applies.

\*\* Full separation is a nontransparent wall at least seventy-two (72) inches in height with a doorway or open archway of no more than five (5) feet in width which separates the barroom and the family dining room.

\*\*\* Limited separation is a structure or barrier that reasonably deters free access and egress without requirement for doors or gates which separates the barroom and the family dining room. Under 905 IAC 1-41-2, in order to qualify for limited separation, a permittee or applicant must have minimum food sales or projected food sales of at least \$200,000 per year or 60% of gross food and alcoholic beverage sales (not including carryout or catering sales) must be in the sale of food.

**5.4. BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR RETAILER RESTAURANT (209) IN UNINCORPORATED AREA**

5.4.1. If you are seeking a beer, wine, and liquor retailer permit in an unincorporated area (type 209 permit), do you project that annual gross food sales at the location will reach \$200,000 by the end of the first two (2) years and that annual gross food sales will be at least \$100,000 each year thereafter?  Yes  No

**5.5. LIQUOR RETAILER IN INCORPORATED AREA (Does not include beer only, wine only, or beer and wine retailers.)**

5.5.1. Is the proposed permit premises located in an incorporated city having a population of less than 5,000?  Yes  No

5.5.2. If the answer is yes, have you attached to the application the enabling ordinance from the city consenting to the issuance of liquor retailer's permits?  Yes  No

**5.6. CARRYOUT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

5.6.1. Do you wish to sell alcoholic beverages for carryout? (If yes, please attach State Form 56312, Carry-out Supplement.)  Yes  No

**5.7. CATERING HALL**

5.7.1. Are you applying for a catering hall permit to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the licensed premises with accommodations for at least 250 people which may only be used for private catered events?  Yes  No

**5.8. CLUBS**

5.8.1. If you are applying for a club permit, please select the appropriate club type:  Fraternal Club  Social Club

5.8.2. If a social club, does your association or organization meet the general requirements of IC 7.1-3-20-1?  Yes  No

5.8.3. If a fraternal club, does your association or corporation meet the general requirements of IC 7.1-3-20-1 and the specific requirements of IC 7.1-3-20-7?  Yes  No

5.8.4. If the club premises is outside corporate limits, do you meet the requirements of IC 7.1-3-20-3?  Yes  No

**5.9. HOTEL / RESORT HOTEL**

5.9.1. If you are seeking a hotel permit, do you meet the general requirements of IC 7.1-3-20-18?  Yes  No

5.9.2. If you are seeking a resort hotel permit, do you meet the requirements of IC 7.1-3-20-21?  Yes  No

**5.10. HISTORIC DISTRICT**

5.10.1. If you are seeking a historic district permit, is the premises a restaurant located in a district that is on the National Register of Historic Places which includes a county courthouse, historic opera house, and historic jail and sheriff's house in accordance with IC 7.1-3-20-16(g)?  Yes  No

*If yes, you must submit the appropriate documentation, including a district map identifying the location of your restaurant, an approval letter from a city or town representative that indicates whether the city or town adopted an ordinance that requires a written commitment pursuant to IC 7.1-3-19-17, and a copy of the ordinance creating the district. If the city or town ordinance requires a written commitment, you must also submit a copy of the written commitment.*

**5.11. AIRPORT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA, MOTOR SPORTS DISTRICT, RAILWAY STATION, REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, RENOVATION PROJECT, RIVERFRONT DISTRICT**

<p><b>5.11.1.</b> Please specify the type of permit for which you are applying: <u>Riverfront District</u></p> <p><b>5.11.1.</b> Do you meet the statutory requirements for the designated permit identified above?</p> <p><i>If you are applying for a municipal riverfront/lakefront development permit (IC 7.1-3-20-16(d) and IC 7.1-3-20-16.1) or a lakefront development permit, motorsports development permit IC 7.1-3-20-16(k) or (l), redevelopment permit (IC 7.1-3-20-16.8), or renovation project (IC 7.1-3-20-16(e)(2)), you must also submit a <b>letter indicating that the statutory requirements have been met and the mayor's approval of the permit, a map of the district identifying the premises location, and a copy of the ordinance creating the district.</b></i></p> <p><i>If you are applying for a permit in a publicly owned airport (IC 7.1-3-20-16(b)), union railway station (IC 7.1-3-20-16(c)), railway station (IC 7.1-3-20-16(e)), cultural center (IC 7.1-3-20-16(f)), or redevelopment district (IC 7.1-3-20-16(h) and (i)), please submit supporting documentation showing that your premises is located in a district that meets the qualification of the section authorizing the permit.</i></p> <p><i>If you are applying for a lakefront district permit pursuant to IC 7.1-3-20-16(j) and IC 7.1-3-20-16.2, please submit a map of the district identifying the location of your restaurant, detailed information concerning the expenditures of the state, local, and federal funds on the municipal lakefront development project, and a copy of the local ordinance or resolution authorizing the municipal lakefront development project.</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes   <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
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**5.12. EXCURSION BOAT**

<p><b>5.12.1.</b> If you are applying for an excursion boat permit, do you engage in regular passenger service which makes regular runs in seasonal weather between established locations?</p> <p><b>5.12.2.</b> Are you requesting a jumbo boat designation? <i>(If yes, please attach a copy of the United States Coast Guard certification)</i></p> <p><b>5.12.3.</b> If yes, is the boat at least 135 feet long and 35 feet wide?</p> <p><b>5.12.4.</b> If yes, will the boat dock in more than one county?</p> <p><i>If yes, please list each county:</i></p> <p>_____</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes   <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes   <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes   <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes   <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
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**5.13. HORSE TRACK FACILITY / SATELLITE**

<p><b>5.13.1.</b> If you are applying for a horse track permit, do you currently hold a valid recognized meeting permit issued by the Indiana Gaming Commission?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes   <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
<p>Permit number of recognized meeting</p>	<p>Date of issuance (mm/dd/yyyy)</p>	<p>Date of expiration (mm/dd/yyyy)</p>
<p><b>5.13.2.</b> Are you applying for a satellite permit?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes   <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
<p>License number of satellite facility</p>	<p>Date of issuance (mm/dd/yyyy)</p>	<p>Date of expiration (mm/dd/yyyy)</p>

**5.14. CIVIC CENTER, MALL, MARKET**

<p><b>5.14.1.</b> Please check the permit type for which you are applying:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Public facility of a stadium, exhibition hall, auditorium, theater, convention center, or civic center that qualifies for a permit under IC 7.1-3-1-25.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> An entertainment complex that qualifies for a permit under IC 7.1-3-1-25(e).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Retail space in a mall pursuant to IC 7.1-3-20-24.4.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Retail space in a city market pursuant to IC 7.1-3-20-25.</p>	
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**5.15. INDOOR THEATER**

<p><b>5.15.1.</b> Do you meet the requirements set forth in IC 7.1-3-20-26(b)?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes   <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
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**5.16. FOOD HALL MASTER**

<p><b>5.16.1.</b> Do you meet the requirements set forth in IC 7.1-3-20-29?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes   <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
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<b>5.17. FOOD HALL VENDOR</b>		
5.17.1. Are you applying for a one-way, two-way, or three-way permit?	<input type="checkbox"/> One-way	<input type="checkbox"/> Two-way <input type="checkbox"/> Three-way
5.17.2. List the permit number for the master food hall permit where the premises is located: _____		
5.17.3. What is the size of your vending space?	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 1,000 square feet	<input type="checkbox"/> At least 1,000 square feet
<b>5.18. GAMING SITE</b>		
5.18.1. If you are applying for a gaming site permit, do you hold a valid riverboat license under IC 4-33-6, an operating agent contract under IC 4-33-6.5, or a gambling game license under IC 7.1-1-25?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
License number of gaming site	Date of issuance (mm/dd/yyyy)	Date of expiration (mm/dd/yyyy)
<b>5.19. DINING CAR</b>		
5.19.1. Do you own a railroad as a public carrier or cars which are operated as part of railroad train?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>5.20. RACE TRACK</b>		
5.20.1. Do you operate an outdoor facility with the main purpose and function being organized sporting competition that does not include a facility to which IC 7.1-3-1-25(a) applies or a tract located in a county containing a consolidated city that contains a premises used in connection with the operation of a paved track more than two (2) miles in length that is used primarily in the sport of auto racing?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>SECTION 6: DEALER PERMIT QUESTIONS</b> (Skip to next section if you are not applying for a dealer permit.)		
<b>6.1. GROCERY STORE</b>		
6.1.1. If you are applying for a beer and/or wine grocery store permit, please select the appropriate category below: (Please refer to IC 7.1-1-3-18.5 for more information on what qualifies as a grocery store.)		
<input type="checkbox"/> A supermarket, grocery store, or delicatessen that is primarily engaged in the retail sale of a general food line, including: (a) canned and frozen foods; (b) fresh fruits and vegetables; and (c) fresh and prepared meats, fish, and poultry.		
<input type="checkbox"/> A convenience store or food mart primarily engaged in: (a) the retail sale of a line of goods, including milk, bread, soda, and snacks; or (b) the retail sale of automotive fuels and the retail sale of a line of goods including milk, bread, soda, and snacks; and (c) the sale of alcoholic beverages represents 25% or less of annual gross sales (excluding gasoline and automotive oil products).		
<input type="checkbox"/> A warehouse club, superstore, supercenter, or general merchandise store that is primarily engaged in the retail sale of a general line of groceries or gourmet foods in combination with general lines of new merchandise, which may include apparel, furniture, and appliances.		
<input type="checkbox"/> A specialty or gourmet food store primarily engaged in the retail sale of miscellaneous specialty foods not for immediate consumption and not made on the premises, not including: (a) meat, fish, and seafood; (b) fruits and vegetables; (c) confections, nuts, and popcorn; and (d) baked goods.		
<b>6.2. PACKAGE LIQUOR STORE</b>		
6.2.1. Does your business meet the definition of a package liquor store under IC 7.1-1-3-28?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>6.3. BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR DRUG STORE PERMITS</b>		
6.3.1. If you are applying for a beer, wine, and liquor drug store permit, do you hold a valid permit issued by the State Board of Pharmacy?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Permit number of pharmacy	Date of issuance (mm/dd/yyyy)	Date of expiration (mm/dd/yyyy)
<b>SECTION 7: MANAGER QUESTIONNAIRE</b>		
7.1. Name of manager (last, first, middle initial)		7.2. Social Security number *
7.3. Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	7.4. Employee permit number	7.5. Date of expiration (mm/dd/yyyy)
7.6. Home address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code)		

7.7.	Do you have lawful status in the United States as defined by IC 9-13-2-92.3?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7.8.	Are you at least twenty-one (21) years old?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7.9.	Are you an officer or employee of a non-resident of the state of Indiana that is engaged in the alcoholic beverage traffic or engaged in carrying on any phase of the manufacture of, traffic in, or transportation of alcoholic beverages without a permit under Title 7.1 of the Indiana Code?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7.10.	Are you a law enforcement officer, a non-elected officer of a municipal corporation or governmental subdivision, or an officer of the state of Indiana charged with any duty or function in the enforcement of Title 7.1 of the Indiana Code?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7.11.	Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor? <i>If yes, please attach a letter with conviction, court, date, and sentence information. Do not include convictions that have been expunged under IC 35-38-9.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7.12.	Have you ever been found to have committed a violation of the Indiana alcoholic beverage laws, rules, regulations, or orders of the Commission? <i>If yes, please attach a letter detailing the conviction(s) and/or violation(s), including any permit number(s).</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7.13.	Have you held an alcoholic beverage permit under Title 7.1 of the Indiana Code and had the permit revoked within one (1) year prior to the date of this application? <i>If yes, please provide the permit number(s) and an explanation.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7.14.	Have you made an application for an alcoholic beverage permit of any type which was denied less than one (1) year to the date of this application (unless the application was denied by reason of a procedural or technical defect)? <i>If yes, please attach an explanation.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7.15.	Do you have an interest, either directly or indirectly, in any other permits or registrations of any kind issued under Title 7.1 of the Indiana Code connected with, but not limited to, the production, distribution, transportation, or sale of alcoholic beverages? <i>If yes, please list the permit number(s) below.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Permit number(s)		
Signature of manager		Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

**SECTION 8: FLOOR PLAN**

All applicants must submit a floor plan drawing on letter size (8½" x 11") paper attached to this application. The drawing must show dimensions and identifications of any existing family room(s), seating arrangement(s), ballroom(s), bar(s), dance floor area(s), kitchen area(s), restrooms, storage and office areas, entrances/exits, patios, beer gardens, service windows, and alcoholic beverage display areas for all types of permits. Please sign and date the drawing.


NOTE: A floor plan of the licensed premises must be approved before a permit is issued. If you have any questions regarding floor plans, please contact the appropriate Indiana State Excise Police district office: [www.in.gov/atc/iseep/contact-us/](http://www.in.gov/atc/iseep/contact-us/).

**SECTION 9: CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT**

I certify that this application was completed by myself or by the preparer identified below. I certify that I have read this completed document and that all information provided herein and on any attachments is true and correct. **I UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS A FELONY UNDER LAW TO MISREPRESENT OR FALSIFY ANY PORTION OF THIS APPLICATION OR ATTACHED DOCUMENTS.**


I hereby consent for the duration of the permit term to inspection and search by an enforcement officer, without a warrant or other process, of my licensed premises, any approved satellite facility, approved storage facility, and vehicles to determine compliance with the provision of Indiana Code 7.1.

**NOTE: The applicant MUST sign this application unless the proper Power of Attorney forms are attached to this application.**

Signature of applicant		Date signed (mm/dd/yyyy)	12/05/2025
Printed name of applicant	Brittany Hall	Title of applicant	President & CEO

**SECTION 10: CERTIFICATION OF PREPARER (if applicable)**

I certify that I have examined this application and the accompanying documents, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. I certify that the applicant reviewed the completed form prior to signing.

Signature of preparer		Date signed (mm/dd/yyyy)	12/05/2025
Printed name of preparer	Abigail Cleveland	Telephone number	260-740-3975 x 200

**SECTION 11: PAYMENT AND CONTACT INFORMATION**

Payment must be in the form of a business check, certified check, or money order made payable to the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission.

Applications without payment will be returned.

Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission  
302 West Washington Street, Room E-114  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
(317) 232-2430  
[www.in.gov/atc](http://www.in.gov/atc)

## COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY COVERAGE

Company: The Cincinnati Insurance Company  
 Policy Term: 09/01/2025 to 09/01/2026

### Coverage Limits

Limits	Coverage Description
\$1,000,000	Each Occurrence – Bodily Injury and Property Damage
\$2,000,000	General Aggregate
\$2,000,000	Products and Completed Operations Aggregate
\$1,000,000	Personal and Advertising Injury
\$500,000	Fire Damage (any one fire)
\$10,000	Medical Expense (any one person)

**Deductibles:** \$250 Property Damage Deductible

### Schedule of Exposures

\*(S) GROSS SALES – PER \$1,000/SALES (A) AREA – PER 1,000/SQ FT (M) ADMISSIONS – PER 1,000/ADM  
 (P) PAYROLL – PER \$1,000 PAY (C) TOTAL COST – PER \$1,000/COST (U) UNIT – PER UNIT (T) OTHER

Loc	Classification	Class Code	Premium Basis*
1	Nf Profit - Clubs - Civic, Serv, Soc - Having Bldg/Prem Owned Leased	41668	If any A
1	Theatrical Companies-Traveling	99718	2,438,939 P
2	NF Profit - Clubs - Civic, Serv, Soc - Having Bldg/Prem Owned Leased	41668	35,592 sq ft A

### Additional Coverages:

Liquor Liability - \$500,000/\$500,000

Employee Benefits Liability - \$1,000,000/\$3,000,000 - \$1,000 Deductible

General Liability Broadened Endorsement

**\*\*\*Coverage Excluded for Sexual Misconduct (must have a crisis management plan in place before considering and if so a Sexual Misconduct Questionnaire will need to be completed)**

## UMBRELLA COVERAGE

Company: The Cincinnati Insurance Company

Policy Term: 09/01/2025 to 09/01/2026

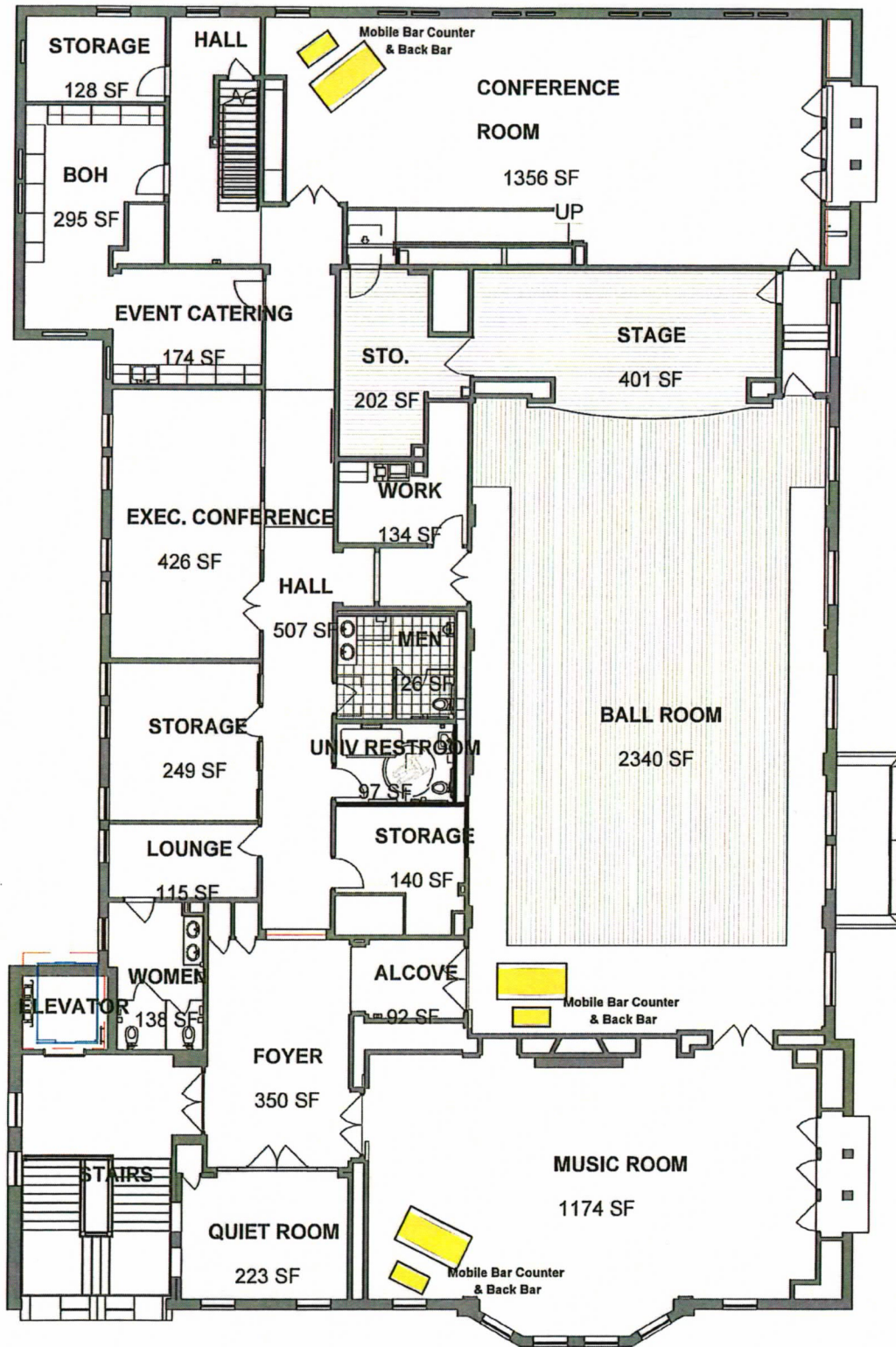
Limits	Coverage Description
\$2,000,000	Each Occurrence
\$2,000,000	Annual Aggregate

### Underlying Insurance Information:

Auto Liability	\$1,000,000	Combined Single Limit
General Liability	\$1,000,000	Each Occurrence
	\$2,000,000	General Aggregate
	\$2,000,000	Products Aggregate
	\$1,000,000	Personal Injury
Employers Liability	\$100,000	B.I. Each Accident
	\$500,000	B.I. Disease Policy Limit
	\$100,000	B.I. Disease Each Employee
Employee Benefits Liability	\$1,000,000	Per Occurrence
	\$3,000,000	Aggregate
Liquor Liability	\$500,000	Per Occurrence
	\$500,000	Aggregate

Exclusions include, but are not limited to, the following:

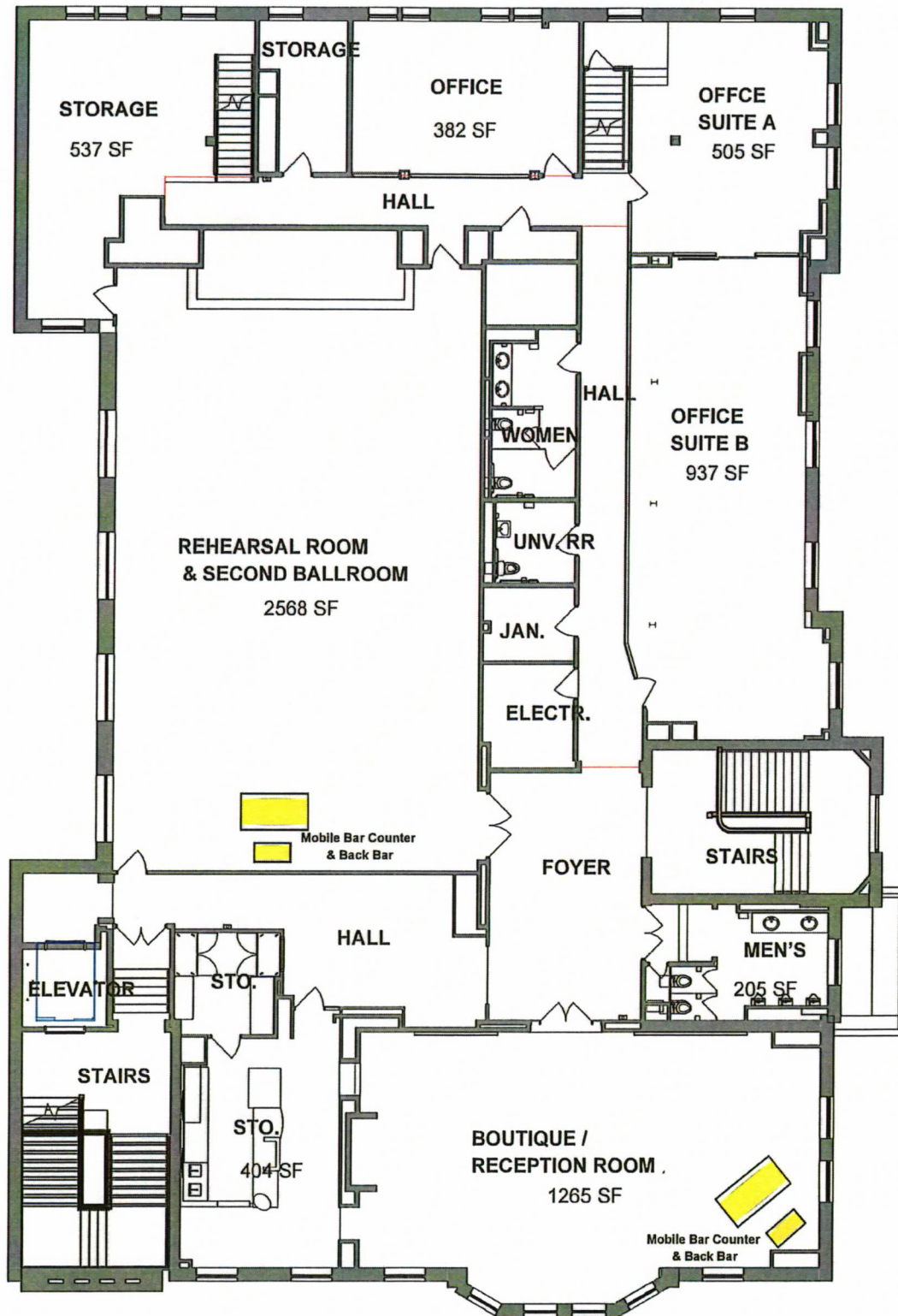
- Pollution
- Employment Related Acts
- Uninsured Motorist Liability
- Asbestos
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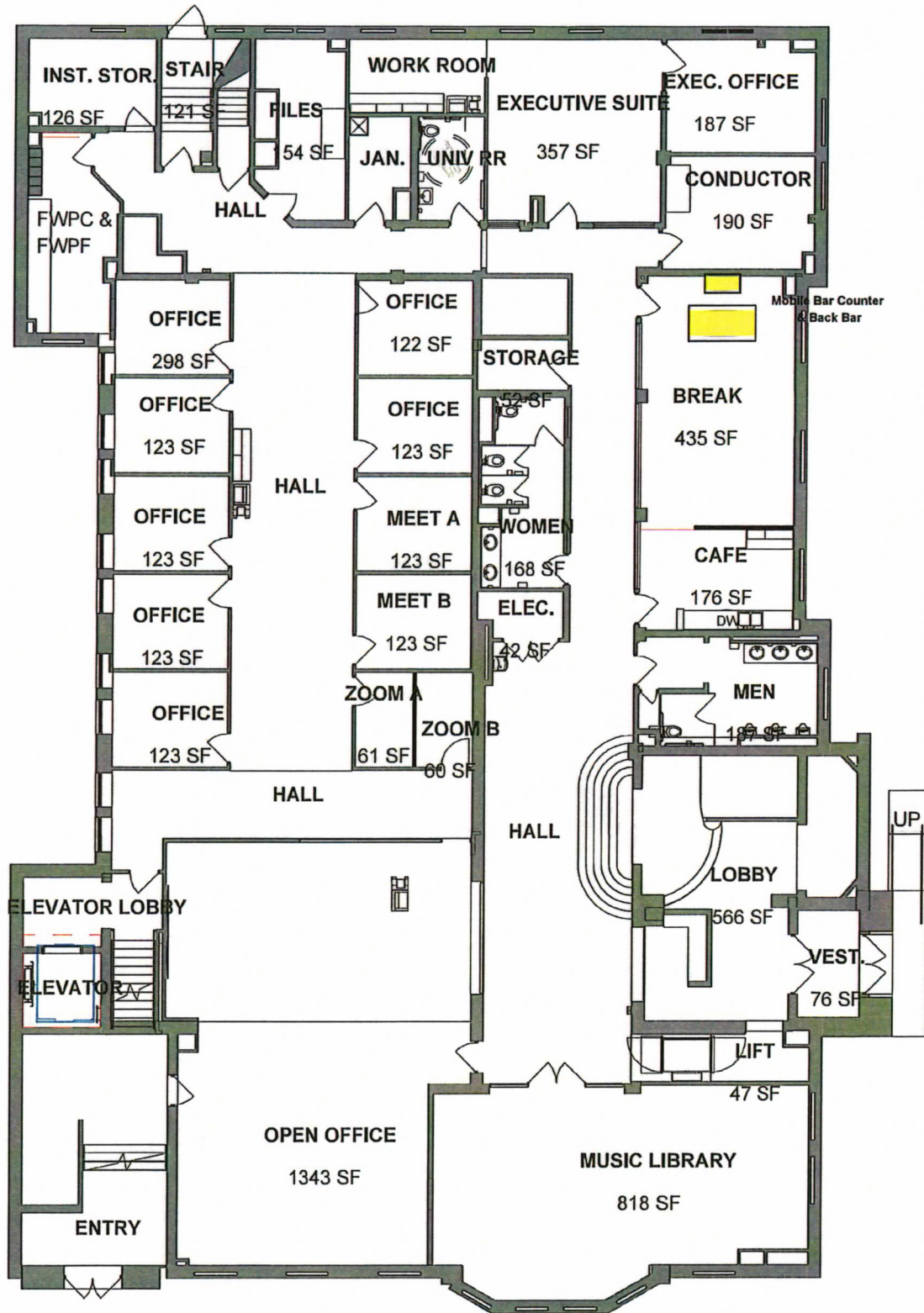
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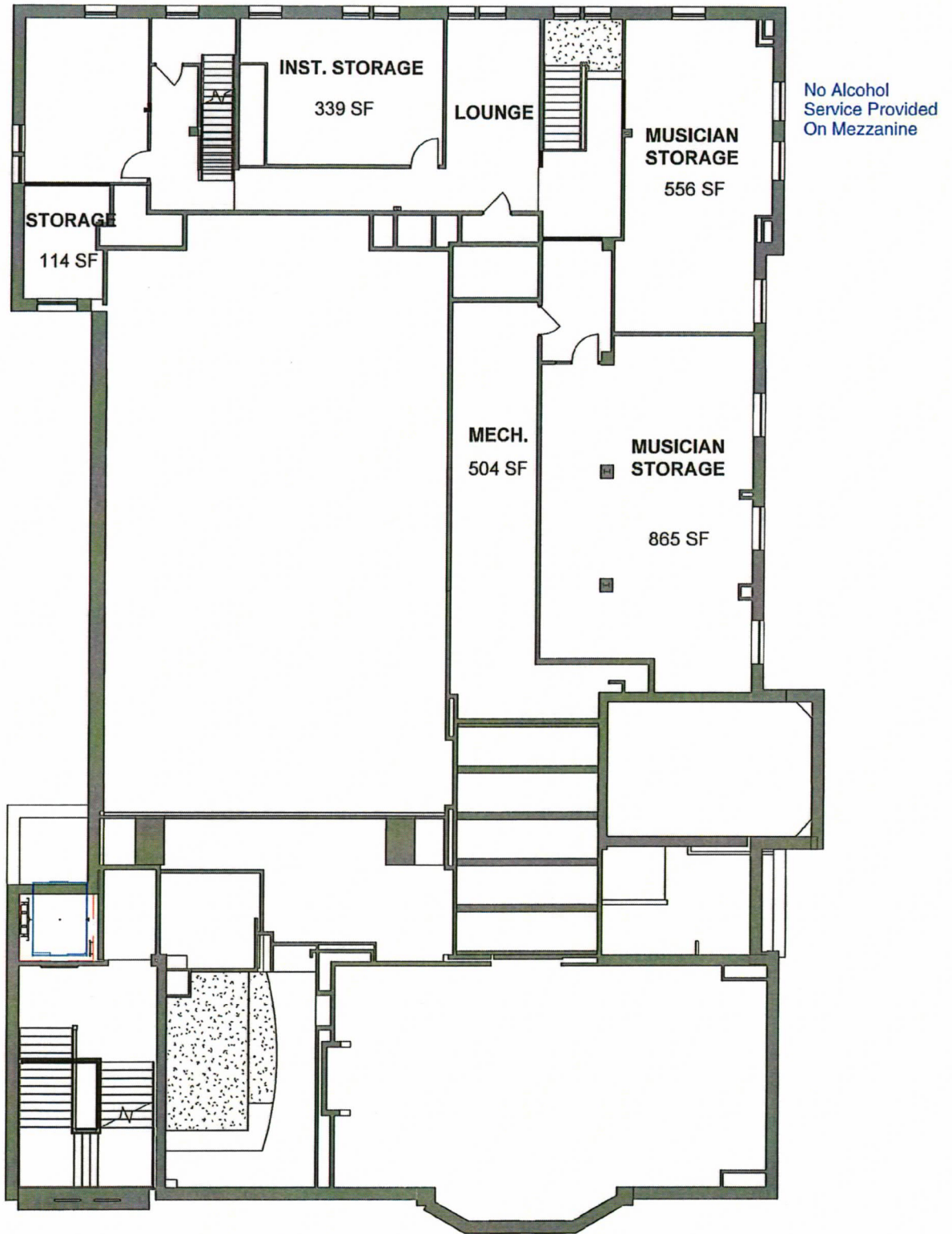
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# FLOOR PLAN - MEZZANINE

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**CITY OF FORT WAYNE  
AGREEMENT  
WITH THE PHILHARMONIC CENTER  
REGARDING AN APPLICATION FOR A RIVERFRONT LIQUOR LICENSE**

This Agreement (the "Agreement") is entered as of the Effective Date (as hereinafter defined) by the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana (the "City") and, The Philharmonic Center ("Applicant") (the City and Applicant being collectively referred to herein as the "Parties"), regarding the establishment proposed at 826 Ewing Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46802. The Parties, in consideration of the mutual covenants, obligations and agreements set forth herein, agree as follows:

WHEREAS, Fort Wayne Common Council Ordinance R-105-15 (the "Ordinance") provides that all applicants seeking a Riverfront liquor license as described in Ind. Code 7.1-3-20-16 shall enter into a formal agreement with the City; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to enter into this Agreement to encourage: (a) downtown revitalization; (b) expansion and strengthening of the downtown dining landscape; and (c) riverfront development; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant will be investing in the development and construction of a dining establishment within the boundaries of the municipal riverfront development area;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual considerations hereinafter set forth, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. **Purpose of the Agreement.** The purpose of this Agreement is to establish the mutually contemplated and agreed upon requirements for initial and annual renewal recommendations for the Applicant's Riverfront liquor license.

2. **Definitions.**

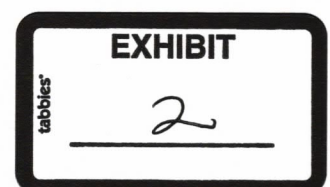
a. The "Application" means the Downtown Dining District Liquor License Application, dated December 5, 2025, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated hereby by reference.

b. "Permit" means the Applicant/Permit Holder's type 221-3 Riverfront Liquor License as issued by the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission.

c. "Effective Date" means the date on which the second of the Parties executes the Agreement.

3. **Term of the Agreement.** This Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and shall continue until such time as the permit is lost, revoked, or not renewed.

4. **Responsibilities of Applicant.** Applicant has made certain representations and covenants to the City in the Application regarding the planned Permit premises, including the amount of private sector investment, and the type of establishment planned. Applicant represents and covenants that it will use its best efforts to continuously maintain in all material respects the following Eligibility Requirements and District Requirements:



Eligibility criteria:

- a. The focus of operation will be on a dining, entertainment or cultural experience rather than solely an alcohol consumption experience.
- b. The establishment is not and will not convert to be a private club, nightclub, or adult entertainment venue.

District Requirements:

- a. Establishments receiving permits within the Downtown Dining District are required to achieve within thirty-six (36) calendar months following the date on which applicant's business is open to the public, and thereafter maintain, an annual ratio of non-liquor sales to total sales of at least 25%.
- b. The licensed establishment will be actively open for business and fully operational a minimum of 210 days per year.
- c. The Applicant shall comply with all local and ATC application and renewal procedures.
- d. The Applicant shall contribute to the Economic Improvement District for the Downtown Area of the City of Fort Wayne ("Downtown Improvement District"), annual dues in the amount of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3500.00).

**5. Reporting Obligations of Applicant.**

- a. The Applicant shall submit to the City documentation of compliance including the following reports:
  - i. A revenue report indicating the total annual non-liquor and liquor sales.
  - ii. A report indicating the total number of days open during the last year, along with a schedule of current operating hours.
  - iii. Proof of payment to the Downtown Improvement District for the annual Downtown Dining Association dues.
- b. Annual compliance reports will be submitted to the City during the term of the agreement, no later than 90 days prior to the annual renewal date of the establishment's permit.
- c. Applicant agrees to provide supplemental and/or clarifying information and data which the City may request in writing after reviewing the information submitted by Applicant pursuant to sub paragraph a. of this Section 5, within fifteen (15) days following City's request.

Applicant shall certify under oath the accuracy of all information submitted to the City under this Section 5.

**6. Non-Compliance:** If the City determines in its sole discretion that the Applicant is not in compliance with the requirements of this Agreement in any material respect, the City may, following thirty (30) days written notice to Applicant which shall provide the Applicant an opportunity to explain the reasons for the noncompliance and the opportunity to cure, take any action the City deems appropriate, including the following steps:

- a. Termination of this Agreement

- b. Notice to the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission of non-compliance with the agreement, including a request for non-renewal of the Applicant's permit.
- c. A copy of the notice in Section 6 item b., above provided to the local ATC board and Excise office, requesting a recommendation to the state ATC office for non-renewal of the Applicant's permit.

Applicant hereby forever releases the City and the Downtown Improvement District, their directors, officers, employees, agents, representatives, departments and divisions, from any and all claims, demands, liabilities or causes of action of every kind and nature, whether now existing or hereafter arising, both known and unknown, which Applicant has or may have against the City or the Downtown Improvement District which is in any manner related to the termination of this Agreement by the City or the Applicant for any reason.

7. **Notice to Parties.** Any notice, statement or other communications sent to the City or the Applicant shall be sent to the following addresses, unless otherwise specifically advised.

To the City of Fort Wayne:

Malak Heiny – City of Fort Wayne  
200 East Berry St., Suite 430  
Fort Wayne, IN 46802  
PH: (260) 427-1124  
e-mail: [Malak.Heiny@cityoffortwayne.org](mailto:Malak.Heiny@cityoffortwayne.org)

To The Philharmonic Center:

Fort Wayne Philharmonic, Inc  
Abigail Cleveland  
826 Ewing Street  
Fort Wayne, IN 46802  
PH: 260-740-3975  
e-mail: [acleland@fwphil.org](mailto:acleland@fwphil.org)

8. **Authority to Bind.** Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the signatory for the Applicant represents that he/she has been duly authorized by the Applicant to execute this Agreement and to bind the Applicant to each of the representations, covenants, and obligations of Applicant contained herein.

9. **Amendment of this Agreement.** This Agreement or any portion hereof may only be amended by a writing executed by the Parties.

10. **Assignability**. The Applicant shall not assign this Agreement or any portion thereof without the prior written consent of the City, which consent may be withheld at the City's discretion.

11. **Remedies not impaired**. No delay or omission of any party in exercising any right or remedy available under this Agreement shall impair any such right or remedy, or constitute a waiver of any default or acquiescence thereto.

12. **Compliance with Laws**. The Applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations and ordinances and all provisions required thereby, whether now existing or hereafter enacted, which are included and incorporated by reference herein, in Applicant's performance under this Agreement.

Pursuant to I.C. 22-9-1-10 and the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Applicant shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment, to be employed in the performance of this Agreement, with respect to the hire, tenure, terms, conditions or privileges of employment, or any matter directly or indirectly related to employment, because of such person's race, color, religion, sex, disability, national origin, handicap or ancestry. Breach of this covenant may be regarded as a material breach of this Agreement.

The Applicant affirms under the penalties of perjury that the Applicant does not knowingly employ an unauthorized alien. The Applicant affirms under the penalties of perjury that the Applicant has enrolled and is participating in the E-Verify program as defined in IC 22-5-1.7-3. The Applicant agrees to provide documentation to the State of Indiana that the Applicant has enrolled and is participating in the E-Verify program. Additionally, the Applicant is not required to participate if the Applicant is self-employed and does not employ any employees. The City may terminate for default if the Applicant fails to cure a breach of this provision no later than thirty (30) days after being notified by the City.

13. **Governing Laws**. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Indiana, notwithstanding its choice of law rules to the contrary or any other state's choice of law rules. Suit, if any, shall be brought in a court of applicable jurisdiction situated in Allen County, Indiana.

14. **Entire Agreement**. This Agreement, entered into of even date herewith, and any attachments hereto, contain the entire understanding of the Parties and this Agreement supersedes all prior agreements and understandings, oral or written, with respect to the subject matter enclosed herein and contemplated hereby.

15. **Indemnification and Release**. The Applicant shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City and the Downtown Improvement District and their divisions, department, directors, officers, employees, representatives and agents (collectively, the "Indemnitees") from and against all claims, demands, charges, lawsuits, costs and expenses (including legal costs and attorney's fees) caused by or associated with any act or omission of the Applicant and/or any of its contractors, subcontractors, vendors, suppliers, employees, representatives, licensees, invitees and/or authorized agents in connection with (a) the design, development, construction, operation, management and control of the Facility and (b) any and all activities of every kind and nature which occur in, on or about the Facility. Neither the City nor the Downtown Improvement District shall provide any indemnification hereunder to the Applicant. The Applicant hereby forever releases Indemnitees and each of them from any and all claims, demands

and charges, of every kind and nature, both known and unknown, whether now existing or hereafter arising, that Applicant has or may at any time in the future have against Indemnitees, or any of them, under this Agreement. In no event shall the City or the Downtown Improvement District be liable for any direct, indirect, special, incidental, consequential or punitive damages, costs or expenses arising from any act or omission to act by any party relating in any manner to this Agreement, the Application "as amended" or the activities described herein or therein or contemplated hereby or thereby. The covenants contained in this Section 18 shall survive the expiration or termination of the Agreement for any reason.

16. **Severability**. The invalidity of any section, subsection, clause or provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, clauses, or provisions of this Agreement.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties, by their respective duly authorized representatives, have executed this Agreement on the dates entered below.

**The City of Fort Wayne**

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_  
Sharon Tucker - Mayor

**The Philharmonic Center**

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_



# CITY OF FORT WAYNE

SHARON TUCKER, MAYOR

December 19, 2025

Indiana Alcohol Beverage Commission  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Indiana Alcohol Beverage Commission:

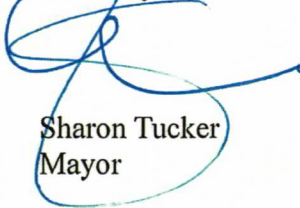
The City of Fort Wayne approved the establishment of a Riverfront Dining District, as outlined in the included map and Resolution S-17-16.

The Municipal Riverfront Development Project was funded in part with state and city money.

I am writing to recommend Paula's on Main, located at 1732 West Main Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46808 receive a Riverfront Liquor license from the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 260-427-1111.

Sincerely,








Sharon Tucker  
Mayor

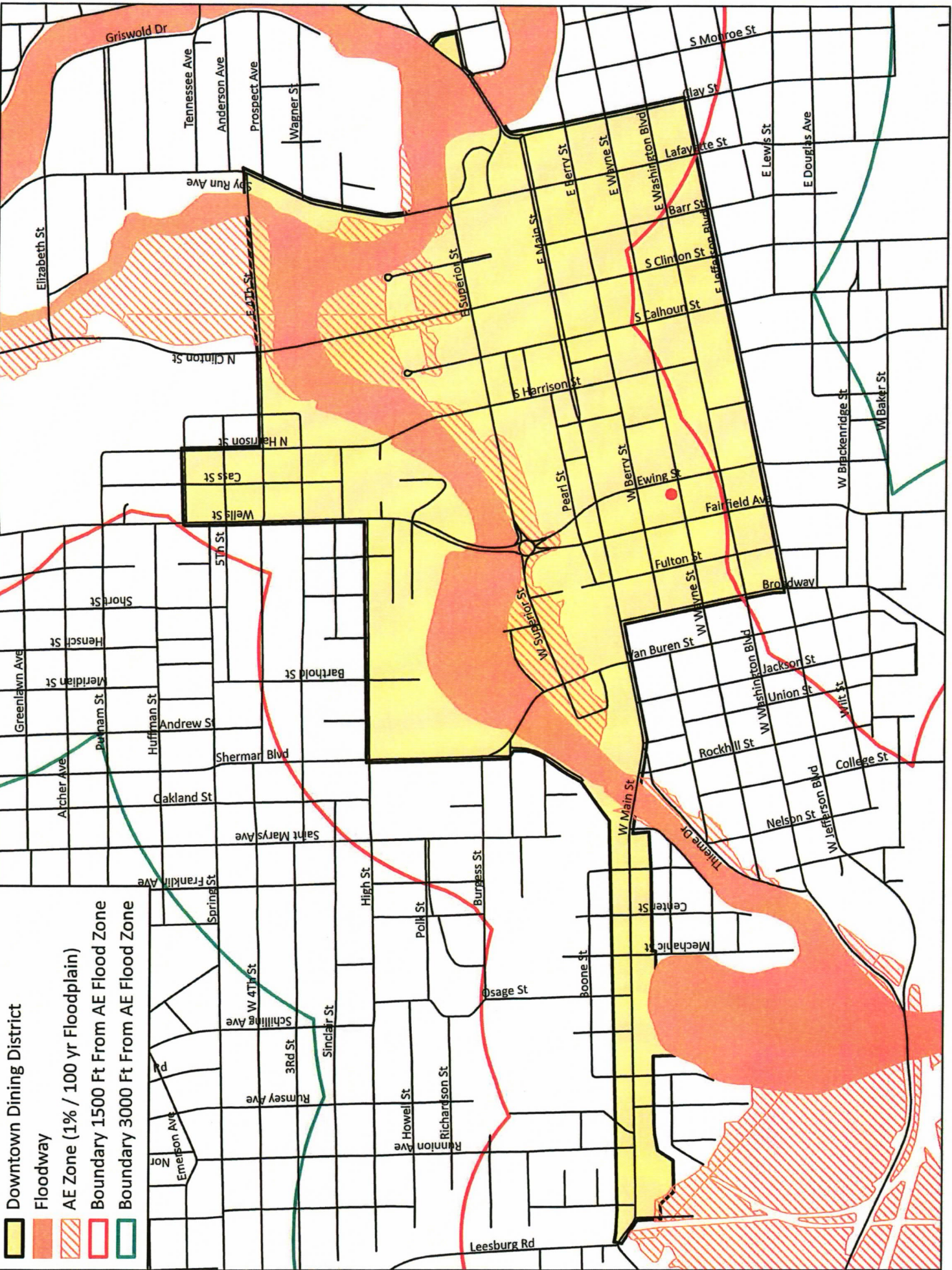
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-  Downtown Dining District
-  Floodway
-  AE Zone (1% / 100 yr Floodplain)
-  Boundary 1500 Ft From AE Flood Zone
-  Boundary 3000 Ft From AE Flood Zone



1 **BILL NO. R-25-08-37**

2 RESOLUTION NO. R - 40-25

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4 **A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION R-106-15**  
5 **ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL RIVERFRONT DEVELOPEMNT**  
6 **PROJECT TO BE KNOWN AS THE "DOWNTOWN DINING**  
7 **DISTRICT" IN THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE**

8 WHEREAS, Resolution R-106-15 Section 1 amended adding a new Exhibit  
9 "A", Downtown Dining District Boundaries; and

10 WHEREAS, Resolution R-106-15 Section 2 amended adding a new Exhibit  
11 "B", Formal Written Commitment.

12 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL**  
13 **OF THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA:**

14 Section 1. That Resolution R-106-15, Section 1. is hereby amended adding  
15 a new Exhibit "A".

16 Section 2. That Resolution R-106-15, Section 2. is hereby amended  
17 adding a new Exhibit "B".

18 Section 3. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after  
19 its passage and approval by the Mayor, unless rescinded by ordinance by this  
20 legislative body.

21   
22 Council Member

23 Approved as to form and legality

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25 Malak Heiny, City Attorney



## Exhibit B

### **Downtown Dining District Review Committee**

#### **Criteria and Policies for the issuance of RIVERFRONT ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE**

The Indiana state legislature enacted I.C. 7.1-3-20 et. seq.(Act). The Act permits the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission (ATC) to issue liquor licenses (one, two, or three-way) ("Riverfront Licenses") in the City of Fort Wayne MUNICIPAL RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, known as the Downtown Dining District. The Downtown Dining District Review Committee (DDDRC) will review and evaluate applications for liquor licenses, and recommend to the Mayor of the City of Fort Wayne ("Mayor") only those applications it believes will strengthen the economic vitality of the Downtown Dining District. The DDDRRC will monitor each license recipient's compliance with the criteria and policies issued by the DDDRRC.

#### **Background**

The Fort Wayne Common Council has determined that the creation of a Municipal Riverfront Development Project, under I.C. 7.1-3-30 (the "Act") will further the downtown revitalization goals of the community by encouraging new investment and removing barriers to development in the Downtown Dining District. Attracting additional development to the Downtown Dining District will expand the tax base and create more opportunities for the residents of Fort Wayne (the "City"), Allen County and the surrounding region to frequent and enjoy the various venues present in the redeveloped downtown area.

The Act permits the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission ("ATC") to issue liquor licenses (one, two and three-way) within the Downtown Dining District, above the number granted to the City through the statutory quota system. Granting additional three-way liquor licenses within the Downtown Dining District will permit the development of new food and beverage businesses which will create economic opportunities downtown and will expand downtown commercial activity into the evening hours. The lack of availability of such licenses is considered a barrier to development.

The application process for a liquor license within the designated Downtown Dining District parallels the process for unrestricted liquor licenses elsewhere in Indiana, with the additional requirement that a recommendation from the community, issued by the Mayor, be provided to the ATC prior to ATC's granting of the license. The authority for this recommendation is granted locally. The City, through the DDDRRC, has adopted the following criteria and policies, which may be amended by the DDDRRC from time to time at its discretion.

## **Purposes and Goals**

Through implementation of the Act, adoption of these criteria and policies, and the designation of the Municipal Riverfront Development Project, the City seeks to achieve the following:

- 1) Enhance the City's **regional appeal** by encouraging the location and operation of a diverse mix of dining and entertainment venues in the Downtown Dining District.
- 2) Remove a significant barrier to **downtown development**.
- 3) Provide a downtown experience that encourages **repeat visits** by residents and visitors.
- 4) Improve the existing physical fabric of downtown to create a **sense of place** and **promote downtown as a destination**.
- 5) Provide opportunities for economic development, **increase the local tax base and create jobs**.

## **Guiding Principles**

The liquor license recommendation of the DDDRC will be guided by the following overall principles:

- 1) Whether the granting of the license will benefit and encourage downtown redevelopment in accordance with adopted downtown plans.
- 2) Whether the granting of the license and the resulting new business activity will positively affect the property values and facilitate other business interests in the Downtown Dining District.

## **Application Requirements and Other Criteria:**

### **Downtown Dining District Requirements:**

- 1) The designated area will be geographically defined in compliance with the requirements of the Act, as shown in the attached Appendix A.
- 2) The designated area is eligible for the granting of one, two and three-way Riverfront Licenses.

## DIGEST SHEET

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** A Resolution Approving a Downtown Dining District Liquor License and Formal Written Commitment for **The Philharmonic Center**

**DEPARTMENT REQUESTING RESOLUTION:** Economic Development

**SYNOPSIS OF RESOLUTION:** This resolution requests approval of a Downtown Dining District Liquor License and associated Formal Written Commitment for The Philharmonic Center, located within the boundaries of the Downtown Dining District. The license will allow the service and consumption of alcoholic beverages in accordance with Downtown Dining District regulations and applicable state and local laws, supporting programming, events, and visitor experience at the venue.

**EFFECT OF PASSAGE:** Approval will authorize The Philharmonic Center to operate under a Downtown Dining District Liquor License, subject to the terms of the Formal Written Commitment and all applicable Downtown Dining District rules, enabling expanded beverage service during approved events and operating hours.

**EFFECT OF NON-PASSAGE:** The Philharmonic Center will not be authorized to operate under a Downtown Dining District Liquor License and will remain subject to existing alcohol service limitations and thus limiting their plans to launch a multi-use space for the Fort Wayne Philharmonic to provide concerts, musical experiences and private rentals.

**ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE:**

# MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Fort Wayne City Council

**FROM:** Andrea R Robinson, PhD; Economic Development

**DATE:** January 7, 2026

**RE:** Request for Approval of a Downtown Dining District Liquor License and Formal Written Commitment – The Philharmonic Center

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## BACKGROUND

The Philharmonic Center is a long-standing performing arts venue located within the boundaries of the Downtown Dining District. The venue hosts concerts, cultural events, educational programming, and community gatherings that contribute significantly to downtown vibrancy, arts engagement, and visitor activity.

As part of ongoing efforts to support downtown activation and enhance the patron experience, The Philharmonic Center has submitted a request for approval of a Downtown Dining District Liquor License and the associated Formal Written Commitment.

## REQUEST

The request seeks City Council approval to authorize The Philharmonic Center to operate under a Downtown Dining District Liquor License. Approval would allow for the service and consumption of alcoholic beverages in accordance with Downtown Dining District regulations, the terms of the Formal Written Commitment, and all applicable state and local laws.

The license would be limited to approved times, events, and areas, consistent with Downtown Dining District standards.

## PUBLIC PURPOSE AND BENEFIT

Approval of this request supports several public objectives, including:

- Enhancing the patron experience at a major downtown cultural institution
- Supporting arts, entertainment, and tourism activity within the Downtown Dining District
- Aligning alcohol service practices with existing Downtown Dining District operations
- Encouraging continued activation and economic vitality in the downtown core

The request is consistent with prior Downtown Dining District approvals for similarly situated venues and uses.

#### **COMPLIANCE AND OVERSIGHT**

The Philharmonic Center will be required to comply with:

- All Downtown Dining District rules and regulations
- The approved Formal Written Commitment
- Applicable Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission requirements
- All local ordinances governing alcohol service and public safety

Failure to comply with these requirements may result in enforcement action or revocation of authorization, consistent with City policy.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approval of the resolution authorizing a Downtown Dining District Liquor License and Formal Written Commitment for The Philharmonic Center, finding the request to be consistent with Downtown Dining District goals, existing policy, and public benefit considerations.

**BILL NO. R-26-01-18**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REGULATIONS  
January 27, 2026**

**Scott Myers Chair**

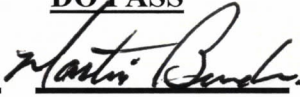




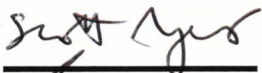
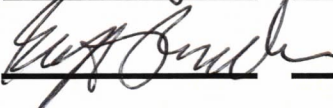
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**All Council Members**

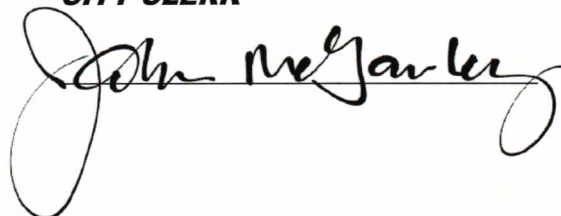
A Resolution approving the Municipal Riverfront Development Downtown Dining District Liquor License

*The Philharmonic Center*

**COMMITTEE ON REGULATIONS HAVE HAD SAID Ordinance under consideration and beg leave to report back to the Common Council that said Ordinance**

<u>COUNCIL MEMBER</u>	<u>DO PASS</u>	<u>DO NOT PASS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
<u>BENDER</u>		_____	_____
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<u>MYERS</u>		_____	_____
<u>PADDOCK</u>		_____	_____

**JOHN D. MCGAULEY  
CITY CLERK**



Public Hearing Date: N/A

Read the first time in full and on motion by Councilperson Myers.

Read the second time by title and referred to the Regulations Committee.

Read the third time in full and on motion by Councilperson Myers, placed on passage by the following vote:

<u>TOTAL VOTES</u>	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAINED</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
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DATED: January 27, 2026

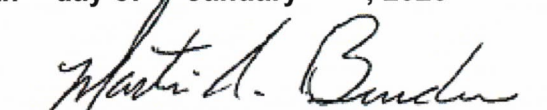
  
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 JOHN D. MCGAULEY, CITY CLERK

Passed and adopted by the Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, as

Resolution No. R-26-01-18 on the 27th day of January, 2026

ATTEST:

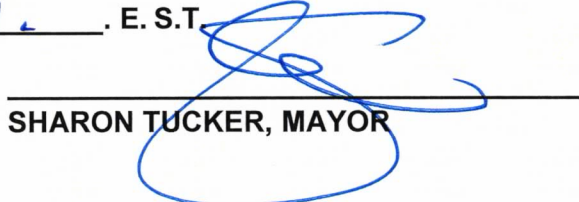
  
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 JOHN D. MCGAULEY  
 CITY CLERK

  
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 PRESIDING OFFICER

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, on the 28th of January 2026, at the hour of 9:05 o'clock A.M. E.S.T.

  
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 JOHN D. MCGAULEY, CITY CLERK

Approved and signed by me this 2nd day of Feb 2026, at the hour of 2:51 o'clock P.M. E. S.T.

  
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 SHARON TUCKER, MAYOR

Fort Wayne Indiana  
 Office of the City Clerk  
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3:00 pm