

RESOLUTION 25 - 20

A RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF LIQUOR COMMISSIONERS OF FORD COUNTY, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, the Ford County Board recognizes the importance of regulating the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages within the unincorporated areas of the county in a manner consistent with the laws of the State of Illinois and the interests of the citizens of Ford County; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Liquor Control Act requires that counties establish a Liquor Control Commission to oversee the enforcement of local liquor ordinances and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Ford County Board adopted Resolution 23-48 Ford County Liquor Control Ordinance on May 8, 2023.

WHEREAS, the Ford County Board seeks to ensure that qualified and capable individuals are appointed to serve as Liquor Commissioners to provide oversight and to promote compliance with applicable liquor laws;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Ford County Board, as follows:

1. Establishment of the Liquor Control Commission

The Ford County Board hereby establishes the Liquor Control Commission for Ford County, which shall be responsible for overseeing and enforcing local liquor ordinances, licenses, sale, distribution, and consumption of alcoholic beverages within the county.

2. Appointment of Liquor Commissioners

The Liquor Control Commission shall consist of six members, each appointed by the Chairman of the Ford County Board, with the advice and consent of the Board. The members shall be residents of Ford County and not be engaged in any business that would present a conflict of interest with the duties of a Liquor Commissioner.

3. Term of Appointment

Three Liquor Commissioners shall serve a term of four (4) years and three Liquor Commissioners shall serve a term of two (2) years. Liquor Commissioners may be reappointed for subsequent terms at the discretion of the Chairman of the Ford County Board, with the approval of the Board. Terms for the following Liquor Commissioners are set for Ford County:

- Tom McQuinn – 4-year term set to expire on November 30, 2028.
- Gene May – 2-year term set to expire on November 30, 2026.
- Tim Nuss – 4-year term set to expire on November 30, 2028.
- Lesley King – 2-year term set to expire on November 30, 2026.
- Randy Ferguson – 4-year term set to expire on November 30, 2028.
- Chase McCall – 2-year term set to expire on November 30, 2026.
- Ford County Sheriff Chad Johnson – 2-year term set to expire on November 30, 2026.

4. Duties and Responsibilities

The Liquor Commissioners shall be responsible for the following:

- Reviewing and approving or denying liquor license applications within the county.
- Ensuring compliance with all local, state, and federal laws related to the sale and consumption of alcohol.
- Investigating complaints or violations of liquor ordinances and issuing penalties or recommendations for enforcement actions.
- Holding hearings as necessary to address violations or concerns related to alcohol distribution and sales.
- Reporting to the Ford County Board on liquor-related issues as required.

5. Compensation

Liquor Commissioners shall serve without compensation, unless otherwise authorized by the Ford County Board.

6. Vacancies

In the event that a vacancy occurs on the Liquor Control Commission, the Chairman of the Ford County Board, with the advice and consent of the Board, shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of the unexpired term.

7. Effective Date

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and shall supersede any resolutions pertaining to the appointment of Liquor Commissioners for Ford County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Board of Ford County this [Day] of [Month], [Year].

13 January 2025

Chase McCall
Chairman of the Ford County Board

Attest: **Amy Frederick**
Ford County Clerk & Recorder

