

Good Neighbors Report

To: Public Safety and Licensing Committee

From: Attorney Ian R. Pomplin

RE: Uncork't., Heather Keszler, Agent
240 Main Street

Meeting date: Wednesday, July 1, 2026

Departments: Clerk, Police, City Development, Health and Attorney in person,
Building and Health submitted a written report due to scheduling conflicts

License(s) requested: "Class B" (liquor) and Class "B" (beer) licenses

Business plan and premises description. Ms. Keszler intends to operate a wine, craft beer, and spirits retail store and bar. She intends to operate in a virtually identical way to the current iteration of Uncork't. The establishment is able to begin operation imminently.

Owner/agent experience. Ms. Keszler has no prior experience owning or operating a licensed establishment.

Health department. The establishment has yet to receive approval by the health department. The applicant is currently working with the City to obtain this approval and ensure it can be appropriately licensed. Due to no major changes in business plan, it is likely that there will not be any major issues.

City Development and Building. The establishment has been approved by City Development and Building. An occupancy permit is set to be issued. Ms. Keszler was informed to contact City Development if he intended to change any outside signage or perform other external changes to the property.

Police Department issues. Ms. Keszler discussed the common issues that arise for businesses that hold liquor licenses with Sgt. Cruz. Ms. Keszler was reminded that he needed to have staff with operator's licenses to serve alcohol. Information was provided on licensed premises checks. Sgt. Cruz provided information that the prior establishment in this location has had minimal contact with law enforcement. The applicant was provided with information on strategies to reduce misbehavior due to the high traffic nature of this downtown location.

Application. Deputy Clerk Williams reviewed the application with Mr. Cain and worked with the applicant to more accurately write the premises description.

Overall Summary

The premises at 240 Main Street raises slight concerns for city staff due to Ms. Keszler's inexperience in the alcohol industry. These concerns are tempered by the type of establishment intended to be operated and the establishment being an established business with few issues, provided that the premises is operated within the scope of the written business plan. Prior to opening, Ms. Keszler must obtain the necessary approval from the Health Department that he has yet to receive.