



**SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA  
OF THE BLOOMINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
LOCATION: CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
109 E. OLIVE STREET, BLOOMINGTON, IL 61701  
DATE/TIME: FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2016, 8:00 AM**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call of Attendance
3. Public Comment
4. Consideration of the application of Signature India BLM, Inc. d/b/a Signature India, located at 1407 N. Veterans Pkwy, Ste. 26, requesting an RBS Liquor License which would allow the sale of beer and wine only by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week. (*Recommend that an RBS Liquor License for Signature India BLM, Inc., d/b/a Signature India., located at 1407 N. Veterans Pkwy, be created and approved contingent upon compliance with all health and safety codes.*)
5. Consideration of approving the Application of the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University, d/b/a The Illinois Shakespeare Festival, located at 48 Sunset Rd., requesting a Limited Liquor License with Sunday sales, (LBS) which allows the sale of beer and wine only by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week. (*Recommend that an LBS Liquor License for the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University, d/b/a The Illinois Shakespeare Festival, located at 48 Sunset Rd., be created and approved contingent upon compliance with all health and safety codes.*)
6. Adjourn



**SPECIAL MEETING SESSION  
AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

FOR COUNCIL: June 17, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of the application of Signature India BLM, Inc. d/b/a Signature India, located at 1407 N. Veterans Pkwy, Ste. 26 requesting an RBS Liquor License which would allow the sale of beer and wine only by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week.

**RECOMMENDATION/MOTION:** That an RBS Liquor License for Signature India BLM, Inc., d/b/a Signature India., located at 1407 N. Veterans Pkwy, be approved contingent upon compliance with all health and safety codes.

**STRATEGIC PLAN LINK:** Goal 5. Great place – livable, sustainable City.

**STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE:** Objective 5.d. Appropriate leisure and recreational opportunities responding to the needs of residents.

**BACKGROUND:** On May 10, 2016, The Bloomington Liquor Commission met in Regular Session to hear the request submitted by Signature India BLM, Inc. d/b/a Signature India, located at 1407 N. Veterans Pkwy, Ste. 26 requesting an RBS Liquor License which would allow the sale of beer and wine only by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week.

Present were Commissioners Tari Renner, Jim Jordan and Sue Feldkamp. City Staff present included Asst. Corporation Counsel George Boyle, and Cherry Lawson, City Clerk.

Karthir Thota, owner and proprietor, addressed the Commission, he stated that it is the intent of his business (Signature India) to serve Indian and other international beer and wine products along with meals. He is seeking an RBS Liquor License with Sunday sales and understands that BASSET training is required.

Motion by Commissioner Jordan seconded by Commissioner Feldkamp to recommend to the City Council approval of the request of Signature India BLM, Inc. d/b/a Signature India, located at 1407 N. Veterans Pkwy, Ste. 26, requesting an RBS Liquor License which would allow the sale of beer and wine only by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week.

Commissioner Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Commissioners Feldkamp, Jordan and Renner

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

**COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED:** The Agenda for the May 10, 2016 Bloomington Liquor Commission Meeting was placed on the City's website. There is, also, a list serve feature for the Liquor Commission.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** Annual RB Liquor License cost \$660, and for Sunday sales and additional \$450.

Respectfully submitted for Council consideration.

Prepared by: Cherry L. Lawson, City Clerk

Reviewed by: George D. Boyle, Assistant Corporation Counsel

Recommended by:



Tari Renner  
Mayor

**Attachments:**

- Minutes of Liquor Commission, May 10, 2016
- BCC Chapter 6, Sec. 4B Creation of New License; Sec. 7A (15) Classification

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Motion: That an RBS Liquor License for Signature India BLM, Inc., d/b/a Signature India., located at 1407 N. Veterans Pkwy, be approved contingent upon compliance with all health and safety codes.



MINUTES OF THE BLOOMINGTON  
LIQUOR COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016 4:00 PM

The following was presented:

9. The application of the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University, d/b/a Shakespeare Festival, located at 48 Sunset Rd., requesting a Limited Liquor license (LB) which allows the sale of beer and wine only by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week.

Mr. Boyle addressed the Commission. He stated that the festival has had a Limited Liquor License for the past several years and that there have not been any incidents, liquor license violations or other problems.

**Motion by Commissioner Jordan seconded by Commissioner Feldkamp to recommend at the June 13, 2016 City Council meeting for approval of the request of Board of Trustees of Illinois State University, d/b/a Shakespeare Festival, located at 48 Sunset Rd., requesting a Limited Liquor license (LB) which allows the sale of beer and wine only by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week.**

Commissioner Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

**Ayes: Commissioners Feldkamp, Jordan and Renner**

**Nays: None.**

**Motion carried**

The following was presented:

11. **The application of Signature India BLM, Inc., d/b/a Signature India, located at 1407 N Veterans Pkwy, Suite 26 requesting an RBS liquor license which would allow the sale of beer and wine only by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week.**

Commissioner Renner opened and closed the meeting to receive Public testimony on the request by Signature India. There were no comments from the public.

Mr. Thota stated that it is the intent of his business (Signature India) to serve Indian and other international beer and wine products. He is seeking an RBS Liquor License with Sunday sales and understands that BASSET training is required.

**Motion by Commissioner Feldkamp, seconded by Commissioner Jordan to forward the item to the next Regular Council Meeting for Council's consideration.**

Commissioner Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

**Ayes: Commissioners Feldkamp, Jordan and Renner**

**Nays: None.**

**Motion carried**

**16. Adjournment.**

**Motion by Commission Jordan, seconded by Commissioner Feldkamp to adjourn the meeting.**

**Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted for consideration,

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Cherry L. Lawson, City Clerk

Bloomington City Code  
Chapter 6: Section 7A: Classification

(15) Class "RB" (Restaurant - Beer and Wine Only) primary licenses authorize the retail sale on the specified premises only of beer and wine for consumption only on the premises. The sale of beer and wine at a restaurant shall be incidental to the principal purpose of the sale of food. "RB" licenses shall be issued and renewed only if the licensee has and maintains gross sales on the premises of beer and wine in an amount less than the gross sales of all types of food. Restaurants shall keep a record of all beer, wine and food items sold on the premises and shall, within thirty days of receipt of a written request by the Liquor Commissioner, provide to the City Clerk's office financial statements for the period requested, certified by an independent certified public accountant, showing the proportion of gross sales of beer and wine compared to sales of food. If, in any quarter, gross sales of beer and wine exceed gross sales of food for any two months, the restaurant liquor license may be revoked, may not be renewed, or may be subject to added conditions pursuant to Section 37(f) of this Chapter. A restaurant liquor license shall be issued and renewed only at premises kept, used, maintained, advertised and held out to the public as a place where meals are sold and served and where meals are actually and regularly sold and served to the public. A restaurant shall have seating available for patrons as well as adequate and sanitary kitchen and dining room equipment, and shall have employed therein a sufficient number and kind of employees to prepare, cook and serve full meals for its guests. (Ordinance No. 2013-95) (Ordinance No. 2014-02)

(16) Class "S" (Sunday) secondary licenses issued to the holder of any primary license described herein (except Class "W" which is valid on Sunday) extend the authority of primary licenses to Sunday hours as specified in Section 20 of this Chapter. (Ordinance No. 2013-95)

## **Chapter 6: Section 4B: Creation of New License – Findings**

(a) Standard for Creation. The City Council shall not create a new liquor license unless it has previously found that the creation of such license is necessary for the public convenience of residents of Bloomington and is in the best interest of the City of Bloomington. (Ordinance No. 1981-18)

(b) Factual Criteria. In deciding whether creation of a new license is necessary, the City Council shall consider:

- (1) The class of liquor license applied for;
- (2) Whether most of the establishment's anticipated gross revenue will be from sale of alcohol or other resources;
- (3) The character and nature of the proposed establishment;
- (4) The general design, layout and contents of the proposed establishment;
- (5) The location of the proposed establishment and the probable impact of a liquor establishment at that location upon the surrounding neighborhood or the City as a whole giving particular consideration to; (Ordinance No. 2004-2)

(a) the type of license(s) requested in the application;

(b) the nature of the proposed establishment; (Ordinance No. 2004-2)

(c) the location of the building of the proposed establishment in relation to any dwelling, church, school, hospital, home for the aged, indigent or veteran's and their wives, or any military or naval station with particular emphasis on its entrances/exits, windows and parking facilities; (Ordinance No. 2004-2)

(d) the hours of operation of the proposed establishment; (Ordinance No. 2004-2)

(e) the effect of live entertainment and/or amplified music in the proposed establishment upon persons in the surrounding area, particularly with respect to any

dwelling, church, school, hospital, home for the aged, indigent or veteran's and their wives, or any military or naval station; (Ordinance No. 2004-2)

(f) signs and lights which are visible from the exterior of the proposed establishment;

(g) whether a Sunday license is being requested for the proposed establishment;

(h) the extent to which other businesses are licensed to sell alcoholic beverages at retail in the area under consideration;

(i) whether and what types of alcohol the applicant proposes to sell in single serving sizes for consumption off of the premises. (Ordinance No. 2004-2)

- (6) The probable demand for the proposed liquor establishment in the City;
- (7) The financial responsibility of the applicant;
- (8) Whether the applicant, or (if the applicant is a partnership or corporation) whether any partner, officer or director of the applicant has ever held a liquor license and his or her performance as a licensee; (Ordinance No. 1977-69)
- (9) Whether the applicant intends to furnish live entertainment in the establishment, and if so, the nature of such entertainment;
- (10) Whether the applicant intends to obtain a dancing permit pursuant to Chapter 7 of Bloomington City Code;
- (11) Whether the proposed establishment poses any problem to the Bloomington Police Department or Liquor Commissioner in the enforcement of City Ordinance or State and Federal Law;
- (12) Whether a current City of Bloomington liquor license has been issued for the premises sought to be licensed in the application;
- (13) Whether the premises complies with all pertinent health and safety codes applicable within the City of Bloomington;
- (14) No license shall be created for, or maintained by, an establishment whose primary or major focus is video gaming. In determining whether an establishment's primary or major focus is video gaming, the following factors may be considered.



(a) The layout and design of the establishment, including such factors as:

1. The number of video gaming machines relative to the customer seating capacity of the establishment; and
2. The square footage of space devoted to video gaming relative to the amount of space devoted to other activities;

(b) Whether the probable revenue derived from the establishment will be primarily from video gaming;

(c) The number of employees at the establishment and their proposed function;

(d) Other relevant factors. (Ordinance No. 2013-13)

(15) The recommendation of the Liquor Commission. (Ordinance No. 2013-13)

(c) All licenses created hereby are subject to issuance by the Mayor in his discretion as provided in 235 ILCS 5/4-4 and Section 37 of this Chapter. (Ordinance No. 2013-13)



**SPECIAL MEETING  
AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

FOR COUNCIL: June 17, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of the application of the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University, d/b/a The Illinois Shakespeare Festival, located at 48 Sunset Rd., requesting a Limited Liquor License with Sunday sales (LBS) which allows the sale of beer and wine only by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week.

**RECOMMENDATION/MOTION:** That an LBS Liquor License for the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University, d/b/a The Illinois Shakespeare Festival, located at 48 Sunset Rd., be approved and created contingent upon compliance with all health and safety codes.

**STRATEGIC PLAN LINK:** Goal 4. Grow the local economy.

**STRATEGIC PLAN SIGNIFICANCE:** Objective 4.a. Retention and growth of current local business.

**BACKGROUND:** The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner, Tari Renner, called the hearing to order on May 10, 2016, at approximately 4:10 p.m. to hear the request of the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University, d/b/a The Illinois Shakespeare Festival, located at 48 Sunset Rd., requesting a Limited Liquor License with Sunday sales (LBS) which allows the sale of beer and wine only by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week.

Present were Commissioners Tari Renner, Sue Feldkamp and Jim Jordan. Staff present were Assistant Corporation Counsel George Boyle and Cherry Lawson, City Clerk.

No one appeared from the applicant organization.

Mr. Boyle addressed the Commission. He stated that the festival has had a Limited Liquor License for the past several years and that there have not been any incidents, liquor license violations or other problems.

Motion by Commissioner Jordan seconded by Commissioner Feldkamp to recommend to the City Council approval of the request of the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University, d/b/a The Illinois Shakespeare Festival, located at 48 Sunset Rd., requesting a Limited Liquor License with Sunday sales (LBS) which allows the sale of beer and wine only by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week.

Commissioner Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Commissioners Feldkamp, Jordan and Renner

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

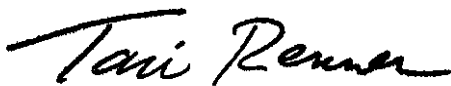
**ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFOAMTION:** Illinois State University Foundation's Ewing Cultural Center hosts the Shakespeare Festival in a 438 seat theater located on the grounds. Patrons are allowed to picnic on the grounds. Bottled beer and wine are offered for sale. Annual attendance at the Festival is 9,000 – 10,000. The property is fenced and gated. The gates are manned by Festival employees/volunteers. The Festival is held from July through August. Illinois State has held a liquor license for the Festival since 2008.

**COMMUNITY GROUPS/INTERESTED PERSONS CONTACTED:** The Agenda for the May 10, 2016 Meeting of the Liquor Commission was placed on the City's web site. There also is a list serve feature for the Liquor Commission.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** None.

Respectfully submitted for Council consideration.

Prepared by: Renee Gooderham, Chief Deputy Clerk  
Reviewed by: Cherry L. Lawson, City Clerk  
Legal Reviewed by: George D. Boyle, Assistant Corporation Counsel  
Recommended by:



Tari Renner  
Mayor

**Attachments:**

- Chapter 6: Section 4B Creation of New License - Findings
- Maps

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Motion: That an LB liquor license for the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University, d/b/a The Illinois Shakespeare Festival, located at 48 Sunset Rd., be approved and created contingent upon compliance with all health and safety codes.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

	Aye	Nay	Other		Aye	Nay	Other
Alderman Black				Alderman Painter			
Alderman Fruin				Alderman Sage			
Alderman Hauman				Alderman Schmidt			
Alderman Lower				Alderman Buragas			
Alderman Mwilambwe							
				Mayor Renner			

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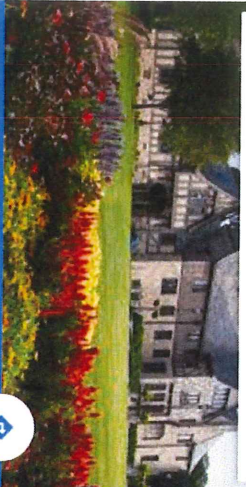
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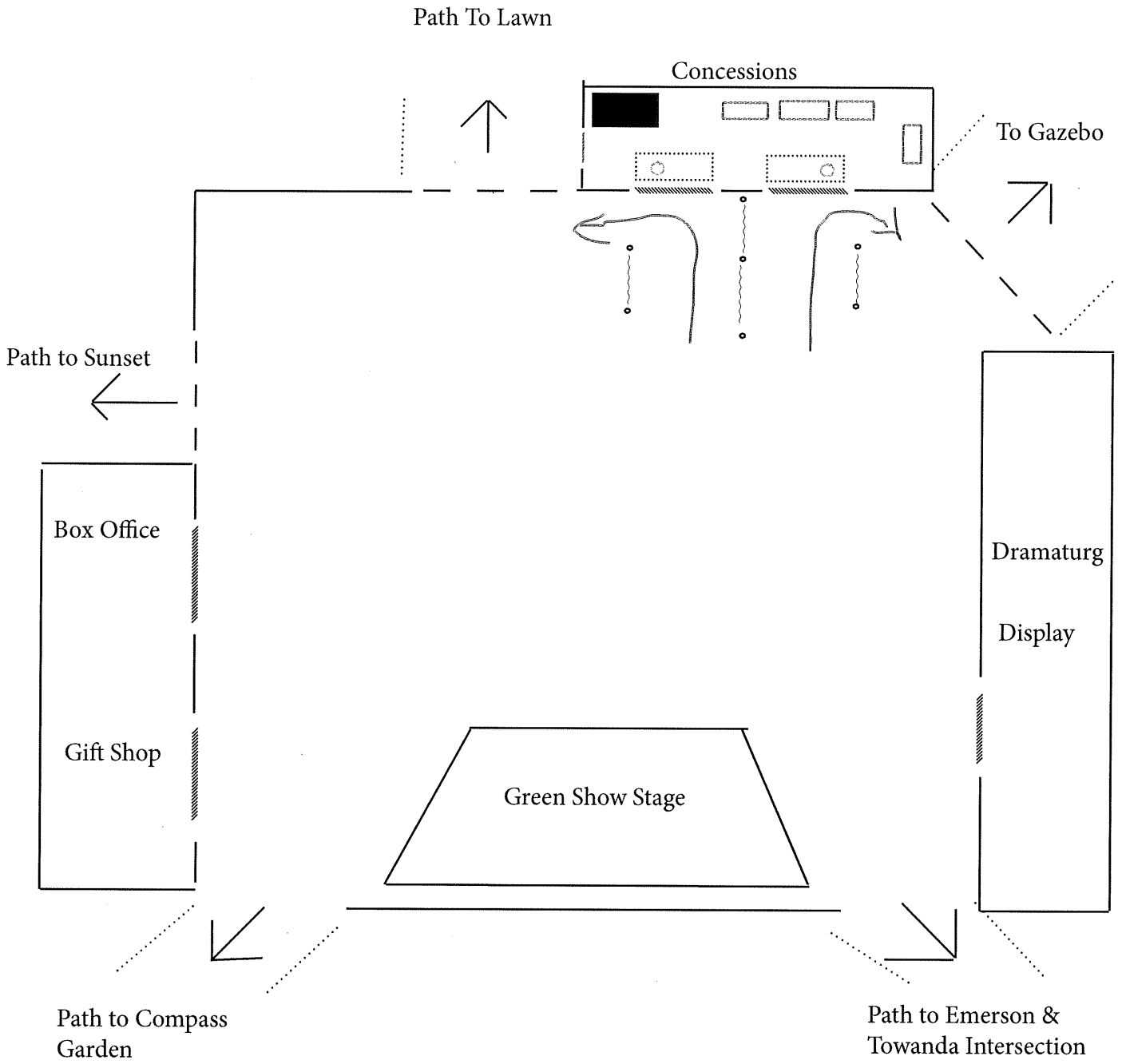
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Upcoming Events

Tue, Jul 5 Twelfth Night





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