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**Public input sought on proposed changes to liquor ordinance**

Public input is being sought on several proposed changes to the Village's liquor regulations, including adding guidelines that would allow delivery of packaged alcoholic beverages, permit the transport of open wine from a restaurant and increase the license application fee.

The Liquor Control Review Board has scheduled a public hearing on the proposed changes for 7:30 p.m., Tues., Sept. 23, in Village Hall, 123 Madison St.

Among the changes under consideration by the review board are the following:

- Adding delivery requirements to package liquor and gift package license classes.
- Permitting the transport of open wine from a restaurant under specified conditions.
- Requiring a \$250 license application fee and increasing the surety bond to \$10,000
- Eliminating Village residency as a requirement for a liquor license.
- Reducing required seating capacity from 75 to 50 persons in one of the restaurant license classes.
- Eliminating the prohibition against outside signage referencing a bar or lounge.
- Creating new control requirements for certain package liquor license classes.
- Establishing the number of licenses permitted in each license class.

Following the public hearing, the Liquor Control Review Board will forward recommendations to the [Village Board](#) for possible action.

"The changes under consideration by the Liquor Control Review Board are intended primarily to bring our ordinance up to date," said [Village Clerk](#) Sandra Sokol, whose office manages the liquor licensing process.

"How merchants sell alcoholic beverages and how shoppers buy has changed over the years. It is important for the Village to have ordinances that provide tools to regulate sales effectively in the current market. Keeping such ordinances up to date is an on-going process."

Oak Park's current liquor ordinance, formerly called the Alcoholic Liquor Dealers ordinance, may be viewed on line at [www.oak-park.us](http://www.oak-park.us) – just click on the *Village Code* tab.

For more information on the public hearing, call 708.358.5670 or e-mail [clerk@oak-park.us](mailto:clerk@oak-park.us).

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