

Comprehensive Revision of Dane County Zoning Ordinance

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Town of Cross Plains

Alcohol Service

Current Ordinance

- Conditional use in C-1, C-2, M-1
 - *“Tavern” A building or part of a building open to the public, where fermented malt beverages and/or intoxicating liquors are sold at retail for consumption on the premises. The following shall not be considered a tavern: a restaurant where such beverages are sold only at tables and only in conjunction with meals; a club not open to the public where such beverages are sold in conjunction with the operation of the club; premises where malt beverages are sold by established organizations in conjunction with the operation of a picnic, fair or other amusement enterprise.*
- Conditional use in RE-1
 - *“Sale of alcoholic beverages by the drink”*

Proposed Ordinance (discussion)

- Most communities seem to make a distinctions based on:
 - Percentage of gross receipts from alcohol sales
 - Type of alcohol license
 - Class A (off-site sales)
 - Malt beverage
 - Hard cider
 - Liquor and wine
 - Class B (on-site sales)
 - Malt beverage
 - Liquor and wine
 - Temporary (i.e. “picnic” license)
 - Class C (wine only, allows for recorking and take home)

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- Standards
 - None, except for normal CUP standards

Proposed Ordinance (discussion)

- Standards
 - Most communities rely on alcohol licensing, not zoning, to set standards for approval
 - Licensing a town/village/city function, not county
 - CUP specific for this use not necessary if underlying use adequately regulated.
 - Specific issues for alcohol service that are different from other “assembly events” or “indoor entertainment?”