

**CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO
ORDINANCE NO. 4
SERIES OF 2021**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, AMENDING
SECTION 6-5-60 OF THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING LIQUOR
LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.

WHEREAS, Section 6-5-60 the Rifle Municipal Code (the “RMC”), establishes the renewal application requirements for the holders of liquor licenses in the City of Rifle (the “City”); and

WHEREAS, City staff has recommended changes to the RMC to require confirmation that the applicant is current with its sales tax obligations with the City as part of the renewal application process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

Section 2. Section 6-5-60 of the RMC is hereby amended as follows, with additions shown in underlined text:

Sec. 6-5-60. - License renewals; hearing.

- (b) Upon receiving the renewal application, the City Clerk shall assemble the applicant's file containing reports from staff regarding the applicant or the premises for the preceding year, including confirmation that applicant is current with its sales tax obligations. Unless there is evidence to the contrary in the applicant's file or otherwise, it will be presumed that the occupied premises are in compliance with the provisions of state statutes and City regulations, and that the character of the applicant continues to be satisfactory. If these presumptions apply, the application for renewal shall be recommended for approval by the City Clerk and set for Liquor Licensing Authority consent at the next City Council meeting. All successful applicants shall be subject to license fees as referenced in Section 6-5-150 of this Article and set forth in Appendix A to this Code.
- (c) If there is evidence to rebut the presumptions in Subsection (b) above which otherwise arise, or past sales tax due, the City Clerk shall immediately notify the licensee in writing of the objections to the renewal application and set a public hearing date to be held not less than ten (10)

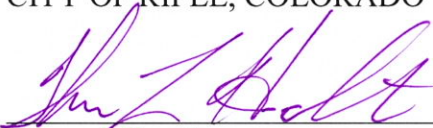
nor more than thirty (30) days after the date of such notice. The written notice shall be mailed by certified mail to the applicant, shall state generally the grounds for staff's recommendation of nonrenewal, and shall provide the date, time and place of the hearing to show cause for nonrenewal. Notice of the hearing must also be conspicuously posted on the premises for a period of ten (10) days prior to the hearing. The hearing shall be conducted in the same manner as provided for hearings on revocation or suspension of the type of license involved.

INTRODUCED on April 7, 2021, read by title, passed on first reading, and ordered published as required by the Charter.

INTRODUCED a second time at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Rifle, Colorado, held on April 21, 2021, passed without amendment, approved, and ordered published in full as required by the Charter.

Dated this 21 day of April, 2021.

CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO

BY: 
Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:


City Clerk

