



City of Grand Forks
Staff Report

Committee of the Whole – June 23, 2025
City Council – July 7, 2025

APPROVED & ACCEPTED
by City Council

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Agenda Item: Request for extension of time - Class 4 (Food & Beverage) Alcoholic Beverage License from BGF, Inc (formerly dba Vinyl Taco)

Submitted by: Sherie Lundmark, City Clerk
Maureen Storstad, Finance Director

Staff Recommended Action: Review the request and consider an extension of time to complete sale and transfer of alcohol license to December 31, 2025

Committee Recommended Action: Motion by Osowski, second by Vein to move agenda item to City Council with a recommendation to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Action: Motion by Berg, second by Lunski to approve on consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

BACKGROUND

BGF, Inc currently holds a Class 4 (Food & Beverage) Alcoholic Beverage License, which was operated as Vinyl Taco, located at 1970 S Columbia Rd Suites 101 & 102. Operations at this location ceased operations in 2024. I previous request for an extension of time to find a new owner for the license was granted December 16, 2024, with a requirement that the annual license fee for 2025 be paid in full. That requirement payment was completed. A transaction to sell the property was completed in early 2025, however a new tenant who would request to transfer the license has not yet been secured. The license holder is requesting an extension of time to find a new owner for the license has been requested until December 31, 2025.

ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS OF FACT:

- City of Grand Forks regulates and licenses alcoholic beverage establishments within city limits.
- BGF, Inc holds a Class 4 Alcoholic Beverage License which they operated within the community for a number of years.
- Renewals of licenses require that the license be operating and pass all required departmental inspections – or – receive approval of City Council to remain active for a set period of time, at the end of which they must either return to being fully operational or be transferred to a new owner that is approved by City Council.

- A request was received requesting consideration of an extension to transfer the license to a new owner, which was granted to hold the license as active, but not operating until June 30, 2025. The owner has completed a sale of the property however, efforts to secure a new tenant to transfer the alcohol license to is still ongoing. BGF, Inc. has paid the 2025 Class 1 license fee in full, as was a condition of the extension. They have requested a further extension to December 31, 2025.
- Without City Council action the license will expire on June 30, 2025 and no longer be valid.
- City Council has in the past considered similar requests and granted extensions for set periods of time to allow licensees to transfer.
- Applicant is requesting a six month extension to bring forward an alcohol license transfer request.

SUPPORT MATERIALS:

- Letter of request from BGF, Inc.



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RE: Class 4 Alcoholic Beverage License #315023

To the Committee of the Whole:

BGF, Inc. is the holder of Class 4 Alcoholic Beverage License #315023, which was previously used at its Vinyl Taco location at 1970 South Columbia Road, Suites 101 and 102. Vinyl Taco has since ceased operations at this location. License #315023 has an expiration date of 12/31/2024, which was previously extended to June 30, 2025. The annual fee of \$3,895.00 for 2025 was paid in full.

Bucks of Grand Forks, LLC, previous owner/Lessor of the property at 1970 South Columbia Road, known as "Columbia Commons", sold the property to GF 1970, LLC on January 7, 2025. BGF, Inc. continues to lease Suites 101 and 102 from GF 1970, LLC until such a time that those suites are leased to a new tenant. Once the space is leased, the new tenant will make application for transfer of the license.

A six-month extension of time on the license was previously granted by the Grand Forks Committee of the Whole, which extended this license to June 30, 2025. We are requesting an additional six-month extension on this license, to December 31, 2025, in anticipation of a new tenant leasing Suites 101 and 102, at which time the alcohol license held by BGF, Inc. can be transferred to a new lessee.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Vonnie at (701) 237-5151, extension 13.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lance Thorson", written in a cursive style.

Lance Thorson
PRESIDENT