



# CGF Meeting Feedback Form

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City of Grand Forks

<b>Meeting Type:</b>	City Council Meeting
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<b>Agenda Item Number / Topic:</b>	Alcohol Compliance Ordinance Item 5.4
<b>Comments:</b>	<p>Mayor Bochenski, President Sande and Grand Forks Council,</p> <p>My name is Greg Rixen, and I am the General Manager for Happy Harry's Bottle Shops. I would like to address the proposed ordinance related to alcohol compliance.</p> <p>The proposed ordinance, as it is currently written, with a three-year probationary period after a violation, is one of the most punitive alcohol ordinances in the state of North Dakota.</p> <p>The last thing anyone wants to happen is for a minor to gain access to alcohol. But, even with all the training we do, the resources we offer and all reminders, it comes down to an employee following through and doing their job responsibly. When that employee makes a mistake, it affects the livelihood of our business and our employees.</p> <p>We have an opportunity to have a discussion on how the City of Grand Forks, the Grand Forks Police Department and the license holders can work together to prevent minors gaining access to alcohol. We should discuss fair penalties and ways that we can move forward together.</p> <p>Owning a liquor license in Grand Forks is a privilege and with that, carries heavy responsibilities. When a mistake is made, there should be corrective measures to help license holders do a better job. The threat of license suspension or revocation should only apply to the most extreme violations.</p> <p>Compliance checks and the penalties have been a heated topic since they were initiated, and now we have an opportunity to get everyone on the same page and work together. I am kindly asking the city council to table this proposed ordinance until we can have some meaningful conversations between the license holders and the City of Grand Forks.</p>