



City of Grand Forks

Staff Report

Committee of the Whole – November 10, 2025

City Council – November 17, 2025

APPROVED & ACCEPTED

by City Council

11/17/2025

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Agenda Item: Application for Class 4 (Food & Beverage) Alcoholic Beverage License from Short or Tall Grand Forks, LLC, dba Short or Tall/Surly

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

Staff Recommended Action: Review and approve application from Short or Tall Grand Forks, LLC with approval subject to final review of various city departments and payment of associated fees.

Committee Recommended Action: Motion by Sande, second by Osowski to refer to City Council with a recommendation to approve. Motion passed unanimously

Council Action: Motion by Sande, second by Vein on consent agenda.
Motion passed unanimously.

BACKGROUND: The Finance Department is in receipt of a new application for a Class 4 (Food & Beverage) Alcoholic Beverage License from Short or Tall Grand Forks, LLC dba Short or Tall/Surly, to be located at 2600 Red Jarrett Way Suite A.

ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS OF FACT:

- Short or Tall Grand Forks, LLC has submitted an application for a Class 4 Alcoholic Beverage License, 100 seats or more, and has paid the application fee. Issuance fee of \$69,160 and annual fee of \$3,895 apply to this class of license. All fees must be paid prior to license issuance.
- Short or Tall Grand Forks, LLC has 100% ownership to Brian Conneran
- Mr. Conneran also operates Short or Tall in Rogers, MN and operates other businesses in the community.
- Issuance of new alcoholic beverage licenses requires review and approval of various city departments including: Fire, Police, Health, Building Safety, Finance, and City Attorney.
- City Council approval is required for issuance of a new alcoholic beverage license.

SUPPORT MATERIALS:

- Application from Short or Tall Grand Forks, LLC (Excerpt)
(Full application is available for review in the Finance Department)

CITY OF GRAND FORKS
APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE
 255 N. 4th St. Grand Forks, ND 58203 • (701) 746-2620

LICENSE INFORMATION. Must be completed for all types of applications

License Year: 2026	License Class/Type: (See listing of class type attached hereto) class 4	Application is hereby made for a Sunday alcoholic beverage license issued by the City of Grand Forks pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 5.02.05.1
(Office use only) License #:		
Name of Applicant (If an LLC, name of LLC; If partnership, at least 2 partners' names; If corporation, name of corporation) Short or Tall Grand Forks LLC	Trade Name of Establishment (DBA): Short or Tall / Surly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Mailing Address: PO Box 14688		Is this a renewal application? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
City, State, Zip: Grand Forks ND 58208		Email Address: brianc@franchiseconcepts unlimited.com
Business Telephone Number: Fax Number:		
Street Address of Premises: 2600 Red Jarrett way suite A Grand Forks ND 58203	Legal Description of Premises: 2600 Red Jarrett way Memorial village First Addition Lot 1 Block 1	
State how the premises is zoned under the Grand Forks zoning ordinance: Commercial		
Premises to be licensed is: <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed building <input type="checkbox"/> Existing facility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New building	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plans or diagram of premises attached <input type="checkbox"/> Plans or diagram already on file with City Engineer's Office <i>*Plans/diagram must depict all bar and lounge areas. If a renewal application and if substantial changes have been made, attach updated plans/diagram</i>	
Date title acquired (if premises owned by applicant): N/A	Closest school (College, Public or Parochial) Name and Street Address: UND (on campus)	Closest church Name and Street Address: Christus Rex (campus)
If building premises owned by other than applicant, COPY OF LEASE MUST BE ATTACHED. In addition, please provide the following with respect to each building owner:		
Name: Memorial Village	Street Address 615 1st Ave N	City Grand Forks ND
	State ND	Zip 58203
		Phone No. 701-772-3101
Applicant is applying as a: Investments LLC		
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual/Sole Proprietor - Proceed to Page 2 of the Application		
<input type="checkbox"/> Partnership - Proceed to Page 3 of the Application		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LLC - Proceed to Page 5 of the Application		
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporation - Proceed to Page 5 of the Application		