



OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA

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Meeting of the: **PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE**
Date/Time: **Monday, June 17, 2024 @ 5:15 P.M.**
Location: **City Hall (407 Grant Street) - Council Chambers**
Members: Lisa Rasmussen (C), Lou Larson (VC), Becky McElhane, Sarah Watson, Carol Lukens

AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION / ACTION

- 1 Approve minutes of previous meeting (05/20/2024).
- 2 Consider approval or denial of various license applications.
- 3 Presentation and discussion regarding operator's licensing requirements.
- 4 Wausau Fire Department update.
- 5 Discussion and possible action regarding a letter of concern for compliance issues at The Domino Bar.
- 6 Tavern Activities Report - May 1 – May 31, 2024.
- 7 Community Outreach Update.

Adjourn

Lisa Rasmussen, Chairperson

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PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Date and Time: Monday, May 20, 2024, at 5:15 p.m., Council Chambers

Members Present: Lisa Rasmussen (C), Lou Larson (VC), Becky McElhaney, Sarah Watson, Carol Lukens

Others Present: Mayor Diny, Matt Barnes, Jeremy Kopp, Todd Baeten, Nathan Cihlar, Tracy Rieger, Tegan Troutner, James Henderson, Kaitlyn Bernarde, Kody Hart, Alder Gisselman

Noting the presence of a quorum Chairperson Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Approve minutes of a previous meeting (04/22/2024).

Motion by Watson, seconded by Larson, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

Consider approval or denial of various license applications.

Christopher McGuirk and Kelly Oxendine, applicants for New Public Transportation License did not appear to appeal their denial recommendation. Eric Hendrickson and Sara Zoromski, applicants for New Bartender/Operator License did not appear to appeal their denial recommendation. Brian Klippel, applicant for Bartender/Operator License Renewal, appeared to appeal the denial recommendation and provided a statement.

Motion by McElhaney, seconded by Lukens, to accept or deny the license applications as recommended by staff with the exception of Brian Klippel. Motion carried 5-0.

Watson questioned if renewal applications are reviewed in the same way as new applications and if the applicant can reapply. It was stated renewal and new applications are treated the same and applicants can reapply after denial.

Larson stated the difficulty of allowing a bartender with an alcohol addiction to continue to serve with an unresolved 3rd OWI and stated support of the denial recommendation by the Chief of Police.

Rasmussen stated often the cure is time to allow the court case to resolve and for the recommended treatment program to be completed.

Motion by Watson, seconded by McElhaney, to grant the license application of Brian Klippel against the recommendation of staff. Motion failed 1-4, with Watson in support.

Discussion and possible action amending Wausau Municipal Code 5.52.120 and 5.52.090 (Pawnbrokers, Secondhand Article Dealers and Secondhand Jewelry Dealers) to include the remainder of the acceptable forms of ID from the Wisconsin State Statute 134.71(8).

Motion by Watson, seconded by Lukens, to approve the ordinance amendment. Motion carried 5-0.

Presentation on the Current Animal Control Program and 2025 Proposed Model.

Rasmussen questioned the animal licensing citation trends between 2013, when the program was created, and current day. It was further stated by Rasmussen that citations increased in 2020 but has dropped off in recent years. It was stated that citations slowly increased since the start of the program and compliance had also increased but has also since dropped off in recent years.

Rasmussen stated the goal of the program was to relieve the pressure of patrol officers to respond to animal related issues and that currently patrol officers are involved so much of the time. It was also stated the community resource officers have been involved in inspections compliance operations and could be involved in animal compliance operations as well. Rasmussen questioned if this would be in place for the 2025 fiscal year. The program in its current format runs out of funding in October of this year and the proposed model, if approved, would be included in the budget of 2025. It was further stated that the current workload and volume of animal related calls during nights and weekends is not conducive to a weekday 9-5 humane officer and a change should make the service more available.

McElhaney stated the fees for licensing was increased to fund this position with a positive outlook of animal-owning residents and that with the increased fees the city must provide the service that was offered.

Without objection, public comment was provided.

- 1) Judy Lombard, 149988 Skylark Lane, Wausau, WI 54401 – spoke in opposition of the proposed model.
- 2) Ashlee Bishop, current Humane Officer with the Wausau Police Department – spoke in opposition for the proposed model.

Rasmussen questioned if community resource officers would be specifically trained on animal handling. It was stated that the job training would be provided which would accompany a higher pay rate. Rasmussen stated that the Human Resources Committee should discuss how to restructure this program in terms of job description and pay allotment.

Larson stated this may not be a step forward and stated support for bringing on additional community service officers while retaining the current humane officer. It was stated that other municipalities that are successful with the proposed model distribute the institutional knowledge across multiple supervisors within the department which this model would achieve.

Motion by McElhaney, seconded by Watson, to recommend discussion in the Human Resources Committee to review this model and make a recommendation to the full council on the animal control program. Motion carried 4-1, with Larson opposed.

Larson stated the vote in opposition was on the basis of wanting to explore how the current humane officer would fit into a new model.

Tavern Activities Report - April 1, 2024 – April 30, 2024

Larson stated that the report noted several checks to see if the Domino Bar is open for regular business hours. It was stated that the Police Chief spoke with those owners and that their current business practice is to be open only for private events and that the business is currently on the market to be sold. The owners were also encouraged to come to the committee to have this discussion.

Rasmussen requested to send a formal letter of concern to the owners of the Domino Bar stating concerns that the establishment is not holding to regular business hours and should come to the next committee meeting to discuss the situation.

Larson stated the alcohol license is not meant to be used for businesses that are only open for private events.

Report placed on file.

Community Outreach Update

Rasmussen stated the Common Council had voted to hold a Committee of the Whole on the state of homelessness in the city in a two-part way. One meeting with a status update on the status of programs and a second meeting on actions that can be taken with other units of government and agencies.

Rasmussen stated Catholic Charities should present periodically to the committee on their on-going operations of the day shelter and the night shelter.

Without objection, public comment was provided.

- 1) Diane Poulos, 402 E. Cassidy Drive, Wausau, WI 54401 – spoke in support of the Community Outreach Coordinator and in support of expanded services to the unhoused.

Report placed on file.

Adjourn

Motion by Larson, seconded by Lukens, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

For full meeting video on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L6NRBargSdw>



PHS Date 06/17/2024

License ID	License Typ	Name	Address	Details	Business	Begin Dt	End Dt	Police	PHS	Council
198534	9010 - Bartender/Operator New	CETNAROWSKI, JOSEPH	403 LAZY BRANCH DR WAUSAU WI 54401		WAGNER SHELL 4611	06/04/2024	06/30/2025	Yes		
198723	9010 - Bartender/Operator New	VONSCHRADER, DREW	503 N 3RD ST APT 11 WAUSAU WI 54403		VARIOUS	06/11/2024	06/30/2025	Yes		
198504	9010 - Bartender/Operator New	YSQUIERDO, JESSICA	512 FRANKLIN ST #10 WAUSAU WI 54403		RSTORE #4475	06/03/2024	06/30/2025	Yes		
196930	9011 - Bartender/Operator 2-Yr Renewal	CABLE, VICTORIA	PO BOX 193 ANTIGO WI 54409		AFTER SHOCK BAR & GRILL	07/01/2024	06/30/2026	Yes		
198546	9020 - Public Transport Driver Renewal	GNIOT, MIRANDA	PO BOX 41 WAUSAU WI 54402		BLUE JAY TAXI	06/04/2024	06/30/2025	Yes		
198545	9020 - Public Transport Driver Renewal	LEE, KENG	8409 WINDSOR DR WESTON WI 54476		BLUE JAY TAXI	06/04/2024	06/30/2025	Yes		
196626	9022 - Public Transport Business	SCHLOEMER, AARON	5207 SCOTT ST WESTON WI 54476		NORTHWOODS CAB LLC	05/30/2024	06/30/2025	Yes		
196627	9022 - Public Transport Business	SCHLOEMER, AARON	5207 SCOTT ST WESTON WI 54476		NORTHWOODS TRANSPORT	05/30/2024	06/30/2025	Yes		
198232	850 - Obstruction	GALLAGHER, MARY	226919 BOULDER RIDGE WAUSAU WI 54401							
198423	9027 - Class II	ADERHOLDT, ALISSANDRA	316 SCOTT ST WAUSAU WI 54403	VOLUNTEER DAY 2024 on 08/20/2024 Organized by WAUSAU EVENTS						



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198840	9027 - Class II	GALLAGHER, RYAN	226919 BOULDER RIDGE WAUSAU WI 54401	KickBusch Competition & Festi on 8/10/2024 Organized by The Wausau Business Show & United Way						
198073	9027 - Class II	POZORSKI, KEN	711 MCCLELLAN ST WAUSAU WI 54403	ALANO CLUB OF WAUSAU - 5K-RUN/WALK EVENT on 09/21/2024 Organized by ALANO CLUB OF WAUSAU						
197351	9061 - "Class A" Beer & Liquor	CHROSTOWSKI, TODD	11541 NAUGART DR ATHENS WI 54411		WALGREENS #07009	06/17/2024	06/30/2025	Yes		
197331	9061 - "Class A" Beer & Liquor	VRANEY, MICHAEL	4506 AUGUSTINE AVE WESTON WI 54476		WALGREENS #13771				Yes	
198160	9064 - "Class B" Beer & Liquor	DADABO, DANIEL	4108 E JELINEK AVE WESTON WI 54476		NEVERMORE ON THIRD	05/15/2024	06/30/2025	Yes		
198837	9064 - "Class B" Beer & Liquor	LIU, YANG	106 S. SCHMIDT AVE MARSHFIELD WI 54449		OISHII JAPANESE RAMEN				Yes	
197413	9064 - "Class B" Beer & Liquor	PINEDA MEDELLIN, JOSE	518 N 2ND AVE WAUSAU WI 54401		JALAPENOS MEXICAN RESTAURANT & BAR					
198553	9069 - Temporary "Class B" (Picnic)	,	PO BOX 764 WAUSAU WI 54402-0764		WAUSAU YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL INC				Yes	
198796	9069 - Temporary "Class B" (Picnic)	HARTKE, THEODORE	225780 RIB MTN DR SUITE 102 WAUSAU WI 54401		EXTRA INNINGS NONPROFIT CORPORATION					



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198842	9069 - Temporary "Class B" (Picnic)	XIONG, YEE LENG	1109 N 6TH ST WAUSAU WI 54401		THE HMONG AMERICAN CENTER, INC					
196584	9048 - Pawn Broker / 2nd Hand Dealer	,	531 JEFFERSON ST WAUSAU WI 54403		DOWNTOWN PAWN					
197588	9075 - Cigarette	CHROSTOWSKI, TODD	11541 NAUGART DR ATHENS WI 54411		WALGREENS #07009	06/14/2024	06/30/2025			
197570	9075 - Cigarette	VRANEY, MICHAEL	4506 AUGUSTINE AVE WESTON WI 54476		WALGREENS #13771	06/14/2024	06/30/2025			
196566	9076 - Tavern Entertainment	,	300 N 3RD ST, L01 WAUSAU WI 54403		JALAPENOS MEXICAN RESTAURANT & BAR					
198676	9076 - Tavern Entertainment	,	802 FULTON STREET WAUSAU WI 54403		NEVERMORE ON THIRD	06/10/2024	06/30/2025			
198677	9078 - Amusement Device	,	802 FULTON STREET WAUSAU WI 54403		NEVERMORE ON THIRD	06/10/2024	06/30/2025			
196621	9078 - Amusement Device	,	300 N 3RD ST, L01 WAUSAU WI 54403		JALAPENOS MEXICAN RESTAURANT & BAR					
196576	9017 - Renewal Sidewalk Cafe with Alcohol	,	300 N 3RD ST, L01 WAUSAU WI 54403		JALAPENOS MEXICAN RESTAURANT & BAR					
198512	9080 - Public Transport Driver New	CONNORS, JEREMY	2400 MARSHALL ST, STE A WAUSAU WI 54403		NORTHWOODS CAB LLC	06/03/2024	06/30/2024	No		
198540	9080 - Public Transport Driver New	DAHLMAN, CLINT	PO BOX 78 SCHOFIELD WI 54476		BLUE JAY TAXI	06/04/2024	06/30/2024	Yes		
198532	9080 - Public Transport Driver New	KOSS, ROY	1410 N 12TH AVE WAUSAU WI 54401		BLUE JAY TAXI	06/04/2024	06/30/2024	Yes		



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198533	9080 - Public Transport Driver New	WENGELSKI, WILLIAM	200772 HONEY COMB LN MOSINEE WI 54455		BLUE JAY TAXI	06/04/2024	06/30/2024	Yes		

Total Licenses

21



Kody Hart, Deputy City Clerk

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TO: Public Health & Safety Committee

FROM: Kody Hart, Deputy City Clerk

RE: Approve or deny various licenses as indicated on the attached summary report of all applications received.

DATE: June 14, 2024

Applications as listed have or will have a background check run by staff and reviewed by the Police Chief or a designee. In accordance with city ordinance, all permits approved are held for debts owed to the city until the debt is paid in full.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Approve or deny as indicated on the summary report attached, including those that may be introduced at the meeting. Further summaries on staff recommendations are outlined below.

1. **Denial Recommendations –New Public Transport License: Jeremy Connors** – This application is recommended for denial due to an ongoing 30 year criminal history to include a battery conviction, numerous guilty, but not guilty due to mental disease/defect convictions, numerous recent arrests and convictions, as well as current charge of taking and driving a vehicle without the owner’s consent.
2. **Approval Recommendation – Special Event Class II Permits: Volunteer Day** located on the 400 Block on August 20th, 2024, from 5 PM to 8 PM, license applicant Wausau Events, Alissandra Aderholdt; **Alano Club of Wausau – 5k Run/Walk Event** located at 711 McClellan Street with a staging location at the parking lot at the end of the street on September 21st, 2024, from 9 AM to 11 AM, license applicant Alano Club of Wausau, Ken Pozorski; **KickBusch Competition & Festival** located at the 400 Block on August 10th, 2024, from 10 AM to 3 PM, license applicant The Wausau Business Show and United Way, Ryan Gallagher.
3. **Approval Recommendation – “Class B” Beer & Liquor License:** The Liquor License Review Subcommittee reviewed the application of **Nevermore on Third** located at 1206 N. 3rd Street, license applicant DNA Taverns LLC, owner Daniel and Ashley Dadabo. The license was conditionally surrendered to the Clerk’s Office by the previous holder of that premise address. The Liquor License Review Subcommittee convened on May 28th, 2024 to review this application and made a recommendation for approval. The Liquor License Review Subcommittee reviewed the application of **Oishii Japanese Raman** located at 2105 N. 2nd Street, license applicant Oishii Japanese Raman LLC, owner Yang Liu. The license was conditionally surrendered to the Clerk’s Officer by the previous holder of the premise

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address. The Liquor License Review Subcommittee will bring the recommendation to the committee meeting.

4. **Approval Recommendations – Temporary “Class B” Picnic Licenses – Central Wisconsin Slugfest Softball Tournament** located at Sunnyvale Softball Complex on June 14-16th, 2024, license applicant Wausau Youth Baseball and Softball Inc.; **Extra Innings Celebration of Life** located at Sunnyvale Softball Complex on June 21-22nd, 2024, license applicant Extra Innings Nonprofit Corp; **Hmong Wausau Festival** located at People’s Sports Complex on June 27-28th, 2024, license applicant Hmong Wausau Festival.

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Tegan M. Troutner
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To: Public Health and Safety Committee
From: Tegan M. Troutner, Assistant City Attorney
Date: June 17, 2024
Re: Comments Regarding Operator's Licensing Requirements Power Point

- The Public Health and Safety Committee are responsible for approving and denying operator's licenses as recommended by the Police Department.
- Given the new members, the power point will provide a brief overview of the law, but the main focus is on what it means for an offense to substantially relate to the licensed activity.
- Included in the packet is "City of Wausau Policy: Operator's and Other Licenses" effective May 14, 2019. That policy is a guide for decision-makers evaluating whether an applicant's arrest or conviction would prelude him/her from receiving a license related to alcohol beverage service.

Operator's Licensing Requirements June 17, 2024

Tegan M. Troutner
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Role in Licensing

- ▶ Public Health & Safety Committee is responsible for reviewing denials and approvals of operator's licenses

General Licensing Requirements 125.04

- ▶ Do not have an arrest or conviction record (subject to 111.335)
 - ▶ Only if conviction/pending charge is substantially related
 - ▶ Cannot be a habitual law offender
- ▶ Resident of Wisconsin for at least 90 continuous days prior to application date
- ▶ Attained the legal drinking age
- ▶ Completed a “responsible beverage server training course” within 2 years of the date of the application
- ▶ Submitted proof under 77.61(11)

Wisconsin Fair Employment Act Arrest Record AND/OR Pending Criminal Charges

- ▶ Wis. Stats. § 111.335 states that it is discrimination for a licensing agency to refuse to license any individual solely because the individual is subject to *pending criminal charges or has an arrest record*
- ▶ UNLESS the circumstances of the charge substantially relate to the circumstances of the particular licensed activity AND
- ▶ The charge is an exempt offense OR
- ▶ A violent crime against a child

Wisconsin Fair Employment Act Criminal Convictions

- ▶ It is discrimination to deny a license for a *conviction of a felony, misdemeanor or other offense* UNLESS
- ▶ The circumstances of the conviction substantially relate to the circumstances of the licensed activity

Substantially Relates

- ▶ Facts, events, and conditions surrounding the criminal offense MUST *materially relate* to the facts, events, and conditions of the surrounding licensed activity
 - ▶ Licensed activity here is: managing an establishment selling alcoholic beverages OR bartending at an establishment that sells alcoholic beverages
- ▶ *Materially* relate if there is an opportunity for the criminal offense in the licensed activity such that the circumstances of the work place and position would provide an opportunity for repeat criminal behavior

Substantially Relates in Alcohol Licensing

- ▶ Traits of Bartender/Manager
 - ▶ Responsible
 - ▶ Exercise good judgment
 - ▶ Levelheaded
 - ▶ Patient
- ▶ Duties of Bartender/Manager
 - ▶ Don't serve underage patrons
 - ▶ Don't overserve patrons
 - ▶ Alert police to disorderly conduct
 - ▶ Observe closing hours
- ▶ Offenses that tend to show the opposite:
 - ▶ OWI
 - ▶ Pocs
 - ▶ Violent offenses
 - ▶ Resisting arrest
 - ▶ Battery to police
 - ▶ Homicide
 - ▶ Substantial batter
 - ▶ Aggravated battering
 - ▶ Making drugs
 - ▶ Distributing drugs
 - ▶ Drug trafficking

Substantially Relates Continued

- ▶ Common sense analysis
- ▶ Factors to consider:
 - ▶ History
 - ▶ Length
 - ▶ Are there a bunch spanning across a lengthy period of time?
 - ▶ Time frame
 - ▶ Are they recent or a long time in the past
 - ▶ Seriousness
 - ▶ Felony v. misdemeanor
 - ▶ Number
 - ▶ Is the offense just one or is there a pattern of a certain type of behavior

Exempt Offenses

- ▶ Sexual Assault of a Child: 948.02
- ▶ Engaging in repeated acts of sexual assault of the same child: 948.025
- ▶ Physical abuse of a child: 948.03
- ▶ Sexual exploitation of a child: 948.05
- ▶ Sexual assault of a child placed in substitute care: 948.095
- ▶ Trafficking of a child: 948.051
- ▶ Incest with a child: 948.06
- ▶ Causing a child to view or listen to sexual activity: 948.055
- ▶ Child enticement: 948.07
- ▶ Use of a computer to facilitate a child sex crime: 948.075
- ▶ Soliciting a child for prostitution: 948.08
- ▶ Sexual assault of a child by a school staff person or a person who works or volunteers with children: 948.095

Exempt Offenses Cont

- ▶ Offenses in Chapter 940
 - ▶ Crimes against life and bodily security like:
 - ▶ Homicide
 - ▶ Battery
 - ▶ Sexual assault
 - ▶ Strangulation and suffocation
 - ▶ Human trafficking
 - ▶ Stalking
 - ▶ Intimidation of witnesses or victims

Steps if Deny License

- ▶ If NOT an exempt offense:
 - ▶ State in writing the reasons for the denial including a statement of how the circumstances of the offense relate to the particular licensed activity
 - ▶ Allow the applicant to show evidence of rehabilitation and fitness
- ▶ If Exempt offense:
 - ▶ Not required to provide a written statement; or
 - ▶ Permit the individual an opportunity to show evidence of rehabilitation and fitness

Evidence of Rehabilitation and Fitness

- ▶ Most recent certified copy of DOD form DD-214 showing honorable discharge
- ▶ Copy from the dept of corrections showing successful compliance with all terms and conditions of probation/parole -
- ▶ One year since release and no new convictions
- ▶ **Shall** consider:
 - ▶ Nature and seriousness of conviction
 - ▶ Mitigating circumstances
 - ▶ Age of applicant at time of offense
 - ▶ Length of time since offense date
 - ▶ Reference letters
 - ▶ Any other item that might be relevant

Evidence of Rehabilitation and Fitness Cont.

- ▶ If *competent* evidence of *sufficient rehabilitation* is shown, the applicant must be given the license as long as they meet the other licensing requirements
- ▶ Burden is on the applicant to provide evidence to the City Clerk
 - ▶ If none provided, presume that no evidence exists

RESOLUTION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Creating City of Wausau Policy for awarding Operator's and Other Licenses and replacing the former City of Wausau Policy Operator's Licenses ("2017 Policy")

Committee Action: Approved 5-0

Fiscal Impact: None

File Number: 17-0108

Date Introduced: May 14, 2019

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY

COSTS	<i>Budget Neutral</i>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
	<i>Included in Budget:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Budget Source:</i>
	<i>One-time Costs:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Amount:</i>
	<i>Recurring Costs:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Amount:</i>
SOURCE	<i>Fee Financed:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Amount:</i>
	<i>Grant Financed:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Amount:</i>
	<i>Debt Financed:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Amount</i> <i>Annual Retirement</i>
	<i>TID Financed:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Amount:</i>
	<i>TID Source: Increment Revenue</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Debt</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Funds on Hand</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Interfund Loan</i> <input type="checkbox"/>			

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, among other things the Wisconsin Fair Employment Law ("WFEA") prohibits discrimination in licensing and employment based upon an arrest or conviction record except under certain statutorily enumerated circumstances (Wis. Stat. s. 111.335); and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin State Legislature amended the provisions of the WFEA, relating to the denial of licenses based upon arrest and conviction records (Wis. Stat. ss. 111.335) effective August 1, 2018, through 2017 Wisconsin Act 278 ("Act 278"); and

WHEREAS, the amendments, through the creation of statutory section 111.335(4), "Discrimination in Licensing," have changed the circumstances and processes under which a licensing agency may base decisions to approve, deny, or revoke a license based upon an applicant's criminal history and such amendments effectively add greater protections for those with arrest or conviction records to obtain a license from a local licensing agency; and

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2017, the City of Wausau adopted a policy concerning the issuance alcohol managers' and bartender's licenses pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 125.04, titled City of Wausau Policy Operator's Licenses ("2017 Policy"), and such policy is affected by the amendments to the WFEA; and

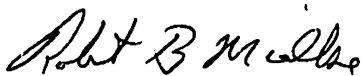
WHEREAS, your Public Health & Safety Committee desires, to ensure the City has an efficient, fair and clear policy that is in compliance with the WFEA to evaluate when an applicant's arrest or conviction record would or would not preclude him/her from issuance of a license; and

WHEREAS, your Public Health & Safety Committee met on April 22, 2019, and recommended replacement of the 2017 Policy with the attached City of Wausau Policy: Operator's and Other Licenses, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 1; and

WHEREAS, your Public Health & Safety Committee recommended further at such meeting the adoption of the attached City of Wausau Policy: Operator's and Other Licenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Wausau that the attached City of Wausau Policy: Operator's and Other Licenses is hereby approved and replaces the City of Wausau Policy Operator's Licenses ("2017 Policy").

Approved:



Robert B. Mielke, Mayor



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Comments on Policy on Operator's and Other Licenses

- On January 10, 2017, the City of Wausau adopted a policy concerning the issuance of operator's licenses. The policy acted as a guide for decision-makers evaluating whether an applicant's arrest or conviction record would preclude him/her from issuance of a license related to alcohol beverage service because he/she was an habitual offender, or the felony, misdemeanors, or other offenses were considered substantially related to the licensed activity for which that applicant has applied. The policy carefully considered application of the provisions of Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes, Wausau Municipal Code chapter 5.64 and the provisions of the Wisconsin Fair Employment Act ("WFEA"), relating to arrest and conviction records, Wis. Stat. ss. 111.335.
- The Wisconsin State Legislature amended the WFEA effective August 1, 2018, through 2017 Wisconsin Act 278 ("Act 278"). Through the creation of statutory section 111.335(4), "Discrimination in Licensing," the WFEA has changed the circumstances under which a licensing agency may base decisions to approve, deny, or revoke a license based upon an applicant's criminal history. Effectively, section 111.335(4) adds greater protections for those with arrest or conviction records to obtain a license from a local licensing agency.
- It is recommended the previous policy be replaced at this time to incorporate the changes to the WFEA made through Act 278.
- The draft of the Policy presented for consideration details the changes in State law related to license denials under the amended WFEA.
- A significant change to the WFEA is that a licensing agency that denies or terminates a license because of an applicant's criminal conviction must state in writing the reasons for the denial unless the conviction is one of certain specified crimes against a child or a crime against life or bodily security ("Exempt Offenses").
- An even more significant change is that the licensing agency must allow the applicant an opportunity to show "evidence of rehabilitation and fitness to engage in the licensed activity." Where the applicant provides either of the following documentation it must be accepted as competent evidence of sufficient rehabilitation and fitness: (1) documentation showing the person was honorably discharged or separated under honorable conditions from the military and has had no subsequent criminal convictions; or (2) documentation showing that the person completed his/her probation, extended release or parole and, if the person served time in a correctional institute, that one year has passed since his/her release without subsequent conviction of a crime.
- The draft Policy presented for consideration provides that where a license is proposed for denial for an offense other than an Exempt Offense, that the City provide a letter to the applicant indicating the license is recommended for denial and that the letter provide information to the applicant that he/she may show sufficient evidence of rehabilitation and fitness to engage in the licensed activity.
- Evidence of rehabilitation and fitness would be provided by the applicant to the City Clerk who would forward that evidence to the Chief of Police or his/her designee. After review and evaluation of the evidence of rehabilitation and fitness, the Chief of Police or his/her designee will make a recommendation in accordance with the Policy and the WFEA to the Public Health & Safety for its consideration and recommendation to the Common Council with respect to the application.



CITY OF WAUSAU POLICY:
OPERATOR'S AND OTHER LICENSES

Policy Source: Public Health & Safety Committee
Public Health & Safety Committee Approval:
Common Council Approval:
Effective Date:

I. PURPOSE:

On January 10, 2017, the City of Wausau adopted a policy concerning the issuance of operator's licenses. The policy acted as a guide for decision-makers evaluating whether an applicant's arrest or conviction record would preclude him/her from issuance of a license related to alcohol beverage service because he/she was an habitual offender, or the felony, misdemeanors, or other offenses were considered substantially related to the licensed activity for which that applicant has applied. The policy carefully considered application of the provisions of Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes, Wausau Municipal Code chapter 5.64 and the provisions of the Wisconsin Fair Employment Act ("WFEA"), relating to arrest and conviction records, Wis. Stat. ss. 111.335.

The Wisconsin State Legislature amended the WFEA effective August 1, 2018, through 2017 Wisconsin Act 278 ("Act 278"). Through the creation of statutory section 111.335(4), "Discrimination in Licensing," the WFEA has changed the circumstances under which a licensing agency may base decisions to approve, deny, or revoke a license based upon an applicant's criminal history. Effectively, section 111.335(4) adds greater protections for those with arrest or conviction records to obtain a license from a local licensing agency.

II. APPLICATION OF POLICY:

This Policy replaces the previous policy "Operator's Licenses" adopted by the Common Council on January 10, 2017.

This Policy applies to all licenses granted and issued by the City of Wausau including licenses for the sale of fermented or intoxicating liquors under the provisions of Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes and Wausau Municipal Code chapter 5.64.

III. EXEMPT OFFENSES:

The following offenses are considered exempt offenses under this Policy and the WFEA:

Offenses set forth in ch. 940 (Crimes Against Life and Bodily Security, such as: homicide, battery, sexual assault, strangulation and suffocation, human trafficking, stalking, intimidation of witnesses or victims. See attached).

A violation of any of the following sections of the Wisconsin Statutes:

- 948.02 (Sexual assault of a child)
- 948.025 (Engaging in repeated acts of sexual assault of the same child)
- 948.03 (Physical abuse of a child)
- 948.05 (Sexual exploitation of a child)
- 948.051 (Trafficking of a child)
- 948.055 (Causing a child to view or listen to sexual activity)
- 948.06 (Incest with a child)
- 948.07 (Child enticement)
- 948.075 (Use of a computer to facilitate a child sex crime)
- 948.08 (Soliciting a child for prostitution)
- 948.085 (Sexual assault of a child placed in substitute care)
- 948.095 (Sexual assault of a child by a school staff person or a person who works or volunteers with children)

IV. POLICY:

LICENSES & ARREST RECORD/PENDING CRIMINAL CHARGES:

Pursuant to the WFEA, it is discrimination to refuse to license an individual, or to suspend or terminate an existing license, solely because of a pending criminal charge, unless the circumstances of the charge substantially relate to the circumstances of the particular licensed activity in question and the charge is an Exempt Offense or a violent crime against a child.

It is also discrimination because of arrest record to request an applicant or licensee, or other individual, to supply information regarding any arrest record of the individual except a record of a pending charge.

JUVENILE ADJUDICATED DELINQUENT:

It is discrimination to refuse to license an individual, or bar or terminate an individual from licensing because the individual was adjudicated delinquent of an offense under the Juvenile Justice Code, unless the offense is an Exempt Offense.

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS:

It is discrimination to deny a license for a conviction of felony, misdemeanor or other offense unless the circumstances substantially relate to the circumstances of the licensed activity or the individual is not bondable where bondability is required by law.

Where a license is denied or proposed for denial and the conviction is for other than an Exempt Offense, the City must provide a written reason of the denial or proposed denial which includes a statement of how the circumstances of the offense relate to the particular licensed activity.

Where a license is denied or proposed for denial for other than an Exempt Offense, the City shall allow the individual to show evidence of rehabilitation and fitness to engage in the licensed activity. If the individual shows competent evidence of sufficient rehabilitation and fitness to perform the licensed activity, the license may not be refused based upon that conviction or convictions.

If a conviction(s) is for an Exempt Offense the licensing agency is not required to provide the written statement of how the circumstances of the conviction related to the particular licensed activity or permit the individual an opportunity to show evidence of rehabilitation and fitness to engage in the licensed activity.

REHABILITATION AND FITNESS FOR OTHER THAN EXEMPT OFFENSES:

The following evidence shall be considered by the City as evidence of rehabilitation and fitness:

- Evidence of the nature and seriousness of any offense of which he or she was convicted.
- Evidence of all circumstances relative to the offense, including mitigating circumstances or social conditions surrounding the commission of the offense.
- The age of the individual at the time the offense was committed.
- The length of time that has elapsed since the offense was committed.
- Letters of reference by persons who have been in contact with the individual since the applicant's release from any local, state, or federal correctional institution.
- All other relevant evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness presented.

In addition, pursuant to Wis. Stat. s.111.335(4)(d)1.a. and b., either of the following must be accepted as competent evidence of sufficient rehabilitation and fitness:

- The individual's most recent certified copy of a federal department of defense form DD-214 showing the person's honorable discharge, or separation under honorable conditions, from the U.S. armed forces for military service rendered following conviction for any offense that would otherwise disqualify the individual from the license sought and the individual has had no subsequent criminal convictions.
- A copy of the local, state, or federal release document; and either a copy of the relevant department of corrections document showing completion of probation, extended supervision, or parole; or other evidence that at least one year has elapsed since release from any local, state, or federal correctional institution without subsequent conviction of a crime along with evidence showing compliance with all terms and conditions of probation, extended supervision, or parole. [The Wisconsin Legislative Council Act Memo: 2017 Wisconsin Act 278 has described this provision as requiring "documentation showing that the person

completed his or her probation, extended release or parole and, if the person served time in a correctional institute, that one year has passed since his or her release without subsequent conviction of a crime.” Memo at p. 2].

The Applicant is responsible for providing the City Clerk with relevant evidence of rehabilitation and fitness. The City Clerk will forward the evidence to the Chief of Police or his/her designee for consideration and review. After review and evaluation of the evidence of rehabilitation and fitness, the Chief of Police or his/her designee will make a recommendation in accordance with this policy and the WFEA to the Public Health & Safety for its consideration with respect to the license application.

If the applicant shows competent evidence of sufficient rehabilitation and fitness to perform the licensed activity, the license may not be refused or terminated based upon that conviction or convictions.

If an applicant does not provide the City with competent evidence of sufficient rehabilitation and fitness to perform the licensed activity, it will be presumed that no evidence exists.

SPECIAL ALCOHOL PROVISIONS:

It is not employment discrimination because of conviction record to revoke, suspend or refuse to renew a license under ch. 125 if the person holding or applying for the license or permit has been **convicted** of one or more of the following (Wis. Stat s. 111.335(4)(h)1.- 5.):

- Manufacturing, distributing or delivering a controlled substance or controlled substance analog under s. 961.41 (1).
- Possessing, with intent to manufacture, distribute or deliver, a controlled substance or controlled substance analog under s. 961.41 (1m).
- Possessing, with intent to manufacture, distribute or deliver, or manufacturing, distributing or delivering a controlled substance or controlled substance analog under a federal law that is substantially similar to s. 961.41 (1) or (1m).
- Possessing, with intent to manufacture, distribute or deliver, or manufacturing, distributing or delivering a controlled substance or controlled substance analog under the law of another state that is substantially similar to s. 961.41 (1) or (1m).
- Possessing any of the materials listed in s. 961.65 with intent to manufacture methamphetamine under that section or under a federal law or a law of another state that is substantially similar to s. 961.65.

Kaitlyn Bernarde – City Clerk
Kody Hart – Deputy Clerk



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May 28, 2024

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Brougan Milbradt
2106 Eagle Valley Ln
Wausau, WI 54403

Re: **FORMAL LETTER OF CONCERN FOR THE DOMINO BAR**

Dear Brougan Milbradt:

The Public Health & Safety Committee has given me the directive to write to you expressing their concern regarding the operation of your establishment. At April's committee meeting Chief Barnes presented the tavern activities report from March 1, 2024, through March 31, 2024, see attached. On that report The Domino was noted to not be open during numerous attempts to reach the premise.

Pursuant to the City of Wausau Municipal Code, the Committee shall call before it the licensee for purposes of a formal expression of concern. Therefore, the Committee has requested your attendance at the next regularly scheduled Public Health & Safety meeting set for Monday, June 17, 2024, at 5:15pm at City Hall in the Council Chambers. At this meeting, the Committee will be expecting dialogue from the management and a summary of not only the incidents that have occurred to give rise to the Committee's concerns, but also a summary of the steps you have taken or plan to take to address the Committee's concerns. Please call my office at 715-261-6620 to confirm your planned attendance. Lastly, know that continued violations could result in non-renewal or revocation of your license.

Sincerely,

Kaitlyn A. Bernarde
City Clerk

Enclosures: W.M.C. §5.64.160, Abandonment of premises
Excerpt from City ordinance & Tavern Activity report
CC w/o Enc.: Public Health & Safety Committee Members
Tegan Troutner, Assistant City Attorney
Matt Barnes, Chief of Police



Wausau Police Department

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Ph. 715-261-7800

Date: June 9, 2024

To: Chief Barnes

From: Lt. Peter Fish

Subject: Tavern Report, May 1 – May 31, 2024

ROUTINE TAVERN INSPECTIONS*

TAVERN NAME	LOCATION	INSPECTION Y/N	VIOLATION(S)
Pregame Pub	2002 N 6th St	Y	N
Bob & Randy's Bar	1515 N 6th St	N	N
Cop Shoppe Pub	701 Washington St	Y	N
Domino Bar	740 Washington St	NA	NA
El Jalapenos	300 N 3rd St	Y	N
Glass Hat	1203 N 3rd St	N	N
Hiawatha Restaurant & Lounge	713 Grant St	N	N
Intermission	325 N 4th St	Y	N
Limerick's Public House	121 Scott St	N	N
Loppnow's Bar	1502 N 3rd St	Y	N
Malarkey's	412 N 3rd St	Y	N
Oz	320 Washington St	N	N
Polack Inn	1206 N 3rd St	N	N
Timekeeper Distillery	607 Grant St	N	N
Wausau on the Water (WOW)	1300 N River Dr	N	N
Bull Falls Brewery	901 E. Thomas St	N	N
Kin and Kind	2108 Grand Ave	N	N
Chellis St. Pub	265 Chellis St	N	N
Christine's Bar	936 S. 3rd Ave	N	N
Denmar Tavern	601 W Thomas St	N	N
Eagle's Club	1703 S 3rd Ave	N	N
Jim's Corner Pub	1244 S 9th Ave	N	N
The Bar and Grill	1025 S 3rd Ave	N	N
Treu's Tic Toc Club	1201 W Thomas St	N	N
M&R Station	818 S 3rd Ave	Y	N
Days Bowl-A-Dome	1715 Stewart Ave	Y	N
Hutch's Bar	4411 Stewart Ave	N	N
Whiskey River Bar & Grill	5512 Stewart Ave	Y	N

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101 Pub	101 N 3rd Ave	N	N
After Shock Bar and Grill	1418 Lenard St	N	N
Callon Street Pub	209 Callon St	Y	N
Chatterbox Bar	102 S 2nd Ave	N	N
4 Fathers Pub	1724 Merrill Ave	Y	N
Labor Temple	318 S 3rd Ave	Y	N
North End Pub	1002 N 3rd Ave	N	N
Lickity Splitz	1709 Merrill Ave	Y	N
Newch's Eatery	1810 Merrill Ave	Y	N

*During a routine tavern inspection, officers check for the following:

- Sober, licensed bartender present.
- Presence of underage persons.
- Intoxicated persons being served.
- Entertainment license posted if applicable.

In addition to the listed tasks, officers often conduct walkthroughs of taverns, especially when observing large crowds to establish a visible presence, aiming to discourage criminal activities and to encourage compliance with ordinances related to alcohol licenses.

CONVENIENCE/GROCERY STORE INSPECTIONS

None.

RESTAURANT INSPECTIONS

None.

ALCOHOL COMPLIANCE CHECKS*

Cop Shoppe	Fail
Mobile (E Wausau Avenue)	Pass
Pregame Pub	Pass
Loppnow's	Pass
Intermission	Fail
County Market	Pass

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Kwik Trip Stewart Avenue	Pass
Denmar	Pass
Labor Temple	Fail
M&R Station	Pass

The Marathon County Health Department assisted with notification letters which were mailed to all the locations where compliance checks were completed, notifying them of the results.

*Alcohol Compliance Check Procedure: Police officers conduct alcohol compliance checks by deploying with underage volunteer(s) to taverns and other licensed establishments selling or serving alcoholic beverages to ensure compliance with ordinances related to alcohol licenses.

ACTIVITY LOG

Cop Shoppe Pub, 701 Washington Street

- (1) *Event #24063507, 05/21/2024 at 18:31 Hours, BAR CHECK:* Officers conducted an Alcohol Compliance Check where the bartender checked the ID of underage volunteers in the presence of a police officer. Despite checking the ID, the bartender served the underage volunteer. The bartender was cited for serving underaged.

M&R Station, 818 S 3rd Avenue

- (1) Officers conducted Bar Checks on six occasions and responded to five additional service calls including a vehicle lockout, hit & run crash, people arguing outside, assistance removing customers and people climbing on the train.

Intermission Bar, 325 N 4th Street

- (1) *Event #24063552, 05/21/2024 at 19:53 Hours, BAR CHECK:* Officers conducted an Alcohol Compliance Check where the bartender served the underage volunteer. The bartender was cited for serving underaged.

Labor Temple, 318 S 3rd Avenue

- (1) *Event #24063802, 05/21/2024 at 22:33 Hours, BAR CHECK:* Officers conducted an Alcohol Compliance Check where the bartender served the underage volunteer. The

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bartender was cited for serving underage.

Lickity Splitz, 1709 Merrill Avenue

(1) *Event #24061073, 5/17/2024 00:12 Hours*, CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS: Officers responded to the report of a male who was kicked out of the with the assistance of other patrons where he physically fought with others. The male was arrested for Battery, Disorderly Conduct, Possession of THC, Obstruction and Threats to Law Enforcement.

DEMERIT POINTS ASSESSED

Laber Temple – 25 (Points Sale/Serve Underage)

Cop Shope – 25 Points (Sale/Serve Underage)

Intermission – 25 Points (Sale/Serve Underage)

Respectfully submitted,

Lt. Peter Fish



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ADDENDUM #1 of 1: CURRENT DEMERIT POINTS

TAVERN NAME	VIOLATION	POINTS ASSESSED	DATE
Cop Shoppe Pub	Sale/Serve Underage	25	5/21/2024
Intermission	Sale/Serve Underage	25	5/21/2024
Labor Temple	Sale/Serve Underage	25	5/21/2024
Whiskey River Bar & Grill	Open After Hours	25	6/19/2023
Aftershock Bar & Grill	Sale/Serve Underage	25	6/27/2023
Kwik Trip #728 (Kent St)	Sale/Serve Underage	25	6/27/2023
Moua's Callon Street Pub	Sale/Serve Underage	25	6/27/2023
Wagner Shell Gas Station	Sale/Serve Underage	25	6/27/2023
Loppnow's Bar	Sale/Serve Underage	25	8/09/2023
Wausau On Water	No Licensed Bartender	50	8/19/2023
Denmar Tavern	No Licensed Bartender	50	9/19/2023
El Jalapeno's	No Licensed Bartender	50	9/19/2023
M&R Station	Disorderly Conduct W/Firearm	25	9/20/2023

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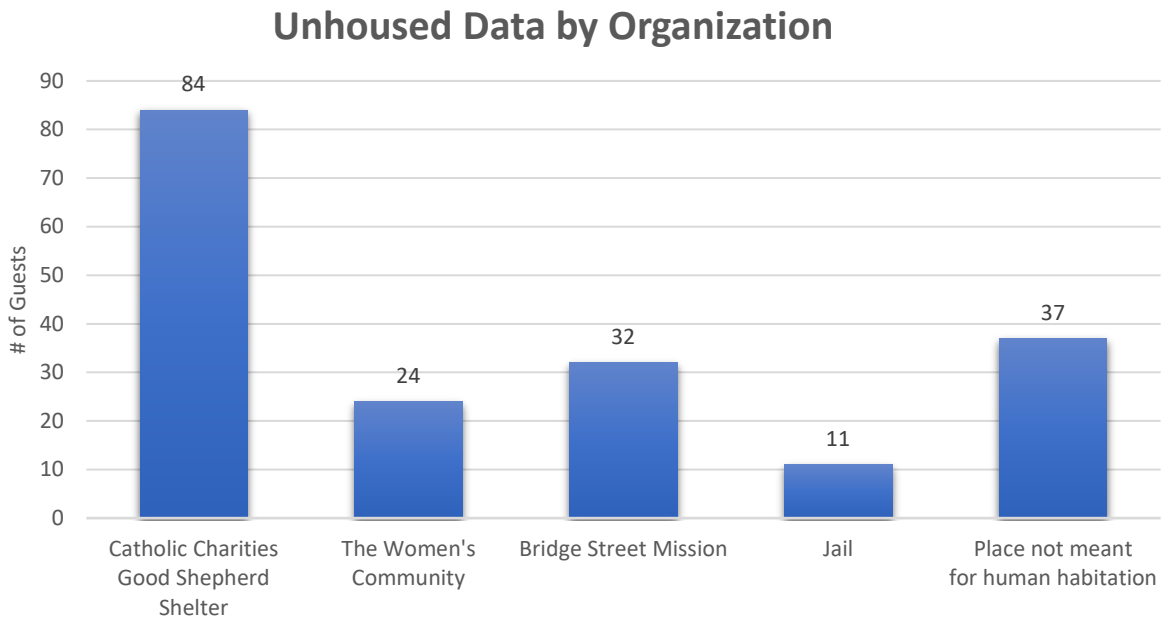
Nathan Cihlar
Administrative Captain

To: Public Health and Safety Committee
From: Tracy Rieger, Community Outreach Specialist
Date: May 20, 2024
Re: Community Outreach Update



Unhoused Data

The following graph shows the number of unduplicated¹ guests housed by each organization in the previous month.



Unhoused Data Summary

In May, data suggests there were approximately 188 unhoused individuals identified in Wausau through various partnering agencies. As indicated in the footnote, 188 is not the true number of unhoused. As of today, organizations do not cross-reference names when coming up with their unduplicated count. This means an unhoused individual may be part of more than one organization's count, thereby inflating the true number of unhoused. An example is provided in the footnote. This number also does not include those individuals who are considered "couch surfing".

¹ The numbers reflected do not eliminate duplicates across organizations. For example, a person who stays at The Good Shepherd Shelter and Marathon County jail in the same month will count as 1 person for each organization.

In the graph above, 80 percent of the unhoused sought or received shelter in the month of May, 20 percent of the unhoused were living outside, or in places not meant for human habitation.

The Women’s Community data includes crime victims who sought shelter because their home was unsafe. This number reflects both single females (13) and their children (11).

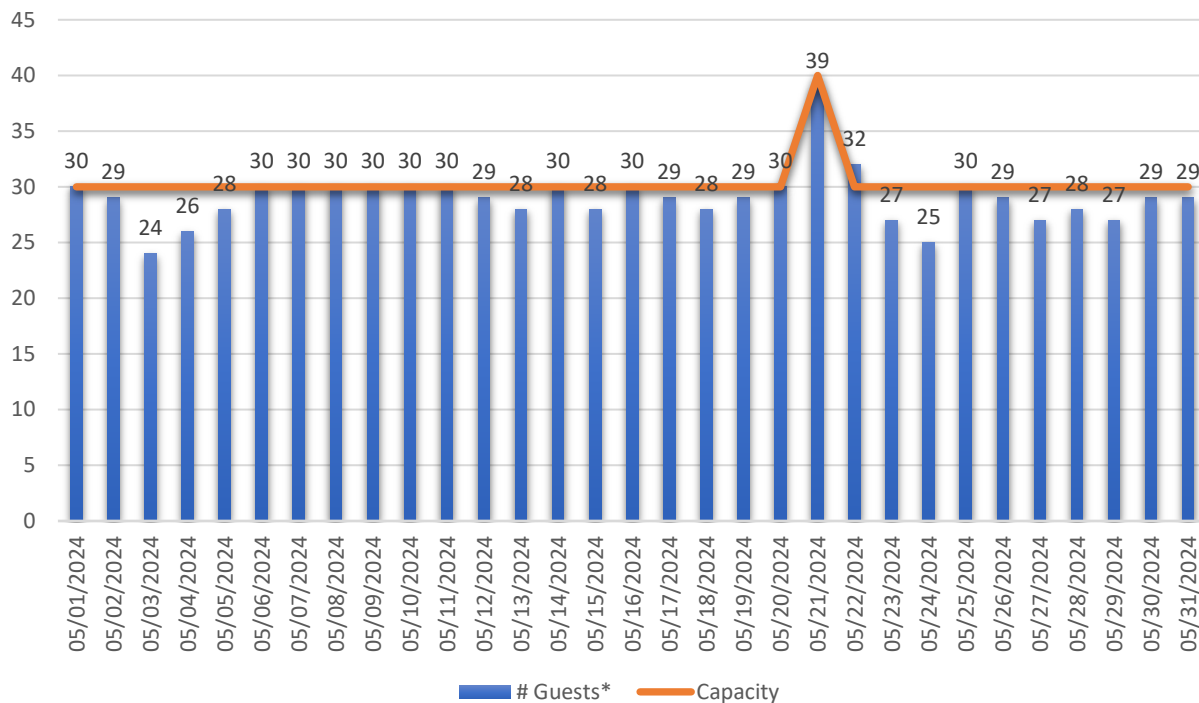
Bridge Street Mission includes individuals who have received shelter after release from jail/prison, drug rehab, or homelessness. In previous reports, the number reported to this committee only reflected a small number of individuals who sought shelter in preparation for being transitioned into the “apartments” on the main level of the building. The number reflected should include all individuals who are housed at Bridge Street Mission, because without this amazing program in our community, 32 (per this month’s census) individuals would likely be unhoused in our community.

The Marathon County Jail includes individuals who identify as “homeless” or “unhoused” at the time of booking.

Daily Census

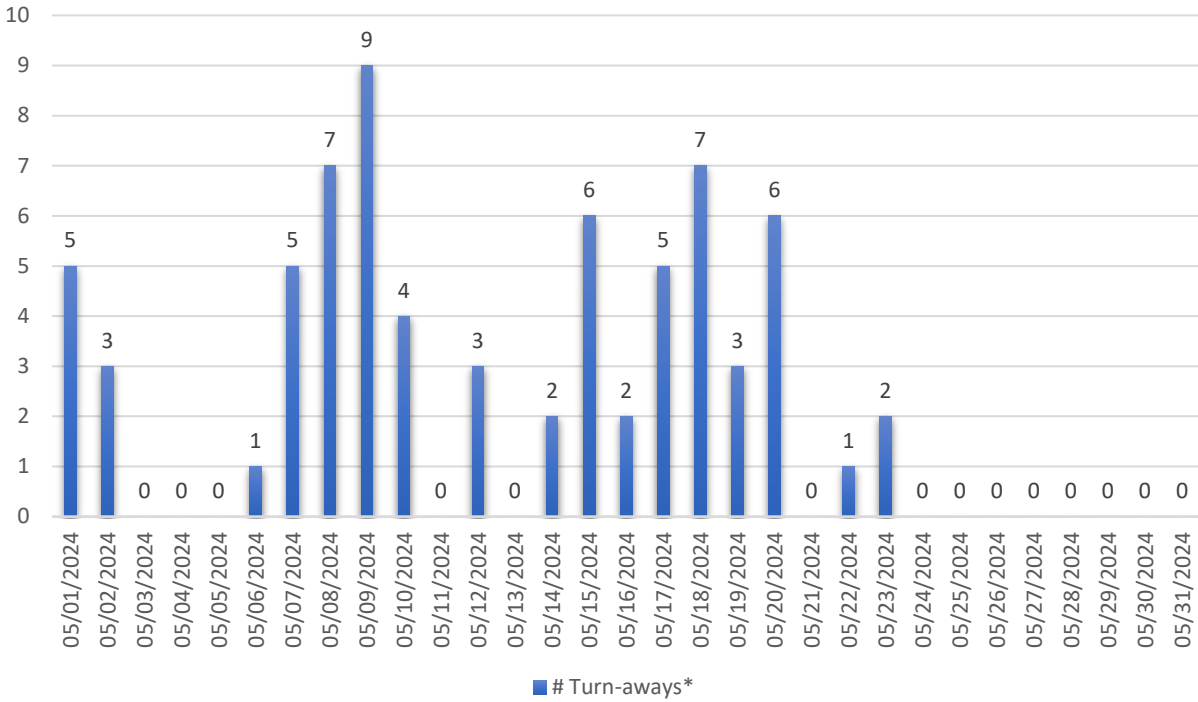
We are working hard to collaborate with our partner organization to get a handle on shelter capacity in Wausau. It’s important to know if we’re meeting or exceeding capacity. The Salvation Army is sheltering families at this time, so current shelter capacity for single adults lies solely on Good Shepherd shelter, formerly known as, the Wausau Warming Center, and their total bed capacity is 30, with the ability to expand to 40 when temperatures fall below 15 degrees or above 90 degrees.

Good Shepherd Daily Census



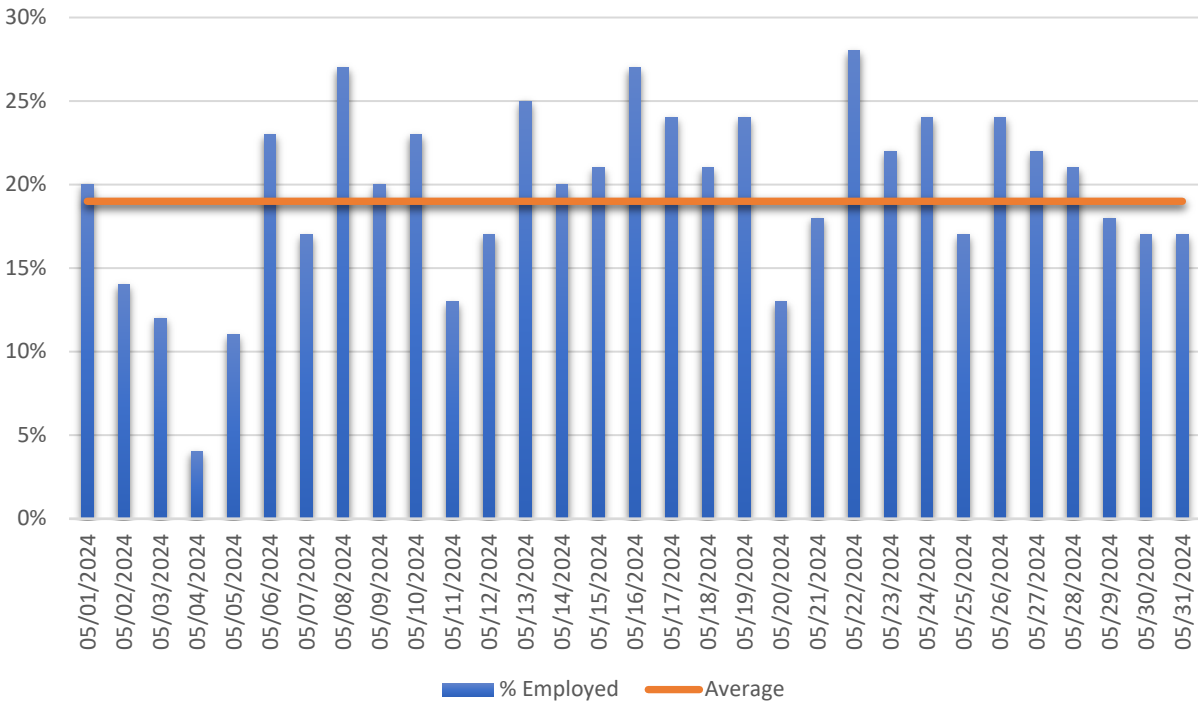
* 7 guests were identified as “new” (i.e., never served by Good Shepherd in the past).

Good Shepherd Daily Turn-aways



* Over 7 days, 8 guests failed to present for a bed-save. 1 guest received a strike.

Good Shepherd Guest Employment %



Daily Census Summary

On average, capacity was at 96 percent for the month of May. The Good Shepherd Shelter was at or over their capacity a total of 13 days in the month of May.

Continued collaboration exists to ensure that the unhoused population have access to services.

We continue to work with our partner organization to learn how many people are turned away each night. In addition to capacity, individuals are turned away for a variety of other reasons. The “turn-away” statistics for the month of May are as follows: The Good Shepherd Shelter = 71

*It is important to note that The Good Shepherd Shelter does reserve beds for individuals that are working. When individuals do not show for their bed saves, it results in the shelter not reaching their 30-bed capacity for the night (as shown in the graphed data)

In May the number of individuals needing a bed save due to employment was 13. The range was 1-9 people needing a bed per night, with a percentage of 17 to 30 percent of guests working the month of April, who were seeking shelter. The median number of people needing a bed/night was 6.

Outreach Update

In May, outreach resulted in 2 individuals receiving housing. 8 individuals met with Outreach Specialist and were given resources and assistance with housing applications, etc. Year to date, 50 individuals have been assisted into stable housing. 13 of the 50 have re-entered homelessness due to eviction or mediated agreement to vacate the property.

In addition to assisting with housing, we have also provided additional aid like transportation to medical/psychiatric appointments, bus passes, medication management, collaboration with St. Vincent DePaul, Catholic Charities, NCCAP, Social Services, Probation/Parole, and CW Solutions (FSET). Assistance was also provided with obtaining identification, setting individuals up with additional services through the ADRC as well as Community Treatment through NCHC. Case/Care Management is a service provided through both resources.

Collaboration with landlords and other non-profit agencies is on-going. Office hours at agencies throughout the city have proven beneficial in reaching the unhoused population.

Challenges and Opportunities

While we celebrate every time an unhoused individual achieves stable housing, the work does not and cannot end there. Generally, the unhoused population is vulnerable. Without someone providing ongoing support, management, intervention, accountability, and aid, the chances of remaining housed wane dramatically. In other words, our work can and will be undone in short order without systems to sustain the work. Thankfully, there are systems in place, but there are also gaps. Where gaps in case management exist, we are filling that void. We recognize, however, that our time and resources are limited in this regard. As a result, we are working to improve our understanding and relationship with existing systems while also exploring solutions that not only bridge the gap to housing, but to the essential supports that will make housing permanent.

Success Story

58-year-old female from Clark County, originally, but relocated to Marathon County two years ago to be closer to her children. She was residing with her daughter for about one year, but in June 2023, she left that residence due to family issues. She lived in her vehicle from June 2023 until July 2023 and then she moved into a trailer in Weston with friends and remained there for about 5 months and left that situation due to drug use in the residence. She was then literally homeless and began staying at The Good Shepherd Shelter as of January 2024. She has faced numerous health challenges including brain aneurysms, and more recently, a stroke. I first had contact with her in February. That initial contact was a request for a bus pass. We worked consistently on finding a solution to end her homelessness. With limited income, we applied for section 8 housing. Uncertain as to when her name would appear on the section 8 waiting list, we started looking for an apartment within her budget. We were able to find a landlord to rent to her and a unit to place her into. The stars were aligning because shortly after that day, she received her section 8 voucher. Together, we worked diligently on finding her the funding to move her into her new apartment. She is doing great! She has her best buddy, her kitty, back home with her and is looking into giving back to one of the agencies who helped her, by doing volunteer work for them. She is meeting with the ADRC next week to engage in additional services to assist her in her home and will be paired with a mentor to help with her as she is having some difficulties adjusting to life OFF the streets.



