



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Heidi A. Nelson, City Administrator

DATE: February 25, 2022

SUBJECT: Maximum number of off-sale liquor licenses

At its strategic planning session on February 12, 2022, the Council was asked if they would like to see a limit on the number of off-sale liquor licenses that are issued. It was noted that by state statute, cities of the first class may not issue more than one off-sale license for each 5,000 population. In all other cities, the limit shall be determined by the governing body of the city.

Staff researched what other cities are allowing for a maximum number of off-sale liquor licenses. It should be noted that the following cities do not have a maximum number because they have municipal liquor stores, and those cities are: Apple Valley, Brooklyn Center, Columbia Heights, Eden Prairie, Edina, Elk River, Fridley, Lakeville, Richfield, and Wayzata.

As far as other comparable cities, please see the data below:

City	Does your city have a maximum number of off sale liquor licenses?	If yes, what is the number allowed?
Blaine	Yes	One license for every 7,000 residents
Bloomington	No	
Brooklyn Park	Yes	One license for every 4,000 residents
Burnsville	No	
Coon Rapids	Yes	Limit is 8
Eagan	No	
Plymouth	No	
St. Cloud	No	
St. Louis Park	No	
Woodbury	No	