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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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To: Mark F. Miller, City Manager

From: Robert J. Bruner, Assistant City Manager
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Subject: Troy Historic Village and Stage Nature Center Alcohol Policy

The Troy Historic Village and Stage Nature Center offer indoor and outdoor rental space and these rentals provide an important revenue source for the Troy Historical Society (THS) and Troy Nature Society (TNS). However, the THS and TNS are unable to accommodate some rentals due to limitations on the consumption of alcohol.

The Agreement between City and TNS provides for the consumption of beer or wine in the designated Nature Center shelter/tent with a reservation permit issued by the City or TNS in accordance with Chapter 26 (see below). The Agreements between the City, THS, and TNS prohibit the use of alcohol unless approved by the City and unless a valid permit is issued by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. These limitations require facility renters to hire a caterer with a Catering Permit issued by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC).

Many potential renters are hosting small events and are either unable or unwilling to use a caterer. Sometimes their preferred caterer does not have an alcohol permit. In these cases, THS and TNS are losing rentals to other facilities.

For comparison, Chapter 26 (Parks) of the City Code provides for the consumption of beer or wine in public park shelters with a reservation permit issued by the Recreation Director or his/her designee. In 2022, the City charged \$30 for Beer/Wine Permits and required individuals (residents and non-residents) to provide proof of renters or homeowners insurance (\$500,000). Additional insurance requirements applied to larger events.

The THS and TNS are requesting the ability to implement similar rules for small events. The rentals would be monitored by staff at each facility. City staff recommends amending the agreements to provide the City Manager with the discretion to establish rules for alcohol consumption at the Historical Village and Nature Center.