

Meeting Minutes

City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Organization: Melrose Local Liquor Licensing Commission

Meeting Date: Monday, December 18, 2023, 8:30AM

Meeting Location: Cassidy Conference Room, City Hall

Attendees: Joe Nevin, Chair
Michael Iudice, Commissioner
Kevin Cronin, Commissioner
Lauren Grymek, Clerk to the Liquor Commission
Mayor Paul Brodeur

8:34am

Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Joe Nevin

I. Old Business

1. Amending the Melrose Liquor Licensing Commission Rules and Regulations to Allow for the Issuance of Farmer Series' Pouring Permits in the City of Melrose Amending the Melrose Liquor Licensing Commission Rules and Regulations to Allow for the Issuance of Farmer Series' Pouring Permits in the City of Melrose

- a. Commissioner Nevin acknowledged packet emails received regarding this topic and stated the majority are in favor of creating the permit.
- b. Commissioner Nevin made comments around the food requirement; doesn't mean a full-service kitchen but could be a modified kitchen, reheating of food and the definition of food is a menu item. Noted until the City addresses the food regulations pertaining to alcohol licenses, consistency is important.
- c. Commissioner Nevin opened public comment:
 - i. Melrose resident Finn McSweeney, West Wyoming Avenue, spoke in favor of the proposed regulations, citing that he had commented at previous meeting in support of this initiative. Mr. McSweeney cited this to support new small businesses, and there are other options in other communities who have already shown a successful business model when breweries are allowed to operate as they desire. Doesn't agree with rules related to the food requirements as it does not further the city's goals nor does it help a brewery. Noted there is an overwhelming majority of support for this. Encouraged the LLC to adopt the original brewery regulations without food requirements.
 - ii. Jason Taggart, an interested applicant indicated that he and his business partner are open to having a snack menu available and happy to accommodate but also interested in promoting the other businesses in Melrose who have food.
 - iii. Chris Tkach, owner, Idle Hands, shared personal experience opening a brewery in Malden 6-7 years ago and noted when a new business is beholden to other regulations it can be prohibitive. The model for Idle Hands is a rotating schedule of

food trucks, small food items and allowing people to bring in food from other places.

- d. Mayor Brodeur made remarks highlighting his desire to have a wholesale revision of the regulations but recognizing it's more complicated. Would be in favor of the LLC looking at the regulations soon. Further note the economic development benefits, increased tax revenue and general foot traffic increase to the downtown that would benefit other businesses. Eager to get a new brewery opened asap.
- e. Commissioner Iudice asked to replace the word "caterer" with "licensed food provider".
- f. Commissioner Nevin noted that "alcoholic" should be replaced with "malt".
- g. Commissioner Nevin closed public comment.
- h. Commissioner Nevin recommended hours as follows: Sunday 12pm – 11pm; Monday – Wednesday 11am – 11pm; Thursday – Saturday 11am – 12pm, however applicants further limit their hours accordingly.
- i. Commissioner Iudice motioned to approve the regulations with agreed upon changes made at the meeting.
- j. Commissioner Cronin seconded the motion.
- k. All in favor.

REGULATIONS ATTACHED AT END OF MINUTES

II. New Business

Commissioner Nevin took the items out of order given the Idle Hands applicant was in attendance.

- 1. Mex Fajitas Inc., dba Mexico Lindo, Application for Change of Officers/Directors and Issuance/Transfer of Stock
 - a. Commissioners reviewed the application materials.
 - b. Commissioner Iudice motioned to approve the one-day license.
 - c. Seconded by Commissioner Cronin.
 - d. All in favor.
- 2. One-Day Special Permit Application – Idle Hands Craft Ales –Saturday, January 27, 2024, 1:00pm – 9:00pm, Memorial Hall, 590 Main Street, Melrose MA 02176
 - a. Commissioners reviewed the application materials.
 - b. Commissioner Iudice motioned to approve the one-day license.
 - c. Seconded by Commissioner Cronin.
 - d. All in favor.
- 3. 2024 Renewal Applications for Wine and Malt Beverages, All Alcohol and Retail Food Establishments in the City of Melrose
 - a. Commissioners reviewed the renewal applications for 2024.
 - b. Commissioner Iudice motioned to approve all renewals as one vote.
 - c. Seconded by Commissioner Cronin.
 - d. All in favor.
- 4. Items not reasonably anticipated by Chairman at the time of posting.
 - a. None

9:45am

Motion to Adjourn

- Commissioner Iudice motioned to adjourn the meeting.
- Chairman Nevin seconded the motion.
- All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- Meeting adjourned.

I'd like to reiterate my advocacy that the food requirement apply to the farmer series pouring permit (the brewery permit). To be clear, by food requirement I mean that food would be required after the first drink.

Behavior at the recent beer gardens was discussed at both the September 28 and November 16 Commission meetings. It was mentioned that there were no problems – and by no problems, it was meant that there were no publicly observable problems. No disorderly conduct, no public drunkenness, no underaged drinking, no DUI that we knew about – and I'm sure that was likely the case. But what we can't say, is that there were no social consequences. We don't know what happened when people got home with a couple of beers in them. We don't know if the beer gardens gave someone who already had a problem, another encouraged opportunity to drink.

Maybe we just have a legal obligation to address what happens in public. But I think we have a moral obligation to try to address or mitigate social consequences. And while the majority of people drink responsibly, it is very concerning to me that we are gravitating towards alcohol-centric events, and alcohol-centric venues.

The food requirement is a small mitigation. It makes the experience a little less alcohol-centric. It sends a message at the point of consumption that we expect people to drink responsibly. And to Commissioner Nevin's point at the last meeting, it is not a heavy lift. If two people went out, and got two beers each, they would be into about \$40 for the beer. \$80 if four people went out. A \$15 plate of chicken wings or basket of nachos is not going to break the bank.

In addition to advocating for the food requirement, I provided comments on the draft regulation at the November 16th meeting. I won't repeat those out of respect for people's time. But I do want to come back to the 10:00 AM opening on Saturday and Sunday. Brunch was discussed as a reason for this. I had actually considered that prior to making my comment – and if this was a full-service restaurant with a full-service bar that could provide the drinks sometimes associated with brunch, like mimosas, I could understand that. But this place is going to be much more like a bar than a restaurant. I associate beer for breakfast with guys out on camping or fishing trips. My concern is that this place will be opening up at 10:00 AM for sporting events, and now you have people starting to drink beer at 10:00 AM, potentially for a good part of the day. An 11:00 AM open for lunch seems plenty early.

I've indicated several times that I recognize the importance of, and challenges associated with, trying to foster economic activity in today's downtown. I've also indicated that I have no objection to the brewing of beer for on-site consumption. But brewery use needs to be provided for in a socially conscious manner. The food requirement, and reasonable limits on hours of operation, are two small measures towards that end.

JAMES O'LOUGHLIN

Grymek, Lauren

From: Kate Marciniiec <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 6:27 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: In favor of Farmer Series Pouring Series

A quick note to say permitting breweries in Melrose would be great for our town. Breweries are more than beer - they are about community, creating a hub for gatherings and building culture.

A brewery would be an asset for our city.

Thank you,
Kate Marciniiec and Sara Barbuto
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Kelly LeBlanc <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 11:45 AM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: In support of breweries

I am a Melrose resident and homeowner (144 Forest St, Melrose, MA) and am writing in support of bringing breweries to Melrose. A brewery (especially a good craft brewery) can attract visitors from far across the Commonwealth. More local tourists in Melrose means more customers for Melrose's existing shops and restaurants. A brewery would be a wonderful way to make Melrose's commercial district a thriving and vibrant regional destination. As millennials like myself look for places to invest and put down roots, a brewery would also help to attract the next generation of young families to the community.

Thank you for your consideration!

Kelly LeBlanc
[REDACTED]

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Michael Urquiola <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 9:55 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: Brewery Melrose

I support a Brewery in Melrose, from a 25 year resident.

Michael Urquiola
[REDACTED]

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Grymek, Lauren

From: John Sorice <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 8:34 AM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: Brewery

We are a family four and have been residents Melrose for nine years. We've seen our oldest graduate from MHS and head to college, while our youngest is working his way through the school system now. We absolutely love what this city has offered to our children in terms of education and opportunity. It's been a joy to raise them here. We would now like to see more vibrancy and opportunity in our business community. We are in full support of the proposed brewery/pub opening in Melrose. We feel that this type of establishment and all of it's social and creative potential can have a very positive impact on further community development. Thank you

John & Isabel Sorice
[REDACTED]

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Joe Chernov [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, December 8, 2023 3:32 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: Message in support of proposed brewery on Main Street

Dear Members of the Liquor Licensing Commission,

The one missing piece holding Melrose back from becoming the *ideal* small city is a downtown brewery — and not just any brewery, but one started by a local, experienced, well respected brewer.

While beer may connote images of Doritos and football, brewery culture is the opposite. It's food trucks and cornhole. It's community, family, and, I admit, a few extra calories. It's farm-to-table, with a little fermentation along the way. Beer may be for frats, but breweries are for family.

We lived in Melrose for several years, left for a brief stint in Cary, North Carolina, only to boomerang back to our home here on Youle Street. Yet one of the experiences we miss about Cary is the time we spent with family and friends at any number of neighborhood breweries. And now we're on the cusp of enjoying that special culture right here in Melrose. Let's make it happen.

Yours,
Joe Chernov
[REDACTED]

Melrose, MA

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Alisa Grubbs <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 9:37 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: Re: Vote yes to the Melrose Brewery

I am writing to continue to support the brewery that is still under discussion within the Liquor commission.

It is my opinion the rule of food with liquor is antiquated and limits Melrose as a destination. I support a vote that does not require food to be served in order to have beer poured in Melrose.

Alisa Grubbs

On Sun, Dec 3, 2023, 12:14 PM Alisa Grubbs <[REDACTED]> wrote:

I am writing in support of a brewery to be in Melrose. I believe that additional commercial business will only benefit our highly residential community and tax base and continue to make Melrose a destination.

I know that many of our residents go out of town to breweries and Melrose is losing out on that business. I am in support of keeping the business local.

Please vote to approve the brewery at your next meeting.

Alisa Grubbs

[REDACTED], Melrose, MA 02176

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Christopher Jones <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 6:14 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: Proposed Farmer-Brewer Pouring Permit

Dear Licensing Committee,

I am writing in support of the proposed regulations for the brewery pouring permit. I, and many of my friends, are strongly in favor of a brewery in Melrose.

My only comment on the proposed regulations is that a brewery should be allowed to operate without serving its own food. The regulation as drafted allows community members to order-in food from one of the many local eateries already established in Melrose. There are so many wonderful take-out establishments in Melrose that either deliver or work with a food delivery service. This maximizes the economic benefit that a brewery could bring to Melrose by being a multiplier to local businesses.

Sincerely yours,

Chris Jones
[REDACTED], Melrose, MA 02176

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Chloe Negron <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 2:46 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: We support Adopting New License Farmer Series Pouring Permit (M.G.L. c. 138, § 19C)

Hi,

My husband and I both are huge supporters of this plan:

[Adopting New License Farmer Series Pouring Permit \(M.G.L. c. 138, § 19C\)](#)

We are writing to voice our support and hope that this commission will hear our support to revitalize the commercial district and support modernizing our town and building a more community-focused Melrose.

Best,
Chloe and Julio Negron
[REDACTED]

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Cara Salomone <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 2:36 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: Brewery support

We would love for there to be a brewery in Melrose!!! As parents of young children, we love that breweries offer entertainment for adults + kids alike. With space to run around, play games, eat, and sample beers, breweries are an essential spot for many generations to gather. We look forward to seeing this come to fruition!

Cara + Anthony Salomone,
Melrose residents

Cara Salomone

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Donald Bissex <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 4:09 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: I SUPPORT Having a brewery

To whom may concern,

I fully support having a brewery or taproom in the city of Melrose.

As a longtime resident who remembers the days of a dry city, I have witnessed the positive effect of restaurants with liquor licenses and how those restaurants attract people, and other businesses to the city. A brewery would expand what the city has to offer and provide a vitality to the city in a physical space that otherwise is fairly mundane.

I fully support Mayor Brodeur in these efforts.

Thank you,

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Donald Bissex
[REDACTED]

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Dan Bradford <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2023 10:30 AM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: Supporting a Brewery in Melrose

We should have a brewery in Melrose. We deserve it. It's a community of responsible adults who can make good decisions. Breweries can be a great place for communities to gather.

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Grymek, Lauren

From: David Cole <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 3:00 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: Support for proposed brewery regulations

I support the proposed brewery regulations.

Melrose is one of many towns where former residents of places like Boston and Cambridge have moved to, either during the pandemic or as they began to have families. Those cities have a wealth of locations like Lamplighter Brewing or Harpoon or Trillium (or many many others) that are very successful and would be welcomed by people who left those sorts of businesses behind when they moved to Melrose. Breweries are also a destination for beer enthusiasts. Just look at businesses like Tree House in Tewksbury or their other locations in the state that see customers traveling from other states and countries due to their reputation.

If Melrose doesn't allow one of these businesses to come and thrive here, they could easily setup shop in a neighboring town and draw potential customers away from our city.

Thank you,

-David Cole
[REDACTED]

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Erin Hobin-Audet <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2023 10:19 AM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: Support for Proposed Brewery

Good morning,

I am writing to share my strong support for a brewery in Melrose. As resident of 18 years, I think it would be a wonderful addition to our city, bringing people from in and outside of Melrose to our downtown.

I hope you will vote to adopt/approve the necessary regulations and licensing for the brewery. Thank you for your time and for your service to our city.

Best,
Erin Hobin-Audet
[REDACTED]

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Grymek, Lauren

From: *Mayor Brodeur
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 3:51 PM
To: Grymek, Lauren
Subject: FW: Support for Brewery

Please forward this to the LLC for their consideration.

From: Emily Minton <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, December 9, 2023 6:24 PM
To: *Mayor Brodeur <pbrodeur@cityofmelrose.org>
Subject: Support for Brewery

Dear Mayor Brodeur,

I am writing this email in support of the proposed brewery and the associated amendments to the liquor laws in order for it to operate. I believe a brewery would benefit Melrose residents and help bring additional revenue into the city. I had the pleasure of attending the beer gardens at the Beebe Estate in July and October. Both events ran smoothly and were very well attended by folks in the community of all ages. I believe a brewery would help provide a place for people to gather and socialize on an ongoing basis and serve as an event space which would be an asset to the community.

Thank you,

Emily Minton
[REDACTED]

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Gina Cristallini <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 2:57 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor

Please enough is enough we do not need a brewery here

Sent from my iPhone

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Gloria Ward <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2023 9:00 AM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: Brewery on Lynde St.

I strongly disagree with this proposal. As a long time resident of [REDACTED] there is already so much traffic that has become dangerous to our residents & their children.

Adding a brewery will only cause more traffic, not to mention the possibility of drivers while intoxicated. Lynde St. has already become a huge cut through causing unnecessary traffic and speeding. And, don't forget there have already been two fatalities and at least one child hit by cars passing through.

I purchased my house in 1980. I know what the struggles have been. Please do not add more traffic. We want our families to be safe.

Gloria Ward

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Heather Caouette <[REDACTED]m>
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 2:42 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: Fwd: BREWERY REGULATIONS UPDATE

Hello,

I was disappointed that such an important vote was delayed a couple of weeks ago because one of three voting members failed to attend. I am sending my support for a brewery in Melrose, and for the expansion of our liquor licensing laws in general. The requirement for an establishment to serve food with alcohol is unreasonable, outdated, and doesn't accomplish what I expect it attempts to accomplish. I hope to see a vote in favor of the new brewery without a food requirement on December 18th, and I look forward to walking to the brewery when it opens!

Thank you,
Heather Caouette
[REDACTED]

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Melrose MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Date: Thu, Dec 14, 2023 at 2:06 PM
Subject: BREWERY REGULATIONS UPDATE
To: <[REDACTED]>

BREWERY REGULATIONS UPDATE

Since taking office, Mayor Brodeur has been eager to establish a local process to allow for the operation of breweries within Melrose City limits. With a reputation as a destination business, breweries draw new visitors from a wide geographical area, benefiting other local businesses and generating new tax revenue for a community.

Over the past seven months, Mayor Brodeur's administration has taken several steps to meet this goal, with the final phase of this process coming to fruition on Monday, December 18, 2023, when the Melrose Liquor Licensing Commission will reconvene for a second time to review and adopt Liquor Licensing regulations for the local issuance of Farmer Series Pouring Permits.



View the Proposed Regulations: [Memo: Adopting New License Farmer Series Pouring Permit \(M.G.L. c. 138, § 19C\)](#)

This local pouring permit is required to allow a Farmer Brewer Licensee to pour its beer on-premises for sale and sampling to the public.

So far, the progress to bring a brewery to Melrose under Mayor Brodeur's Administration is as follows:

Grymek, Lauren

From: John McGrath <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2023 10:51 AM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Cc: ryan.l.williams
Subject: I fully support a Brewery in Melrose

To Whom It May Concern,

I fully support the creation of a brewery in Melrose and I think it would be an excellent addition to our wonderful downtown businesses.

Sincerely,
John McGrath

— [REDACTED].

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Jonathon Peros [REDACTED] >
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2023 10:55 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: Support for Farmers Series Pouring Permit

Good Evening,

I'm writing to support the creation of Farmers Series Pouring Permits in Melrose, and support the additional rules applicable to farmer series permits as drafted in the October 16, 2023 memo from Mayor Brodeur.

The creation of this permit will open the door for new businesses in Melrose that can stimulate economy activity and grow the tax base.

Thank you for considering,
Jonathon Peros
[REDACTED]

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Katherine Fallon <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 9:59 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: Brewery in Melrose

Hello-

I would like to voice my support for the establishment of a brewery in Melrose. It would be a great source of revenue and enjoyed by most people that I know here in town. As I understand it, one obstacle this proposal faces is the rule that food must be purchased in addition to alcohol. I'm not in favor of this rule. I think people can make their own choices around alcohol consumption. Please consider.

Thanks

Katie Marengi

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Kristina Hanlon <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 9:56 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: Re: Brewery

Hello,

I know there is another meeting coming up this week on this issue.

I just want to say again that I am writing in disfavor of this proposal, for all the same reasons listed below. I don't see this bringing enough revenue to outweigh the negative outcomes that it will surely bring. We have enough issues on Lynde street with accidents and dangerous driving, and our town doesn't enforce any of this. Adding a brewery will make things worse! Please do not let this pass.

Thank you,

Kristina Hanlon

On Mon, Dec 4, 2023 at 10:27 AM Licensing, Liquor <LiquorLicensing@cityofmelrose.org> wrote:

Hi Krisina,

Thank you for your email below. It has been received and will be shared with the members of the Liquor Licensing Commission.

Lauren

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Lauren Grymek

Office of Mayor Paul Brodeur

Director of Economic Development

Interim Clerk to the Liquor Licensing Commission

562 Main Street, Melrose, MA 02176

Direct: 781-979-4117

Email: LGrymek@cityofmelrose.org



From: Kristina Hanlon <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2023 12:09 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor <liquorlicensing@cityofmelrose.org>
Subject: Brewery

Hello,

I am emailing in disfavor of the proposed brewery. I don't know if it makes a difference, but I don't see this helping the town at all. There are plenty of breweries in surrounding towns that have that "vibe". Plus as a resident of the proposed neighborhood, we have enough trouble with parking and people speeding/driving dangerously. The last thing we need is a brewery at the end of our road. Especially since our town doesn't enforce drunk driving. Thanks,

Kristina Hanlon

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Kristen Kimmel <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 4:52 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: brewery support

To Whom This May Concern:

As a Melrose resident, I am writing today in support of having a brewery in Melrose. Please feel free to let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Kristen

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Krisela Millios <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2023 2:52 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: Support for brewery

Dear Melrose Liquor Licensing Commission,

I write to support welcoming a brewery to Melrose.

I am a homeowner and have lived in Melrose for 5 years.

A brewery would add vibrancy to our town, as well as much needed tax revenue. Breweries often attract supporting businesses, and can revitalize surrounding business districts. Evidence for the customer base for this business is proven with the huge success of the beer gardens that have been hosted at the Bebee Estate, where hundreds of families gathered together safely. There is clearly pent up demand.

To deny this application denies the clear preferences of hundreds of customers in Melrose and denies our town desperately needed tax revenue.

Thank you.

Krisela Millios
[REDACTED]

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Krisela Millios (she/her)

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Kristin O'Reilly <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 10:12 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: Full support of a brewery in Melrose

Hello

I know there are some important meetings coming up next week related to the potential of answers coming to Melrose.

As a resident of Melrose I wanted to offer my full support of this. I also feel strongly that the requiring of food is not necessary and rather ridiculous at a new establishment (or any existing for that matter).

Thank you
Kristin O'Reilly
[REDACTED]

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Kristyn Ross <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2023 8:33 AM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: Breweries/Melrose

I am writing to express my concerns regarding breweries in Melrose. Specifically, my concern is knowingly increasing the number of drinking drivers (without food options) in a city that is advocating for street calming measures. Before authorizing breweries, we need a proper infrastructure plan (that attracts more than drinking customers) that helps to mitigate risk. This includes food, variety of drink options (including NA), proper parking, activities/live music and/or a less residential location (put this closer to oak grove where there is access to a regular scheduled train and more industrial space). Additionally, while our city would benefit from more commercial businesses, what is effectively a bar, isn't the form of business to bring the revenue needed to the city.

I am opposed to allowing breweries as is currently planned. Perhaps with additional safety regulations I would reconsider my position.

Thank you,

Kristyn Kelliher ([REDACTED]) ****CITY OF MELROSE PUBLIC RECORDS NOTICE: Please be advised that the Massachusetts Attorney General has determined that email is a public record unless the content of the email falls within one of the stated exemptions under the Massachusetts Public Records Laws.****

Grymek, Lauren

From: Linda Apple <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 4:35 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: In support of Farmer Series Pouring Permits

Dear Liquor Commissioners,

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the proposed change in liquor license regulations that is currently under consideration in the City. As a long time resident of Melrose (23 years) and frequent patron of breweries (even though I don't drink beer!) I'm a firm believer in the positive impact that thoughtful regulatory adjustments can have on local businesses and the overall atmosphere of our community. I urge you to carefully consider and endorse Farmer Series Pouring Permits.

It is evident that our current liquor license regulations do not fully align with the evolving needs of our community or adequately support the growth of our local economy. The proposed changes present an opportunity to foster a more vibrant and inclusive social environment, stimulate economic development, and contribute to the overall well-being of our community.

I attended both recent events at the Beebe Estate--the July beer garden and Oktoberfest--that prominently featured the sale of beer by local brewery Idle Hands. These events were wildly successful, attracting a diverse crowd of families with children and responsible adults. The atmosphere was festive and community-spirited!

The proposed adoption of Famer Series Pouring Permits seems to strike a balance between ensuring responsible alcohol consumption and providing local businesses with the flexibility needed to thrive. By modernizing and streamlining the licensing process, we can create a more business-friendly environment that encourages entrepreneurship and attracts diverse establishments to our community.

I believe that fostering a dynamic and welcoming community requires adapting to changing societal norms and economic landscapes. By supporting these proposed changes, the Liquor Commission can demonstrate its commitment to progress and a thriving local economy.

I trust that you will consider the perspectives of community members like myself who believe in the positive outcomes that can result from updating and modernizing the regulations. Your support for these changes will undoubtedly contribute to the betterment of Melrose.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Linda Apple
[REDACTED]

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Megan Britt <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 3:22 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: Support for bringing a brewery to Melrose

Dear Members of the Liquor Commission,
I am reaching out to voice my strong support for bringing a brewery to Melrose!

During the last election cycle, our need for additional revenue sources was a consistent theme and before you is a proposal to add what holds the promise to be a popular destination for residents and nearby communities alike. I was dismayed to see that our antiquated regulations requiring food service is threatening to block this worthy proposal. This Commission plays an important role in ensuring the vibrancy of our downtown and I urge you to approve the proposed brewery regulations.

Thank you for your time and service to our community.

Best,
Megan Britt
[REDACTED]

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Grymek, Lauren

From: michelle brodeur <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 4:46 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: Allowing breweries in melrose

Please vote to allow breweries have establish businesses and liquor licenses in Melrose. Many local cites are increasing their tax base and are developing fantastic community oriented breweries in their cities. Melrose's should definitely get in on the trend and continue to make Melrose a destination town for a feeling of community.

Vote yes on the allowance

Michelle and Ian Ward
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Michelle K. Flaherty <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 2:50 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: Support for brewery

Hello,

I'd like to voice my support for bringing the brewery to Melrose and changing the liquor/food law.

Michelle Flaherty
[REDACTED]

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Michael McLaughlin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2023 2:44 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: Support for brewery

Dear Melrose Liquor Licensing Commission,

I write to support welcoming a brewery to Melrose.

I am a homeowner and have lived in Melrose for 5 years.

A brewery would add vibrancy to our town, as well as much needed tax revenue. Breweries often attract supporting businesses, and can revitalize surrounding business districts. Evidence for the customer base for this business is proven with the huge success of the beer gardens that have been hosted at the Bebee Estate, where hundreds of families gathered together safely. There is clearly pent up demand.

To deny this application denies the clear preferences of hundreds of customers in Melrose and denies our town desperately needed tax revenue.

Thank you.

Michael McLaughlin
[REDACTED]

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Mari McQuaid <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2023 10:47 AM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: Brewery in Melrose

Dear Liquor Commission Members,

As an 18-year resident of Melrose, I'm writing to indicate my full support for allowing a brewery to be established in Melrose. I like that it fills a niche that isn't currently filled by another Melrose business, it has the potential to raise much-needed tax revenue, and it provides a cool place for Melrosians and people from surrounding towns to gather. Depending upon the location, it could generate more commercial activity in zones that could use a lift.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my perspective on this issue!

--Mari

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Marcia Sullivan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 5:31 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: Breweries in Melrose

I totally support this initiative and would also encourage your revising the regulations with regard to food service - maybe requiring food be ordered after two drinks or perhaps doing away with this requirement altogether! It's time Melrose focused on keeping the dollars generated by businesses such as restaurants and breweries in Melrose instead of seeing them spent in nearby locales. With the new developments on the horizon, the city should work to make it easy for residents to spend some of their entertainment dollars locally.

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Molly Taylor <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2023 11:42 AM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: SUPPORT of proposed brewery

Dear Liquor Commission=

As a resident of Melrose for the past 16 years, I would like to strongly emphasize my support of the proposed brewery applying for a liquor license in Melrose. I believe the brewery will provide needed revenue to the city and will help vitalize Main Street. I strongly encourage the Liquor Commission to approve the permit.

Sincerely,
Molly Taylor
[REDACTED]

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Patrick Lucas <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 3:29 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: Support for Brewery Operations in Melrose

Hello,

I previously submitted an email of support for opening up Melrose to Brewers and Breweries with on-site pouring, but did not address the food service question.

Regarding the question of whether or not to require food service, I want to strongly support that this not be a requirement. I believe that allowing for operation without food service is critical to ensure that we don't create even larger hurdles for small independent breweries to gain a foothold.

As a consumer I would encourage any brewery in Melrose to offer food service. But food service comes with other requirements like sourcing and maintaining quality ingredients, additional hiring and management for food service, and procuring additional financing for food service equipment. I wouldn't want to discourage a smaller brewery operation from choosing Melrose because they are unable to offer food service. Many breweries in the area that don't offer food service allow outside food to be brought in or delivered to the brewery, and/or local food trucks to come and park on site to serve their customers.

Thanks,
Patrick

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Rebecca Mackenzie <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2023 10:05 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: Support for a brewery in Melrose

Dear Liquor Licensing,

I am writing in favor of allowing a brewery in Melrose, as this would benefit our community and commercial tax base. Communities similar to ours have demonstrated the benefits of bringing breweries into their downtowns.

Thank you,
Rebecca Mackenzie
[REDACTED]

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Sarah Orlandella <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 2:23 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Cc: *Mayor Brodeur
Subject: Brewery Feedback

Good afternoon all,

I'm writing to voice my support for breweries to open in Melrose. I implore you to not have a food requirement and actually review and revise the liquor regulations in this city to be in line with our surrounding communities for all restaurants. The food requirement is, quite frankly, ridiculous.

Thanks for all you do,
Sarah Orlandella

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Steph Zabel <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2023 2:38 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: in support of Melrose brewery

Dear Melrose Liquor Licensing Commission,

I am sending my written support for a brewery in Melrose, and ask the commission to adopt the necessary regulations. I would love to see more vibrant -- and more varied -- businesses in our city, especially places that can offer the community places to gather.

I've lived in Melrose for over seven years and believe that a brewery would be a welcome and positive addition to our community. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Zabel
[REDACTED]

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Tara P. <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 2:20 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: BREWERY REGULATIONS

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my support for the change in brewery regulations that are proposed by Mayor Brodeur. While I hope to attend the meeting on December 18, I hope this message can serve as a vote of support for these changes as a community member and taxpayer of Melrose. It is time we allow for new models of business to be able to flourish in Melrose and I encourage cautious, smart growth for small businesses. It is time to support a diversity of commercial interests on Main st. And I hope you will too.

Tara Pastina
[REDACTED]

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Tug Yourgrau <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 8:18 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: Yes!

I strongly support the effort to allow breweries -- with strict laws applied -- to function in Melrose.

Tuggelin Yourgrau
[REDACTED]

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Alan Blevins <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2023 9:08 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: Brewery

Hi,

I just want to put in a note of support for a local brewery. What a great addition to Melrose. We have a few antiquated laws that need to be reviewed. Prohibiting a brewery from opening's in Melrose would be a travesty.

Thank You,
Alan Blevins
[REDACTED]

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Andrew Boulay <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2023 9:58 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: Email in Support of Farmer Series' Pouring Permits

Members of the Commission:

I am a Melrose resident writing in support of the Farmer Series' Pouring Permit up for consideration on December 18, 2023. During a trip this summer in NH, my wife and two daughters had our best meal experiences at a brewpub. Bringing this type of business into Melrose would provide a huge opportunity to develop a new neighborhood hangout and a destination for people in nearby cities and towns to frequent. This will bring more money into the City, including for existing commercial establishments. Loosening the restrictions that have held back development in the City is essential to create new sources of revenue and expand the customer base for our local businesses.

I ask that you please approve the Farmer Series' Pouring Permit. Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,
Andrew

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Andrew Boulay, Esq.
[REDACTED]

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Allison Rynak [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2023 12:46 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: Support for proposed brewery in Melrose

Hi there,

I'm writing to express my support for the proposed brewery in Melrose. As a 20 year resident of Melrose, I have seen the city evolve and look forward to seeing continued development that makes Melrose a great choice to call home. I think a brewery would be a welcome addition to the city as a place for people to gather and a boost to our local economy. I hope you will approve this potential exciting addition to our community!

Regards,
Allison Rynak

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Bethany Ellis <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2023 8:36 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: Yes to Farmer

I am writing to express my support of the license for Farmer Brewer. It's a no brainer opportunity to increase city revenue and will be a welcome addition.

Best,
Bethany
[REDACTED]

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Ben R <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2023 5:36 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: Melrose Brewery

I am writing to express my opposition regarding opening a brewery in Melrose. Melrose already has a problem with drivers speeding down side streets to cut through. A brewery would exacerbate this issue creating a serious safety hazard for pedestrians.

I feel several safety considerations need to be evaluated and put in place before proceeding, for example requiring food served, parking, and location potentially closer to Oak Grove station.

Thank you,

Benjamin Ross ([REDACTED])

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Caroline Petrovick <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2023 9:49 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: Support of farmer brewer

I'm writing to support the Farmer brewer. This brewery will bring in much needed revenue to the city.

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Mike Cintolo <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2023 5:55 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Cc: Katie D
Subject: We support a brewery in melrose!

-Mike and Katie Cintolo
Melrose residents since 2016

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Grymek, Lauren

From: James Bradley [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2023 8:56 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: Support for brewery

Subject: Request for Support: Farmer Brewer Licensee Pouring Permit

I trust this email finds you well. My name is James Bradley and I am a resident of Melrose. I am reaching out to express my support for the passing of a local Farmer Brewer Licensee, in the application for a pouring permit to allow on-premises beer sales and sampling to the public.

By allowing this opportunity to Melrose, you have now opened an option to quality, local agriculture, and economic growth. The request for a pouring permit aligns with the values of our community and presents an opportunity to enhance the local social and cultural scene.

By granting this permit, you not only support a thriving local business but also contribute to the overall vibrancy of our community.

I believe that supporting local businesses is crucial for our community's continued growth and prosperity. I kindly request that you consider endorsing their application for the pouring permit, recognizing the positive impact it will have on both residents and visitors alike.

Thank you,

James Bradley

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Grymek, Lauren

From: James O'Loughlin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2023 10:12 AM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: Dec 18 Meeting Re Breweries

Commission members, Mayor Brodeur, Lauren Grymek,

I had fully intended on attending Monday's meeting regarding brewery use, but got a call late on Friday from my doctor requesting to reschedule a test from 1:00 PM to 8:00 AM (routine test). Since the test will take 2 or 3 hours I will be unable to attend to the meeting.

I thought the most recent meeting included a good conversation and I wasn't planning on adding anything. But I did not want anyone to think that my failure to attend reflected diminished commitment, and I ask that the Commission consider the comments I made during the three previous meetings and include the food requirement in the brewery regulation.

Thanks for your consideration and the courtesy you extended to me during the meetings on this subject. I am available at (617) 279-3436 if you would like to discuss this with me.

Regards,
Jim O'Loughlin
[REDACTED]

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Katie Kirsh <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2023 9:30 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: In support

We are writing to endorse support of allowing a brewery in Melrose. Please vote yes!!

Regards,

Katie Kirsh
[REDACTED]

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Kristen McArdle <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2023 10:27 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: Farmer brewing

I'm reaching out in support of the liquor license for the Farmer brewing opportunity within Melrose. We frequent many of the restaurants in Melrose, but would love to expand the variety of places. We believe that adding this brewery to town would further foster community, bring additional revenue, and continue to support Melrose as a destination.

Thanks for your consideration

Best regards,
Kristen

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Steve Knupp [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2023 6:56 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: In support of a Melrose Brewery

Hello,

I'd like to express my support of the proposed brewery and gathering spot being discussed in the building where MMTV. I've been a Melrose resident for almost 20 years and I think this will be a great addition to our downtown and another great gathering stop.

Thanks for your consideration,

Stephen Knupp
[REDACTED]

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Maggie Beasley [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2023 9:42 AM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: Brewery

To whom it may concern:

I'm writing today to express my support for a brewery to come to Melrose. It's time Melrose took advantage of a revenue generating opportunity that surrounding towns consistently avail themselves to. Additionally, it would be a terrific place for residents to gather and enjoy themselves, whether or not people choose to drink beer. It would also add to the appeal of Melrose for both residents and potential buyers.

Sincerely,
Maggie Beasley
[REDACTED]

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Migliorelli, Leila
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2023 6:26 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Cc: Grymek, Lauren; *Mayor Brodeur
Subject: In support of Farmer Series Pouring Permit

Dear Liquor Commissioners,

I am writing to voice my support for the Liquor Commission to adopt a Farmer Series pouring permit for the City of Melrose. As a City Councilor, I have voted both to accept MGL c. 138, § 19C.1, the state statute that addresses Farmers Brewery Licenses, as well as the zoning amendment to identify the districts in which breweries, with and without distribution, could locate by-right or by special permit. When the Council voted on the latter, we had roughly 30 emails from residents in support of modifying our zoning to allow breweries to operate. I would also add that while I was campaigning across the city this fall, I frequently heard excitement about the prospect of a brewery opening in Melrose. If the Liquor Commission does not move favorably on providing these pouring permits, I believe that there will be many disappointed residents.

While I understand that Melrose has held a very restrictive viewpoint of liquor consumption in our restaurants, I think that this is shortsighted from an economic perspective. As many of my constituents have pointed out, breweries are family- and community-oriented businesses that add to the vitality of an overall city. These are businesses that attract people from other communities to Melrose, which would be a tremendous opportunity for our local retail and service businesses to increase customers.

I understand there are concerns about the potential negative impact of increased alcohol in our community, but that is completely ignoring the fact that Melrose has had private clubs that for decades have operated bars for members with no food restrictions. The drinking that occurs in these establishments (which are gender segregated) has not had a negative impact on our community, to the best of my knowledge. Therefore, a brewery, which would actually generate revenue and increase revenue for our local businesses, would be a net positive for Melrose.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to hearing the results of your meeting on Monday.

Best,
Leila

Leila B. Migliorelli
Councilor-at-Large
City of Melrose
lmigliorelli@cityofmelrose.org


Pronouns: she/her/hers

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Sarah Molway [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2023 4:54 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: Proposed Farmer Series Pouring Permit

Dear Members of the Liquor Licensing Commission,

I am writing to ask you to support the proposed Farmer Series Pouring Permits to allow for the establishment of a brewery in Melrose. I believe that a brewery would be a great addition to the city of Melrose which would both attract spending in Melrose by residents of other cities and help to keep Melrose dollars in Melrose.

Just last Wednesday, I traveled with another Melrose resident to Everett to visit a brewery on Revere Beach Parkway. While there we met residents of multiple cities in the area including Somerville and Cambridge. Since this location did not have a kitchen, we also stopped on our way to order take-out at a place in Everett, so our money was spent at two Everett businesses that night.

People will travel as we did to try out a new brewery and I believe that establishing a brewery in Melrose, would bring people from surrounding towns to our city.. It will also encourage Melrose residents who might otherwise travel to another town to stay right here.

I respectfully ask that you support the establishment of the Farmer Series Pouring Permits in Melrose.

Thank you,
Sarah Ballard Molway
[REDACTED]

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Jackie Mulgrew <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2023 7:43 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: In support

Hello members of the liquor, licensing department,
I know you are meeting tomorrow to vote on the brewery in Melrose. I am in full support of this type of an establishment as a place to bring people together to socialize and to enjoy time together. This would be asset to Melrose. I am in full support of this type of an establishment. Please vote yes.

Jackie Mulgrew

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Grymek, Lauren

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2023 10:19 AM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: Support for Brewery regulations

I am writing to support the City's progress toward allowing breweries to operate in Melrose. These would be great gathering places for Melrose residents and folks from outside of town alike, supporting community and bringing new revenue to the city. The popularity of the beer gardens held at the Beebe Estate earlier this year shows there's lots of interest in such venues. I encourage the Commission to approve the regulations related to Farmer Serves Pouring Permits so this initiative can continue to move forward.

Respectfully,
Gretchen Locke

[REDACTED]

Melrose

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Courtney Pillsbury [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2023 8:08 PM
To: Brian Pillsbury; Licensing, Liquor
Subject: Farmers Brewer License

Good evening

We would like to help bring Melrose dining and entertainment into the modern era and encourage you to vote in support of adopting Liquor Licensing regulations for the local issuance of Farmer Series Pouring Permits.

This will not only provide an opportunity for economic growth but a community building environment where friends and neighbors can gather locally.

We are also in support of eliminating the requirement that food be served at such establishments.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely
Courtney and Brian Pillsbury

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Raj <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2023 9:17 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: Vote yes on brewery

I'm writing to state my support for the brewery in tomorrow's vote. I don't even drink beer, but I like the idea of bringing another strong business in that provides tax revenue, and takes some of the burden off of property taxes. Please don't let antiquated policies stand in the way of growing a vibrant, diverse business community in our city.

Regards,

Raj Singh

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Sara & Ted Davis [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2023 2:34 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: Proposed liquor license

We would like to voice our support for giving a liquor license to the brewery that is hoping to get set up in Melrose. We think it would be a good addition to the town, providing a place to meet as well as providing revenue for the town.

Thank you!

Sara and Ted Davis

Sent from my iPhone

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Trish Colombo [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2023 3:50 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: Support of the proposed brewery

Hi,

I just wanted to send a note of support for the proposed new brewery for Melrose. It would be great to add another gathering spot for locals in town!

Thank you!
Trish Colombo
[REDACTED]

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Tina Lech [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2023 10:34 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: In support of the Farmer Series Pouring Permit

Good evening. My husband and I have been residents of Melrose since 2014 and are now raising our 2 children, ages 10 and 8, here. We live within walking distance to town and all of its offerings, from dining spaces to fitness spots and grocery stores. We fully support the introduction of the proposed brewery to Melrose. It will add to the diversity of gathering spots that Melrose has already while also providing something unique and "craft". We love the Melrose community especially for its support of small, local businesses, and hope that this permit is approved.

Sincerely,

-Tina Lech and Ted Davis

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Lise Tubinis [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2023 1:56 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: Brewery feedback

I am writing to express my support for the opening of a brewery in Melrose and to strongly discourage the implementation of any food requirements as part of the regulations. There is no need to implement rules that treat adults like children and only hinder the brewery's ability to succeed.

Bars and restaurants certainly have every right to cut someone off if they believe that they should not be served. They also

have the right to refuse service to someone who enters the building and appears to be intoxicated. But to force people to have to order food at a brewery when they may have eaten at home or plan to eat at another restaurant before or after they have a drink at the brewery is unnecessary and will only discourage people from coming there regularly.

We are surrounded by towns that treat people like adults and allow them to come in and meet a friend for a drink. People will continue to patronize those businesses and Melrose will continue to miss out on the opportunity to have dollars spent here instead of in Lynnfield, Wakefield, Reading, or Burlington. Our liquor regulations are antiquated and it is really time that people looked at them realistically and ask the question, what are we actually trying to accomplish here?

I encourage you to approve the brewery and to do so with no food rules.

Anelise Tubinis
[REDACTED]

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Grymek, Lauren

From: Adam Vetter [REDACTED] >
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2023 9:45 PM
To: Licensing, Liquor
Subject: Approve the brewery!

Cordially,

Responsible Melrose Drinkers

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City of Melrose Farmer Series Pouring Permit

Additional Regulations

License Description:

Farmer Series Pouring Permit: issued to qualified applicants holding a Farmer Brewery License from the ABCC pursuant to M.G.L. c.138 §19C to sell malt beverages, for consumption on the premises and at retail for consumption off the premises pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, § 19C, and in accordance with the applicable regulations of the Massachusetts General Laws, the City of Melrose Rules & Regulations Governing the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages and any and all conditions stipulated for in the specific license. This license allows for the sale of malt beverages manufactured by the licensee on the premises, and sale of items produced for the licensee off the premises in the licensee's name, to be consumed on premises and to be sold at retail for consumption off premises. This permit only permits the licensee to sell its own products which have either been brewed on premises, or off premises in the licensee's name, and no other alcoholic beverages may be sold under this license. For purposes of these regulations, the word "License", "Licensee" and "Licensed Premises" shall include a "Farmer Series Pouring Permit", "Farmer Series Pouring Permittee", and "premises subject to a Farmer Series Pouring Permit", respectively, unless otherwise noted. (M.G.L. c. 138, § 19C)

Additional Rules Applicable to Farmer Series Pouring Permits:¹

A. Purpose

The issuance of Farmer Series Pouring Permits shall be utilized so as to foster the economic development of the City by encouraging and promoting patronage in those areas where Farmer Series Pouring Permittees are located. The Commission shall consider when deciding upon a license application the foregoing factors and any other matter deemed appropriate by the Commission including by way of description but not limitation: proximity to residential neighborhoods, traffic, parking, community engagement, and other aesthetic considerations including the physical layout of the interior of the establishment.

B. Applicants

Applicants for a Farmer Series Pouring Permit shall hold a Farmer-Brewery License (M.G.L. c.138, §19C) from the ABCC at all times. If an Applicant for a Permit does not have a valid ABCC Farmer-Brewery License at the time of Application, issuance of the Permit shall be conditioned on receipt of such ABCC license.

¹ Additional, General Liquor Licensing Commission rules and regulations not mentioned here are applicable to Farmer Series Pouring Permits.

C. Water Station

At all times, there shall be a free, self-service water station for patrons and customers to use without staff assistance. This provision may be waived by the Liquor Commission upon a showing of good cause and only if a sign is posted by the bar stating that tap water is available upon request and free of charge.

D. Occupancy

Where required by the Commission, the Licensee shall delegate a staff member to keep and maintain an accurate count of all individuals occupying the premises to ensure compliance with building code occupancy limits.

E. Food Service

Malt beverages may only be served with food ordered from the menu of a licensed premises. Menus shall reflect the requirement that malt beverages may only be ordered in conjunction with the consumption of food ordered from the menu. Notwithstanding, an establishment may elect to serve up to one (1) malt beverage to a customer without requiring food.

Food service shall be available to its patrons at all times that alcohol is served for on-premises consumption. The Permittee may satisfy this provision by (i) holding a Common Victualler's license and operating a full-service kitchen; or (ii) arranging for food to be brought onto the premises by a licensed food providers; or (iii) such other arrangement as the Liquor Commission deems appropriate. The Permittee shall submit a plan for food service with its application.

F. Hours of Operation

The hours during which sales of malt beverages may be made under any license issued in accordance with G.L. c.138 §12, §14, or §19C shall be as set forth by the Commission but in no event shall the hours exceed the following: Sunday 11:00a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; Monday through Wednesday - 11:00a.m. to 11:00p.m.; Thursday through Saturday– 11:00a.m. to 12:00a.m.. The hours during which sales of alcoholic beverages may be made under any license issued in accordance with G.L. c.138, §15 shall be from 10:00a.m. – 10:00p.m., Monday through Saturday, and from 1:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. on Sunday.

G. License Fee

The annual fee for licenses issued pursuant to these regulations for a Farmer Series Pouring Permit shall be \$1,500 annually.