

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

REGARDING LIQUOR LICENSES

Does New Hope have any on-sale intoxicating licenses available?	Yes, New Hope has no cap on the number of on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses. The maximum number of on-sale intoxicating liquor, wine, or 3.2 percent malt liquor licenses which may be issued by the city is determined by MS 340A.413. Restaurant seating for intoxicating liquor must be at least 30 (or 25 for wine). The sale of intoxicating liquor, wine, or 3.2 percent malt beverages shall not exceed 50 percent of the restaurant's gross yearly sales.
Does New Hope have any off-sale intoxicating licenses available?	No. Code permits a maximum of four licenses and all four are issued. The current license holders are: Hy-Vee Wine & Spirits. New Hope Liquors Viking Liquor, Wine & Tobacco Winnetka Liquors
Does the city allow brewery taproom and microdistillery cocktail licenses?	Yes, subject to approval of a conditional use permit. Contact the Community Development Department at 763-531-5110.
Does the city allow temporary licenses?	Temporary 3.2 percent malt liquor on-sale licenses or temporary on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses in connection with a social event within the city sponsored by the licensee may be issued to: 1) a club or a charitable, religious, or other nonprofit organization in existence for at least three years 2) a political committee registered under MS 10A.14 3) a state university 4) a brewer who manufactures fewer than 3,500 barrels of malt liquor in a year and/or a microdistillery. (refer to MS 340A.404).
What are the fees?	Fees vary depending on license type. Fees can be found on the city's website: www.newhopemn.gov .
Can a restaurant operation sell strong beer?	An on-sale wine licensee who is also licensed for on-sale 3.2% malt liquor and whose gross receipts are at least 50% attributable to the sale of food may sell intoxicating malt liquor without any additional licenses.
Where can liquor businesses be located?	Call the Building Official at 763-531-5122 to inquire of the zoning classification for the proposed business location and whether the business operation would be an allowed use.
Can I obtain a caterer's permit?	To obtain a Caterer's Permit, the applicant must currently hold a valid retail on-sale intoxicating liquor license at a restaurant. The state handles the caterer's permit, and the fee is \$300.