

# AGENDA ITEM – 3D



## MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** January 12, 2026

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers  
Jessica Jagoe, City Administrator

**FROM:** Julie Hanson, Assistant to the City Administrator/City Clerk

**SUBJECT:** City Code related to Alcohol in City Park Discussion

Budgeted Amount:	Actual Amount:	Funding Source:
N/A	N/A	N/A

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### **For Council Consideration**

- The Council should discuss and provide direction on potentially amending City Code to allow alcohol consumption in one or more City park.

### **Background**

The City of Arden Hills currently does not allow alcohol consumption in our parks. City Code Chapter 7, Section 720, Subsection 720.06, Subd. 10 states “Alcoholic and Intoxicating Beverages. No person shall transport, possess, offer for sale, consume or be under the influence of any alcoholic or intoxicating beverages in any open space site”.

Staff is requesting that the Council discuss and provide direction on:

- Does the Council support amending City Code to allow alcohol consumption in a City park?
  - The Council could consider allowing alcohol consumption at one specific park or at certain parks only.

The Council may also consider the following:

- If the Council supports an amendment to allow alcohol consumption in one or more City park, the Council can amend City Code again at any time to change or even revoke this provision.
  - The Council can determine if/when it wishes to revisit this topic at a future date certain (in the fall, the end of this year, etc.). Please note if Council approves an amendment to allow such, Staff will report back to the Council in the event any issues arise following adoption and implementation.

Should the Council wish to move forward with an amendment to allow alcohol consumption at one or more City park, Staff will work with the City Attorney and bring forward an ordinance amendment at a future meeting.

**Attachments**

N/A