

February 18, 2026
License

ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. Section 4-5-010 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by deleting the struck-through language and by inserting the underscored language, as follows:

4-5-010 Establishment of license fees.

This chapter shall establish fees for various licenses created by this title unless otherwise provided. The following fees shall apply for the specified licenses. The chapter in which each fee requirement is created is also provided. Unless otherwise stated, fees shall be assessed every two years. For every license application which includes fingerprinting of the applicant as part of the application process, a fingerprint fee sufficient to cover the cost of processing fingerprints will be assessed in addition to the below fees. The fingerprint fee will be assessed regardless of whether the license applied for is issued or denied. The amount of the fee will be set forth by regulation promulgated by the Commissioner of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection.

A non-refundable online license application fee in the amount of \$25.00 must be paid to the City at the time of initial submission of any online application for a new business license under this chapter. A non-refundable credit equal to the online license application fee paid by the applicant will be applied towards the applicable license fee under this chapter. The balance of the license fee required by this section must be paid to the City before the applicable license may be issued. A license is not valid until all fees required by this chapter have been paid to the City. The Commissioner is authorized to establish rules based on operational requirements for license approval that limit the types of online license applications subject to the online license application fee established by this paragraph.

(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

(21)	<u>Special club (4-388)</u>	<u>\$4,400.00</u>
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(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

SECTION 2. Section 4-388-010 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by deleting the struck-through language and by inserting the underscored language, as follows:

4-388-010 Definitions.

Whenever used in this chapter the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

(k) "Wrigley Field production" means an event held at Wrigley Field anticipated to have an attendance that exceeds 12,500 people, said attendance to be determined by the owner or

operator of Wrigley Field, or a promoter of the event to be held at Wrigley Field.

(l) "Private event day" means a day that is not a day that is (i) not a game day nor a day that has a Wrigley Field production and (ii) that a private event, as that term is defined in Section 4-156-800(g), but excluding the indoor requirement, is held.

SECTION 3. Section 4-388-040 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. Section 4-388-050 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by deleting the struck-through language and by inserting the underscored language, as follows:

4-388-050 Special club license – Application – Contents.

Application for a special club license shall be made in writing on a form provided by the commissioner, and signed under oath by the applicant. If the applicant is a corporation, a duly authorized agent shall sign the application. If the owner is a partnership, the application shall be signed by the partners. The application shall set forth the location and a description of the property used or intended for use by the special club licensee, indicating the seating capacity and rooftop location, and shall contain the following information:

(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

(d) any such other information as may be required by the ~~commissioner~~
Commissioner; and

(e) ~~\$1,000.00 special club license fee; and~~

(f) a statement from an engineer that complies with the requirements of Section 4-388-210 of this chapter; provided that this statement shall only be required for initial license applications, and shall not be required for renewals or transfers of special club licenses, except as provided in Section 4-388-070(c).

(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

SECTION 5. Section 4-388-120 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by deleting the struck-through language and by inserting the underscored language, as follows:

4-388-120 Days and hours of operation.

(a) Rooftops in the Wrigley Field Adjacent Area may be open for business only on:

(1) game days, and

(2) on days with a Wrigley Field production, and

(3) private event days.

(b) Patronage of the rooftops may be for exclusive invitees only;

(c) Private event days.

(1) A rooftop may be open for business a maximum of 25 private event days per calendar year.

(2) Only one private event may take place on a calendar day.

(3) The licensee shall email notice of the private event days to the alderman of the ward and to the Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection at least 30 days prior to the first private event day in a calendar year and, if all 25 private event days are not designated at that time, then no later than 30 days prior to the previously undisclosed private event day.

(d) The rooftops may only be open from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Provided, however,

(e) Alcoholic liquor.

(1) On game days and on days with a Wrigley Field production, alcoholic liquor may be served beginning two (2) hours prior to the scheduled start of the game or event, and closing no more than one (1) hour after completion of the game or event.

(2) On private event days, alcoholic liquor may be served from 11:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. and may only be served in conjunction with the private event.

(3) However, regardless of the scheduled start time or of completion of the game, Wrigley Field production, or on a non-game day or day without a Wrigley Field production, alcoholic liquor may not be served on rooftops by a special club licensee after 11:00 p.m. from Sunday through Thursday, after 11:59 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and prior to 11:00 a.m. Sunday.

(f) This Section 4-388-120 shall sunset of its own accord without further action of the City Council on December 31, 2027.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon passage and publication.


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