

Public Safety Committee Agenda

There will be a meeting of the City of Cumberland Public Safety Committee on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 10:00 AM at the Cumberland City Hall to consider the following agenda.

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Discussion and possible action relating to approval of May 20, 2026, Public Safety Committee meeting minutes
3. Discussion and possible action relating to Flock cameras
4. Discussion and possible action relating to open containers and outdoor consumption of alcohol
5. Chief and staff update
6. Adjourn

Arlene Frisinger, Clerk
City of Cumberland

*It is possible that a quorum of the Common Council may attend this meeting. This constitutes a meeting of the Common Council and must be noticed as such, although the Common Council will not take any formal actions at this meeting.

Public Safety Committee

May 20, 2026

The Public Safety Committee of the City of Cumberland met on Wednesday, May 20, 2025, 10:00 A.M., at the Cumberland City Hall, 950 1st Avenue.

Mayor Shoemaker called the Public Safety Committee to order at 10:00 am at City Hall. The meeting was properly advertised, and all interested parties were notified.

The committee members present were Mayor Shoemaker, Anderson, Schullo and Laursen. Others present were Chief Wolfe, Arlene Frisinger, and Randy Reeg.

A motion was made by Laursen, seconded by Schullo, to approve February 18, 2026, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding Flock cameras. No action was taken at this time. Chief Wolfe will bring a presentation regarding the benefits for the city to the June meeting.

A motion was made by Laursen, seconded by Schullo, to recommend the bids for the Police Department training/shooting range go to the finance committee. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding the control of beavers by authorized staff will be brought back to the June meeting.

Discussion regarding open containers and outdoor consumption of alcohol. This will be brought back to the June meeting.

A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Laursen, to recommend to council Ordinance 2026-816 Bowhunting Ordinance. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Schullo, seconded by Laursen, to adjourn at 11:04 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Arlene Frisinger, Clerk

City of Cumberland

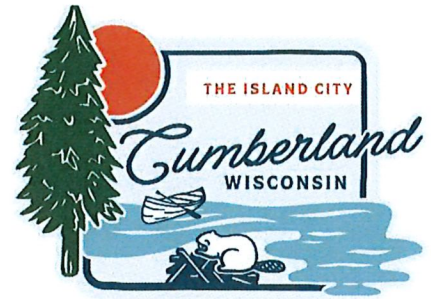
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June 19, 2026

TO: Mayor Shoemaker Public Safety Committee
FROM: Randy Reeg, City Administrator
RE: Possible Fixes for Outdoor Alcohol Ordinances

Here is some very preliminary draft language for some possible ordinance amendments to address the outdoor alcohol issues we discussed at our last meeting:

Creating Outdoor Beverage Event Districts:

Proposed Amendment to §12.03(8)

(a) Outdoor Beverage Event District Exception.

The prohibitions contained in this subsection shall not apply to the possession or consumption of fermented malt beverages or intoxicating liquor by persons within an Outdoor Beverage Event District lawfully established pursuant to Section 12.03(16), provided such possession and consumption complies with all conditions established by the Common Council and the requirements of this section.

Proposed New Section 12.03(16)

12.03(16) OUTDOOR BEVERAGE EVENT DISTRICTS.

(a) Purpose.

The purpose of this subsection is to promote community events, tourism, downtown vitality, and economic development by authorizing the Common Council to establish temporary Outdoor Beverage Event Districts during approved special events while maintaining public health, safety, and welfare and ensuring compliance with Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 125.

(b) Authority.

The Common Council may, by resolution, establish one or more Outdoor Beverage Event Districts for a specified special event.

Each resolution shall identify:

1. The event name.
2. The district boundaries.
3. Dates and hours of operation.
4. Any special operational conditions.
5. Any additional restrictions deemed necessary for public safety.

(c) Prerequisite Approval.

No Outdoor Beverage Event District may be established unless:

1. The event has received all required City approvals and permits;
2. Any required Right-of-Way Permit or Street Closure Permit has been approved;
3. All required Wisconsin alcohol beverage licenses have been issued.

(d) Permitted Activities.

During the dates and hours established by Council resolution, persons may possess and consume fermented malt beverages and intoxicating liquor within the designated Outdoor Beverage Event District subject to the conditions established by this subsection and the approving resolution. Nothing herein authorizes the sale of alcoholic beverages except as permitted under Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 125.

(e) Boundaries.

Outdoor Beverage Event Districts shall be clearly identified by maps, barricades, signage, fencing, or other methods approved by the City.

No alcoholic beverage may be removed beyond the boundaries of the approved district.

(f) Hours.

Possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages within an Outdoor Beverage Event District shall only be permitted during the hours established by the approving resolution.

At the conclusion of the approved hours, all beverages shall be removed from public property or otherwise disposed of.

(g) Containers.

Unless otherwise approved by the Common Council:

1. No glass containers shall be permitted within an Outdoor Beverage Event District.
2. Alcoholic beverages shall be carried only in disposable cups or other containers approved by the City.
3. The Common Council may establish additional container requirements by resolution.

(h) Public Safety.

The City Administrator, Chief of Police, Fire Chief, or their designees may impose reasonable operational restrictions during an event whenever necessary to protect public health, safety, or welfare.

Such restrictions may include temporary suspension of beverage service, modification of district boundaries, or early termination of the Outdoor Beverage Event District.

(i) Event Responsibilities.

The event organizer shall remain responsible for:

1. Maintaining the district in a clean and sanitary condition.
2. Providing adequate refuse and recycling containers.
3. Coordinating with emergency services.

4. Restoring all public property following the event.
5. Compliance with all conditions imposed by the City.

(j) Violations.

Violation of this subsection or any condition established by the approving resolution shall constitute a violation of this Code and may result in:

1. Issuance of municipal citations.
2. Immediate removal from the district.
3. Suspension or termination of the Outdoor Beverage Event District.
4. Denial of future Outdoor Beverage Event District approvals.

These remedies shall be in addition to any penalties available under Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 125.

(k) Administration.

The City Administrator shall administer this subsection and may adopt administrative forms and procedures necessary to implement the requirements of this section, provided such procedures are consistent with this Code and any resolutions adopted by the Common Council.

(l) Relationship to Wisconsin Law.

Nothing contained in this subsection shall:

1. Authorize the sale or furnishing of alcoholic beverages in violation of Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 125;
2. Modify any alcohol beverage license issued under state law;
3. Limit the authority of law enforcement officers to enforce Wisconsin law or this Code.

Authorization to extend Central Business District (C-2) activities onto public space:

Section 17.30(3)(e) Outdoor Dining Areas.

Outdoor dining areas accessory to a permitted restaurant, café, tavern, bar, bakery, coffee shop, delicatessen, or similar food or beverage establishment, including patios, courtyards, rooftop seating areas, sidewalk cafés, and similar facilities, provided all applicable building, fire, health, and alcohol beverage regulations are satisfied.

Section 17.30(3)(f) Outdoor Retail Display.

Outdoor display of merchandise customarily offered for sale within the principal establishment, including seasonal displays, sidewalk sales, promotional merchandise, produce, flowers, and similar retail activities, provided a safe and unobstructed pedestrian way is maintained and any required permits for the use of public property have been obtained.

Section 17.30(3)(g) Outdoor Commercial Gathering Areas.

Outdoor seating areas, gathering spaces, entertainment areas, and similar amenities accessory to a permitted commercial use, including outdoor food and beverage consumption areas, live music, temporary performances, and community gathering spaces, subject to all applicable City ordinances governing noise, alcohol beverages, special events, and use of public rights-of-way.

Section 17.30(4)(j) Outdoor Commercial Spaces on Public Property

Outdoor Commercial Spaces occupying any portion of a public sidewalk, terrace, street, public plaza, alley, or other public property in conjunction with a permitted commercial use, subject to the requirements of Section 17.30(6).

17.30(6) ANNUAL OUTDOOR COMMERCIAL SPACE CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS.

(a) Purpose.

The purpose of this section is to encourage pedestrian-oriented commercial activity within the Central Business District by allowing businesses to utilize adjacent public spaces for outdoor dining, beverage service, retail display, customer seating, and similar activities while protecting public safety, pedestrian circulation, accessibility, municipal infrastructure, and the public interest.

(b) Applicability.

This section applies only to commercial establishments located within the C-2 Central Business District proposing to occupy or utilize public property as part of their business operations. Nothing in this section authorizes the permanent private use of public property.

(c) Conditional Use Permit Required.

No outdoor commercial space shall occupy any public sidewalk, terrace, street, public plaza, alley, parking lane, or other public property without first obtaining an Annual Outdoor Commercial Space Conditional Use Permit approved by the Common Council following recommendation of the Plan Commission.

(d) Permit Duration.

The Conditional Use Permit shall expire on December 31 of each calendar year unless renewed. The permit shall not run with the land.

The permit is personal to the business operating under the approval and shall automatically terminate upon:

1. expiration;
2. discontinuance of the business;
3. transfer of ownership;
4. change in business use;
5. revocation by the Common Council.

(e) Renewal.

An Annual Outdoor Commercial Space Conditional Use Permit may be renewed administratively by the City Administrator for successive one-year periods provided:

1. The business remains substantially unchanged;
2. The approved outdoor area is not expanded;
3. No significant violations of permit conditions have occurred;
4. All required permits have remained in good standing;
5. The City Administrator finds continued compliance with this Chapter.

The City Administrator may refer any renewal to the Plan Commission whenever significant changes are proposed or repeated violations have occurred.

(f) Required Findings.

Prior to approval, the Plan Commission shall find that the proposed outdoor commercial space:

1. Is compatible with surrounding uses.
2. Enhances the pedestrian character of downtown.
3. Maintains a safe, continuous pedestrian travel corridor.
4. Does not interfere with emergency access.
5. Does not obstruct public utilities or drainage facilities.
6. Preserves adequate sight distance for motorists and pedestrians.

7. Does not create unreasonable noise, congestion, or public nuisance conditions.
8. Is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the purposes of the C-2 District.

(g) Operational Standards.

Outdoor commercial spaces shall:

1. Maintain a continuous unobstructed pedestrian route of not less than six (4) feet in width, or such greater width as determined by the City Administrator.
2. Be maintained in a clean and orderly condition.
3. Be limited to the area approved by the City.
4. Comply with all applicable Building, Fire, Health, Alcohol Beverage, and Accessibility regulations.
5. Remove all furniture and equipment when required by the City for maintenance, snow removal, utility work, emergencies, or special events.

(h) Right-of-Way Permit Required.

Issuance of an Annual Outdoor Commercial Space Conditional Use Permit does not authorize occupancy of public property.

Prior to each operating season, the permit holder shall obtain all required Right-of-Way Use Permits, Street Occupancy Permits, Outdoor Beverage Event District approvals, and other permits required by the City.

The City Administrator may impose reasonable operational conditions through such permits, including but not limited to:

1. Hours of operation;
2. Furniture placement;
3. Barriers and railings;
4. Planters;
5. Lighting;
6. Signage;
7. Outdoor music;
8. Seasonal dates of operation;
9. Snow removal requirements;
10. Utility access requirements.

(i) Temporary Suspension.

The City Administrator, Chief of Police, Fire Chief, or Director of Public Works may temporarily suspend operation of any outdoor commercial space whenever necessary to protect public safety, facilitate public works projects, accommodate special events, or respond to emergency conditions.

(j) Revocation.

Following notice and an opportunity to be heard, the Common Council may revoke an Annual Outdoor Commercial Space Conditional Use Permit upon finding that:

1. Permit conditions have been violated.
2. The operation has become detrimental to the public interest.
3. Required permits have not been maintained.
4. Public property has been damaged.
5. The use no longer satisfies the standards of this section.

(k) Relationship to Other Ordinances.

Nothing contained herein shall:

1. Convey any property interest in public property;
2. Eliminate the requirement to obtain other permits required by City ordinance;
3. Authorize alcoholic beverage sales or consumption except as permitted by Chapter 12 and Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 125;
4. Limit the City's authority to regulate use of its streets, sidewalks, parks, or other public property.