

**AN ORDINANCE INCREASING BY ONE THE NUMBER OF
AVAILABLE SMOKING LOUNGE LICENSES IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THE SPECIAL USE PERMIT GRANTED UNDER ORDINANCE NO. 25-32
(Almajaz Corporation aka Mazaji Lounge – 5540 New Wilke Road)**

WHEREAS, the City of Rolling Meadows is a home rule municipality in accordance with Article VII, Section 6 of the Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970 and has the authority to exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs; and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted a licensing scheme and regulations that apply to tobacco and industrial hemp dealers in Division 2 (“Tobacco and Industrial Hemp Dealers”) of Article II (“Merchants”) of Chapter 22 (“Businesses”) of the Rolling Meadows Municipal Code (“**Tobacco Regulations**”); and

WHEREAS, the Tobacco Regulations define as a “Smoking Lounge” those commercial establishments where tobacco and industrial hemp products are used by persons on the premises, which Smoking Lounges are subject to a special licensing program including a numerical limit that applies throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, following a public hearing conducted before the City’s Planning and Zoning Commission, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 25-32 which granted a special use permit for a “smoking lounge” use to Almajaz Corporation in order to operate a hookah lounge to be known as “Mazaji Lounge” at the property known as 5540 New Wilke Road; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the granting of the special use permit under Ordinance No. 25-32, the restriction on the number of available licenses under the Smoking Lounge classification, as set forth in Section 22-108 of the Tobacco Regulations, must be increased by one; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities of the City of Rolling Meadows have determined that it would be in the best interest of the City to amend Section 22-108 of the Tobacco Regulations as set forth in this Ordinance in order to increase by one the number of available licenses under the Smoking Lounge classification in accordance with the granting of the special use permit under Ordinance No. 25-32.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Rolling Meadows, Illinois:

Section 1: Recitals. The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein by reference as the findings of the Corporate Authorities.

Section 2: Amendment to Section 22-108. Section 22-108 (“Restriction upon number and location of licenses”) of Division 2 (“Tobacco and Industrial Hemp Dealers”) of Article II (“Merchants”) of Chapter 22 (“Businesses”) is hereby amended to increase the number of available Smoking Lounge licenses as follows [additions are **bold and double-underlined**; deletions are struck through]:

"Sec. 22-108. Restriction upon number and location of licenses.

- (a) *Class and number.* The total number and classification of licenses to be issued by the City pursuant to this Division 2 shall be, unless otherwise changed by action of the City Council:

License Class	Number Authorized
Accessory Retailer	-No limit applies-
Specialty Shop	6
Smoking Lounge	0 1

If any license of any class subject to a numeric limit is not renewed or the license is surrendered, canceled, revoked, suspended, or otherwise terminated, such license shall be rescinded and not be restored, and the total number of licenses of that class to be issued by the City shall be reduced accordingly without further action.

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Section 3: Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or part thereof is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect, and shall be interpreted, applied, and enforced so as to achieve, as near as may be, the purpose and intent of this Ordinance to the greatest extent permitted by applicable law.

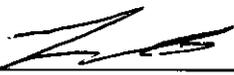
Section 4: Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form in the manner provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of Rolling Meadows, Cook County, Illinois this 9th day of September, 2025.

AYES: Vinezeano, Reyez, McHale, O'Brien

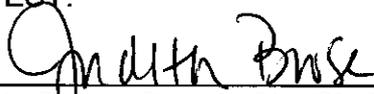
NAYS: Boucher, Koehler, Budmats

ABSENT: 0



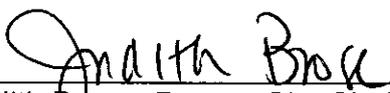
Lara Sanoica, Mayor

ATTEST:



Judith Brose, Deputy City Clerk

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