

CITY OF BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE #761H

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE INDOOR COMMERCIAL ENTERTAINMENT (BAR WITH VIDEO GAMING) WITHIN THE NB, NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT (717 NORTH STATE STREET)

PASSED AND ADOPTED

BY THE CITY COUNCIL

OF THE CITY OF

BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS

ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2026.

APPROVED BY THE

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF

BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS

ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2026.

Published in Pamphlet Form this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.

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**WHEREAS**, The City of Belvidere has adopted Chapter 150, Zoning Ordinance in accordance with the provisions of Illinois Compiled Statutes to regulate the use of land and to specify the minimum requirements for improvements on land in the City of Belvidere; and

**WHEREAS**, Special Uses are certain municipal or private uses that due to their physical or operational characteristics may pose a threat to the value, use and enjoyment of adjoining property; are reviewed on a case by case basis; and are permitted only by permission of the Belvidere City Council; and,

**WHEREAS**, The applicant and property owner, Gurinder Kullar, 9720 Grimley Street, Huntley, IL 60142 has petitioned the City for a Special Use to permit indoor commercial entertainment to operate a bar with video gaming at 717 North State Street; and

**WHEREAS**, after due notice by publication pursuant to the Illinois State Statutes, the City of Belvidere Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on April 14, 2026 concerning the proposed Special Use; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Belvidere Planning and Zoning Commission having examined the application and having considered the evidence, both oral and documentary and being fully advised about the premises did make findings of fact and a recommendation; and,

**WHEREAS**, the corporate authorities of the City considered the findings of fact and concur with the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELVIDERE, BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein by this reference.

**Section 2.** That a Special Use in the NB, Neighborhood Business District for indoor commercial entertainment (bar with video gaming) on the property depicted in Attachment A and legally described as:

Lot Five (5) and the Northwesterly 3/4ths of Lot Six (6) in Block Fifty-two (52) in the Original Town of Belvidere, situated in the County of Boone and the State of Illinois. PIN: 05-26-257-001.

is hereby approved, subject to the following conditions:

1. The special use shall be developed in substantial conformance with the site plan submitted with the application unless otherwise noted. (Attachment B)
2. Indoor commercial entertainment land uses such as alcohol consumption and video gaming may only operate within the designated gaming machine area shown on the site plan.
3. The gaming area shall have a solid wall-like barrier, a minimum of four-feet in height and only be accessible by a designated entrance.
4. The indoor commercial entertainment land use shall be limited to a maximum of five video game machines or the 17'x7' designated area, whichever is less.
5. A curbed landscape island shall be installed at the southwest corner of the property, identical in size to the existing curbed landscape island located at the northwest corner of the property in order to ensure proper setback of parking for site distance along North State Street and to define the drive aisle for the three new parking stalls shown along the southerly property line.
6. A total of six parking stalls shall be striped in compliance with the Belvidere Zoning Ordinance. There shall be no obstructions to these parking stalls such as raised concrete or damaged asphalt.
7. Compliance with the requirements of the Boone County Health Department. A food service permit for the property is required for the on-site consumption of alcohol.
8. Architectural stamped drawings showing compliance with building codes, fire codes, health codes, ADA codes, etc. shall be submitted for review and approval prior to the issuance of any permits. The drawings must demonstrate but are not limited to: distances between interior finished walls and all equipment within the facility and must demonstrate compliant egress widths and travel paths in all affected corridors.
9. Prior to the installation and operation of the video gaming machines, all conditions of approval must be met and/or installed to the satisfaction of city staff.
10. The special use shall be in compliance with all other applicable codes and ordinances.

**Section 3.** That the premises shall be used in accordance with and subject to the applicable provisions of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Belvidere and shall not be used except as may otherwise be expressly authorized by the applicable law and the special use.

**Section 4.** That acceptance of any of the benefits of this Special Use shall be deemed acceptance of all the terms and conditions set forth herein.

**Section 5.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 6.** If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, sentence or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, invalidate or nullify the remainder thereof, which remainder shall remain and continue in full force and effect.

**Section 7.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

**PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Belvidere this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

**APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Belvidere this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

  
Clinton Morris, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Erica Bluege, City Clerk

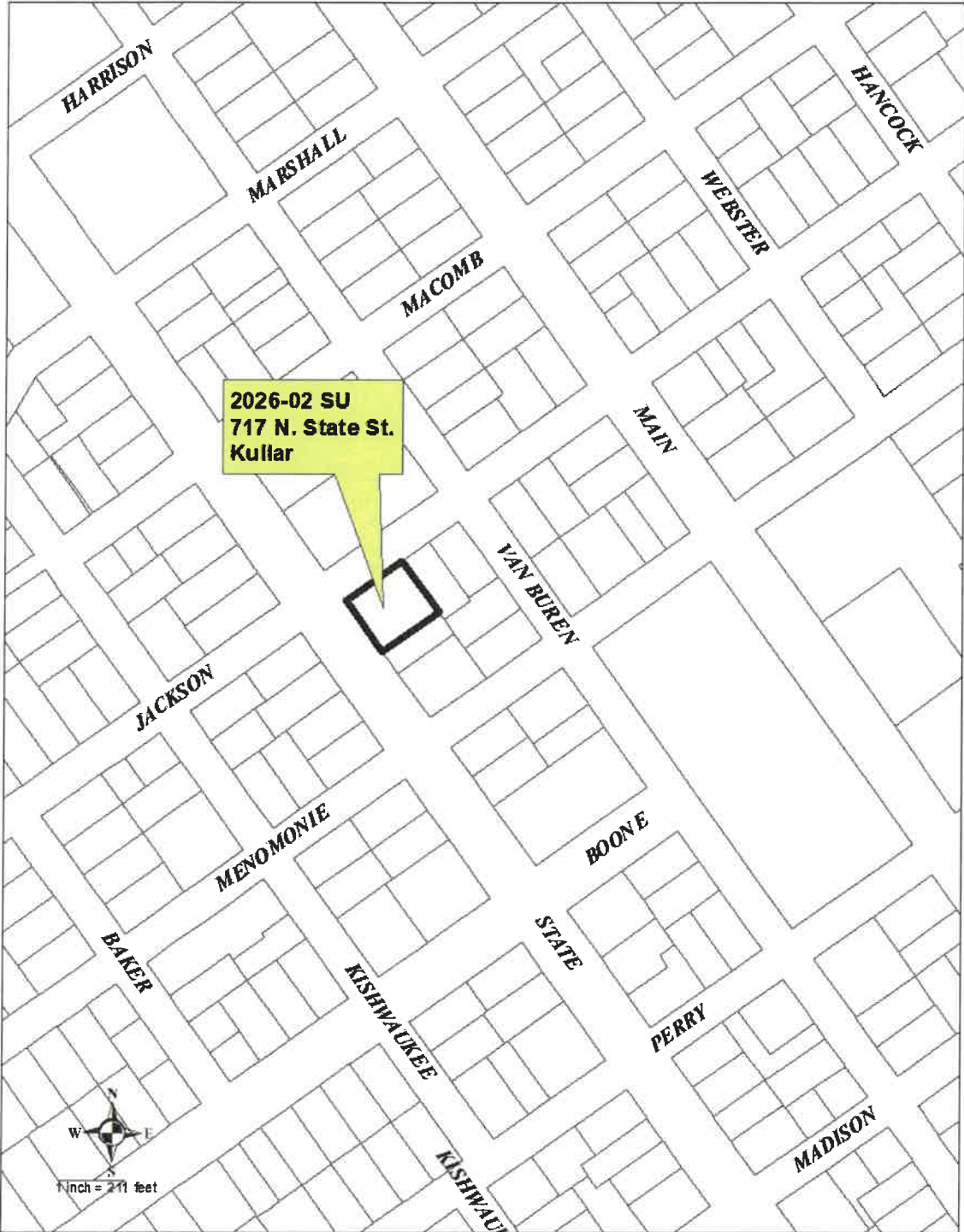
Ayes: 8 Nays: 2 Absent: 0

City Council Members Voting Aye: Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski and McGee.

City Council Members Voting Nay: Montalbano and Hoiness.

Date Published: May 5, 2026

# ATTACHMENT A





**AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF ILLINOIS        )  
  )  
COUNTY OF BOONE        )

Erica Bluege, first being duly sworn on oath deposes and says as follows:

By authority of the City Council of the City of Belvidere, Illinois, I published Ordinance #761H of the City of Belvidere, Illinois, in pamphlet form on May 5, 2026, and as a convenience for the public; I posted the pamphlet form of Ordinance #761H on the bulletin board in the lobby of Belvidere City Hall at 401 Whitney Blvd., Belvidere, Illinois; said location being readily accessible to the public during business hours of the City Clerk's office.

*Erica Bluege*  
Erica Bluege  
City Clerk

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME  
this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

*Julissa Arreguin*  
Notary Public

