

**VILLAGE OF LOMBARD  
REQUEST FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACTION**

  X   Resolution or Ordinance (Blue) Waiver of First requested   X    
      Recommendations of Boards, Commissions & Committees (Green)  
      Other Business (Pink)

TO: PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: Scott R. Niehaus, Village Manager

DATE: September 5, 2025 (B of T) Date: September 18, 2025

TITLE: 23 W. Maple Street – Lombard Historical Society  
Special Event – Murder Mystery Night

SUBMITTED BY: Sheila York  
Business Administrator  
Deputy Village Clerk

**BACKGROUND/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Attached for your consideration is an ordinance amending Title XI, Chapter 112, Section 112.18(B) of the Lombard Village Code in regard to alcoholic beverages, providing for the sale and consumption of beer in connection with a temporary special event known as Murder Mystery Night on September 27, 2025.

Staff is requesting a waiver of first reading due to the current time constraints.

Please place this item on September 18, 2025, Board of Trustees agenda for approval.

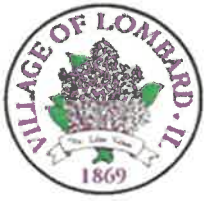
**FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:**

Review (as necessary):

Village Attorney \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Finance Director \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Village Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Scott Niehaus, Village Manager

**FROM:** Sheila York, Business Administrator

**DATE:** September 8, 2025

**SUBJECT:** **Title XI, Chapter 112, Section 112.18(B) of the Village Code – Alcoholic Beverages  
Lombard Historical Society – Murder Mystery Night**

The Lombard Historical Society (LHS) submitted the attached request to host their first Murder Mystery Night event, to be held on Saturday, September 27, 2025.

LHS is seeking to hold the event on the grounds of the Victorian Cottage and the Carriage House, at 23 W. Maple Street. The applicant wishes to offer a beer and wine station in an area roped off and under a tent between the Victorian Cottage and the Carriage House and will ensure that alcohol remains within the designated space for the event. The event is scheduled to take place between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

The event is immersive and interactive with a 1920's theme. Guests will interact with costumed performers and follow clues. The event will feature a licensed caterer serving heavy appetizers, and the guests will be able to mingle in a comfortable setting while listening to pre-recorded background music.

LHS will purchase the beer and wine in advance and will have trained staff and/or volunteers, who are at least 21 years of age to serve. Staff will check IDs at check-in to verify guests are 21 years and older before admittance to the event.

LHS has hosted several special events in the past with Class "J" liquor licenses. Past approvals were issued administratively given that alcohol consumption had been limited to parking areas previously under the ownership of the Helen Plum Library, not the Village of Lombard. Subsequently, the Village of Lombard has acquired the parking lot and LHS has expanded and moved their area of consumption to portions of the facility under Village ownership.

The current request is solely for the issuance of the temporary event liquor license. Final approvals for special event permitting, which would include security, permitting, traffic, emergency planning, and other logistics, would be under separate application to the Village and have yet to be approved. Accordingly, given that the approval requested here relates solely to the liquor license, the event will remain subject to application and final approval of all other necessary special event processes. Applicants are aware of and understand these conditions.

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Please place this item on September 18, 2025, Village Board agenda for approval of an amendment to Section 112.18(B) of the Lombard Village Code to provide for the 2025 Murder Myster Night event. A waiver of first reading is also requested.

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE XI, CHAPTER 112, SECTION 112.18(B)  
OF THE LOMBARD VILLAGE CODE IN REGARD TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES,  
PROVIDING FOR THE SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF BEER AND WINE  
IN CONNECTION WITH A TEMPORARY EVENT  
AT 23 WEST MAPLE STREET ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2025**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Lombard, DuPage County, Illinois, as follows:

**SECTION 1:** That Title XI, Chapter 112, Section 112.18(B) of the Lombard Village Code is hereby amended by adding a new subsection (5) thereto, effective, upon the adoption of this Ordinance through 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 27, 2025, which shall read in its entirety, as follows:

“(5) In light of the fact that the Lombard Historical Society, located at 23 W Maple Street, will be holding a temporary Murder Mystery Night event on September 27, 2025, between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m., the Lombard Historical Society shall be eligible for a Class “J” liquor license, for the sole purpose of selling beer and wine for consumption in a designated and secured area on the grounds between the Victorian Cottage and Carriage House and the Carriage House on Village Property, to be approved by the Village pursuant to the issuance of a temporary event permit under Chapter 110 of the Village Code. The liquor license to be issued under this subsection (5) may be issued by the Local Liquor Commissioner upon proper application to the Village, and satisfaction of all applicable requirements and conditions by the Lombard Historical Society. No liquor license shall be issued under this subsection (5) until such time as the Lombard Historical Society obtains the necessary temporary event permit under Chapter 110 of the Village Code and complies with all requirements and conditions thereof, including, without limitation, the insurance, bond and indemnification requirements of Chapter 110 for temporary events. In addition, if such liquor license is issued by the Local Liquor Commissioner under this subsection (5), the Lombard Historical Society shall, notwithstanding any other provisions of this Chapter 112, be subject to the following additional requirements:

- (a) The sale of beer and wine shall occur outdoors, but within a defined, rope-offed area of the Premises, in which the temporary event is taking place;
- (b) The sales and dispensing of beer in pitchers is prohibited;
- (c) No more than two (2) cups of beer or wine may be purchased by any person at the same time;

- (d) The Lombard Historical Society shall be responsible for the verification of age and;
- (e) Beer or wine, that is sold for consumption outside of the Premises, must be served in plastic cups with a capacity of no more than fourteen (14) ounces."

**SECTION 2:** That, effective at 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 27, 2025, Title XI, Chapter 112, Section 112.18(B)(5) of the Lombard Village Code, as set forth in Section 1 above, is hereby repealed, without need for any further action by the President and Board of Trustees.

**SECTION 3:** That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

Passed on first reading this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

First reading waived by action of the Board of Trustees this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025.

Passed on second reading this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Trustee LaVaque, Hammersmith, Dudek, Egan, Militello, and Bachner

ABSTAIN:

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

**APPROVED** by me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025.

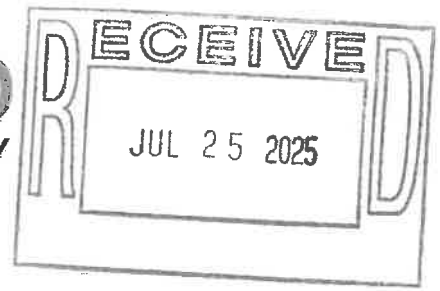
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Anthony Puccio, Village President

**ATTEST:**

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Ranya Elkhatib, Village Clerk

Published by me in pamphlet form on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025.

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Ranya Elkhatib  
Village Clerk



July 25, 2025

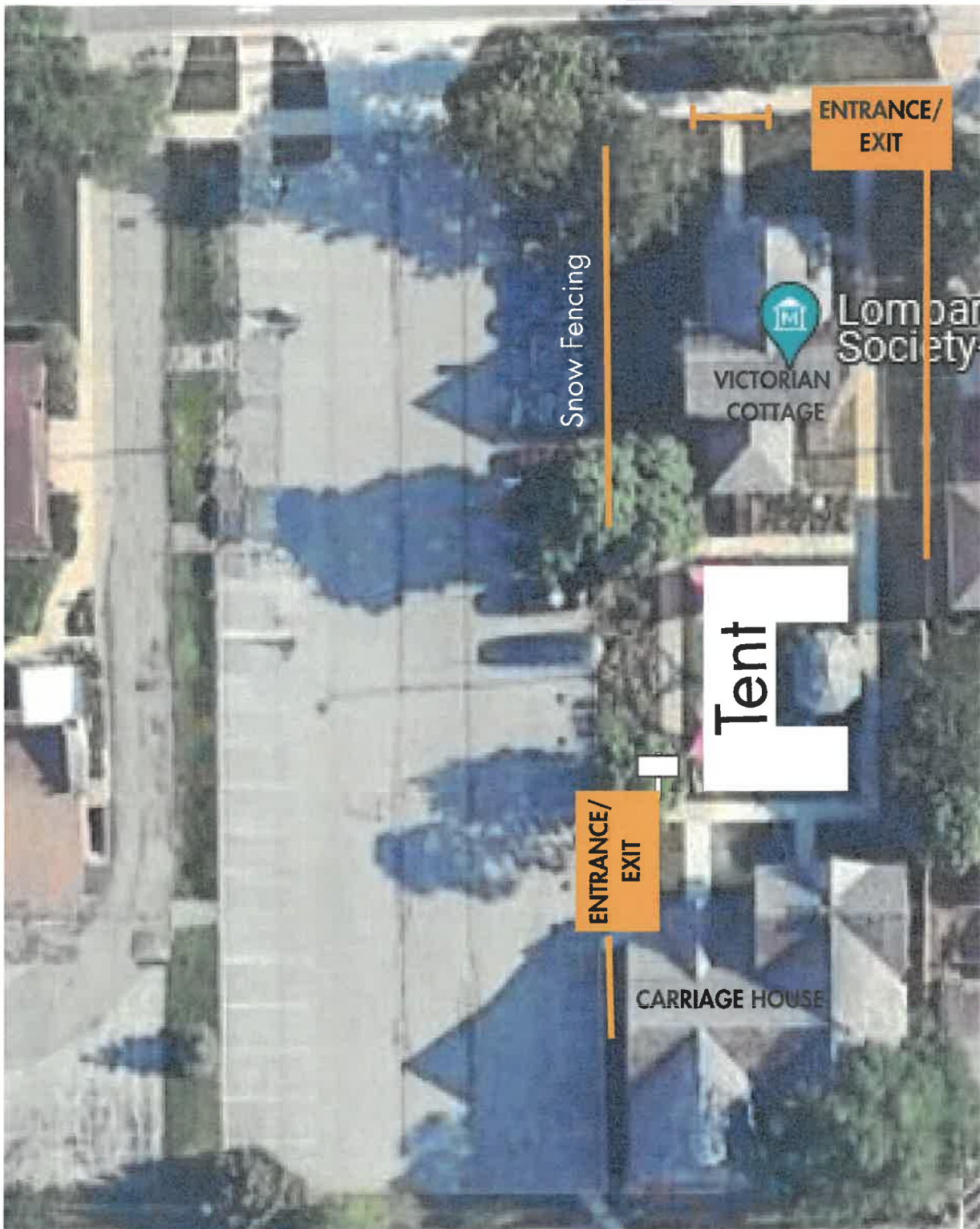
On September 27, 2025, the Lombard Historical Society, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, will be hosting a 1920s-themed Murder Mystery Night from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM as a fundraiser in support of our mission to preserve and share the rich history of Lombard. This immersive, interactive event will take place on the grounds of our Victorian Cottage and Carriage House, located at 23 W. Maple Street.

As part of the experience, we plan to offer a beer and wine station within the event area. To do so, we respectfully request the necessary Class J Liquor Permit. Guests will receive two drink tickets with their admission and may purchase additional tickets on-site. IDs will be checked at check-in, and attendees will be given wristbands to indicate they are 21 or older.

The Lombard Historical Society will purchase the alcohol in advance, and all service will be conducted by Basset-certified staff and volunteers. The alcohol service area will be contained within a roped-off portion of the property, with clearly posted signage stating that alcohol may not be carried beyond the designated event boundaries. The main entrance/exit off of Maple Street will be monitored by volunteers to assist with guest check-in and to ensure compliance with alcohol restrictions.

We appreciate your consideration of our request and your continued support of community-centered events in Lombard.

Alison Costanzo  
Executive Director



MURDER MYSTERY LAYOUT 2025