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CITY COUNCIL PASSES ORDINANCE TO STANDARDIZE RULES CONCERNING ALCOHOL IN NAVY PIER’S INDOOR AND OUTDOOR AREAS

Ordinance aligns indoor alcohol policies with existing outdoor policies at Navy Pier

In anticipation of Navy Pier's busier summer season, City Council today passed an ordinance that allows people who purchase an alcoholic beverage from a licensed vendor at Navy Pier to be able to carry that drink throughout the Pier’s indoor areas, aligning with the current policy already allowing people who purchase alcoholic beverages at the pier to carry and consume those beverages outdoors. This ordinance also allows for indoor consumption of alcoholic beverages in specially marked, disposable cups provided by the vendor.

The ordinance also ensures that persons who board or disembark from a vessel that is docked at Navy Pier will be allowed to bring unopened liquor on or off their vessel without violating the ordinance, which makes it illegal for persons to bring or consume alcoholic liquor at Navy Pier that was not purchased there, or to enter or leave Navy Pier with open containers of alcohol. Open containers of alcohol are still not allowed in Navy Pier parking garages or in any prohibited area designated with signage by the McPier Authority. This ordinance allows the City to take enforcement action against people who violate these requirements.

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