

**IN THE CITY OF APPLETON,
OUTAGAMIE COUNTY, STATE OF
WISCONSIN, BEFORE THE
SAFETY AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

IN RE THE ALCOHOL LICENSE OF TANDEM WINE AND BEER, LLC

d/b/a Tandem
101 West Edison Avenue
Appleton, WI 54915

**REPORT OF THE SAFETY AND LICENSING COMMITTEE
TO THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APPLETON**

The above matter came before the Safety and Licensing Committee of the Common Council of the City of Appleton on June 4, 2025, as a hearing on the refusal to renew the alcohol beverage license of Tandem Wine and Beer, LLC. A copy of this report shall be given to the licensee.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Tandem Wine and Beer, LLC ("Licensee"), doing business as Tandem, has a premises licensed by the City of Appleton for retail alcohol beverage sales located at 101 East Edison Avenue in the city of Appleton, Wisconsin.
2. Licensee was granted a Combination Retail License for Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverages and "Class B" Intoxicating Liquors for the 2024-25 alcohol licensing year.
3. On or about March 13, 2025, Licensee applied to renew the aforementioned Combination Retail License for the 2025-26 alcohol licensing year.
4. The application identifies Karter Thompson as agent and George Koenig as owner.
5. George Koenig was convicted of the following three (3) intoxicated driving offenses:

- a. On or about March 10, 2025, George Koenig was convicted of Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Prohibited Alcohol Concentration as a third offense.
 - b. On or about January 14, 2019, George Koenig was convicted of Operating a Motor Vehicle while Intoxicated as a second offense.
 - c. On or about July 12, 2017, George Koenig was convicted of Operating a Motor Vehicle while Intoxicated.
6. On June 4, 2025, George Koenig was provided an opportunity to present evidence showing sufficient rehabilitation to the Safety and Licensing Committee.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

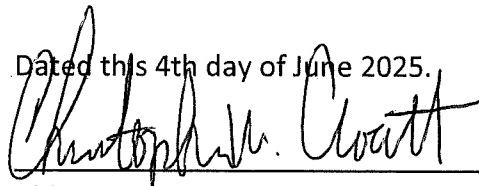
1. The Safety and Licensing Committee of the Common Council of the City of Appleton has proper jurisdiction to conduct a hearing for refusal to renew alcohol beverage licenses based on noncompliance with Wis. Stat. §§125.04 and 125.12.
2. The Safety and Licensing Committee concludes that the three (3) intoxicated driving convictions of George Koenig are / are not substantially related to the licensed business of the retail sale of alcohol beverages. *mc*
3. The Safety and Licensing Committee concludes that George Koenig has / has not showed competent evidence of sufficient rehabilitation. *mc*
4. The Safety and Licensing Committee concludes that Tandem Wine and Beer, LLC, does / does not meet the qualifications for licensure under Wis. Stat. §125.04 due to / despite the conviction record of its owner, George Koenig. *mc*

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RECOMMENDATION

Based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Safety and Licensing Committee recommends that the Common Council of the City of Appleton RENEW / REFUSE *anc*
TO RENEW the 2025-26 Combination Retail License for Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverages and "Class B" Intoxicating Liquors issued to Tandem Wine and Beer, LLC for the establishment known as the Tandem.

Dated this 4th day of June 2025.



Aldersperson Chris Croatt
Chairperson, Safety and Licensing
Committee