



MV VENTURES

Viking Lakes (Eagan) Event Center Liquor License Authorization SF 3341 (Carlson)

PROJECT

MV Ventures is planning the development of an indoor-outdoor, multi-use sports and event center at the Viking Lakes campus in Eagan near the Minnesota Vikings NFL training facility and Omni Viking Lakes Hotel. The event center is intended to be a premier venue for live entertainment programming, as well as corporate conventions and other business and leisure uses.

The facility will include a full-service kitchen and the ability to provide a variety of food and beverage offerings both inside the venue and at the outdoor event spaces.

REQUEST

The event center project is currently in the planning and design phase. The ability to obtain an on-sale liquor license is needed to move into the development phase of the project.

Per MN Statute, legislative approval is necessary before the City of Eagan may consider a liquor license application for a facility of this type.

HF 3336 / SF 3341 would grant Eagan that authority, allowing MV Ventures to seek local approval to offer on-sale liquor at the facility. MV Ventures worked collaboratively with the office of the Eagan City Attorney on this language.

HISTORY

A similar bill was approved in 2017, authorizing the City of Eagan to consider and approve on-sale liquor licenses for the Twin Cities Orthopedic Performance Center, headquarters of the Minnesota Vikings. A variety of events have been held at the complex since its completion, including Minnesota Vikings training camp, Winter Skolstice, and various community events. The new event center is expected to provide and expand similar opportunities for community and entertainment events.