



May 12, 2026 City Council Meeting

## Title

Consider a request for a Special Use Permit at 140 East Wolfe Street — Planning Commission and Adam Fletcher, Community Development

## Summary

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| Project name               | N/A  |
| Address/Location           | 140 East Wolfe Street  |
| Tax Map Parcels            | 34-N-7   |
| Total Land Area            | +/- 16,600   |
| Property Owner             | Mick or Mack LC  |
| Owner's Representative     | Virginia Moons LLC   |
| Present Zoning             | B-1, Central Business District   |
| Special Use Permit Request | To allow manufacturing, processing, and assembly operations per Section 10-3-85(1) |
| Planning Commission        | April 8, 2026 (Public Hearing)   |
| City Council               | May 12, 2026 (Public Hearing)  |

## Recommendation

Option 1. Staff and Planning Commission (5-0) recommend approval of the special use permit request with the suggested condition.

## Context & Analysis

The following land uses are located on and adjacent to the property:

Site: Vacant commercial building, zoned B-1

North: Commercial uses and across East Rock Street, mixed use building with multi-family dwellings, zoned B-1

East: Commercial uses, zoned B-1

South: Across East Wolfe Street, municipal parking lot and religious uses, zoned B-1

West: Private parking lot and restaurant uses, zoned B-1

The applicant is requesting a special use permit (SUP) per Section 10-3-85(1) to allow manufacturing, processing, and assembly operations, provided the use does not employ more than fifteen (15) persons on the premises in a single shift and that all storage and activities are conducted within a building in the B-1, Central Business District. The +/- 16,600-square-foot property is addressed as 140 East Wolfe Street and is identified as tax map parcel 34-N-7.

On August 8, 2025, the applicant submitted a building alteration permit request for interior modifications and a change of use from retail (formally Gamer Oasis) to a tavern and arcade at 140 East Wolfe Street. The applicant describes in their letter that “[t]he primary use of the premises will be a tavern and arcade-style entertaining venue offering food and beverage service along with recreational activities such as classic arcade games and community events.” The applicant plans to serve beer produced from their brewery location at 120 West Wolfe Street (Restless Moons Brewing) at this site. If the SUP request is approved, the applicant plans to operate a canning line to package beer produced at 120 West Wolfe Street. Beer brewed at 120 West Wolfe Street would be kegged, and then the kegged beer brought to 140 East Wolfe Street to be canned and packaged. Some of the canned beer would be served and sold on-site, and some would be returned to 120 West Wolfe Street for sale at that location. The canning and packaging line would operate in the rear portion of the building, as shown on their concept plan.

### *Land Use*

The Comprehensive Plan designates this site as Mixed Use and states:

The Mixed Use category includes both existing and proposed areas for mixed use. Mixed Use areas shown on the Land Use Guide map are intended to combine residential and non-residential uses in neighborhoods, where the different uses are finely mixed instead of separated. Mixed Use can take the form of a single building, a single parcel, a city block, or entire neighborhoods. Quality architectural design features and strategic placement of green spaces for large scale developments will ensure development compatibility of a mixed use neighborhood with the surrounding area. These areas are prime candidates for “live-work” and traditional neighborhood developments (TND). Live-work developments combine residential and commercial uses allowing people to both live and work in the same area. The scale and massing of buildings is an important consideration when developing in Mixed Use areas. Commercial uses would be expected to have an intensity equivalent to a Floor Area Ratio of at least 0.4, although the City does not measure commercial intensity in that way. Downtown is an existing area that exhibits and is planned to continue to contain a mix of land uses.

The downtown Mixed Use area often has no maximum residential density, however, development should take into consideration the services and resources that are available (such as off-street parking) and plan accordingly. Residential density in Mixed Use areas outside of downtown should be around 24 dwelling units per acre, and all types of residential units are permitted: single-family detached, single-family attached (duplexes and townhomes), and multi-family buildings. Large scale developments, which include multi-family buildings are encouraged to include single-family detached and/or attached dwellings.

The subject site is surrounded by a variety of established commercial, institutional, and residential uses, consistent with the Comprehensive Plan’s Mixed Use designation.

The applicant does not intend for the canning and packaging operations to be a large-scale industrial operation, and the special use permit limits the use to no more than 15 persons per shift. However, if the SUP is approved, the scale of operations could change over time or the property could be sold and other manufacturing, processing, and assembly operations could operate at this location. This could result in a more intensive industrial use and may increase truck traffic in the area that was not evaluated with this request. If the SUP is approved, staff recommends the following condition:

1. The canning, bottling, and packaging operations shall be limited to the “canning line” area as depicted on the concept plan.

While the applicant has explained that they do not plan to bottle beer at this location, staff suggests the SUP conditions allow both canning and bottling.

#### *Transportation and Traffic*

A traffic impact analysis (TIA) was not required for the SUP request.

#### *Public Water and Sanitary Sewer*

Staff has no concerns with the requested SUP regarding water and sewer matters.

#### *Conclusion*

The special use permit request is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan’s Mixed Use designation and, with the recommended conditions, is not expected to have adverse effects on adjacent properties.

Staff recommends approval of the SUP with the following condition:

1. The canning, bottling, and packaging operations shall be limited to the “canning line” area as depicted on the concept plan.

#### **Options**

1. Approve of the special use permit request with the suggested condition.
2. Approve the special use permit request as submitted by the applicant.
3. Approve the special use permit with other conditions(s).
4. Deny the special use permit.

#### **Attachments**

- Extract from Planning Commission
- Site maps
- Application and supporting documents