

Board set to hear plans for new brewery

HUNTLEY



Image provided

More Brewing Co. will present plans for a location in Huntley to the Village Board on Thursday.

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A Villa Park-based brewery is eyeing the former Huntley Chevrolet dealership for a second location with a full kitchen, outdoor patio and special events area for private dining.

More Brewing Co., which produces less than 5,000 barrels of beer a year at its Villa Park location, will present expansion plans to the Huntley Village Board on Thursday for a conceptual review.

About 14,000 square feet of the space, which formerly was the dealership's showroom at 13980 Automall Drive, would be used to create a brewpub restaurant. The remaining 11,000 square feet would be used for production and would include a brewhouse; fermentation and conditioning vessels; a packaging line; and a barrel room where beer will be aged in whiskey barrels before being packaged, village documents show.

Under Illinois Liquor Commission statutes and regulations, the facility would not be allowed to serve wine and spirits. However, the petitioner intends to work with the commission to allow wine and spirit sales in the future.

Because the current zoning of the site does not allow a microbrewery as a special use, the petitioner will be seeking a text amendment to the village's zoning ordinance as part of the formal application to include the business as a special use.

The petitioner estimates that the project will bring about 75 new jobs to Huntley, village documents show.

The Village Board meeting will follow the Huntley Liquor Commission meeting at 7 p.m. at Village Hall, 10987 Main St.

The liquor commission's agenda will include a liquor license request from Terence Hitpas, who is representing Sew Hop'd Brewery LLC.

In April, the Village Board approved an ordinance authorizing the development of an estimated 2,700-square-foot microbrewery and outdoor seating area at 1 Union Special Plaza. The business also would distribute to local restaurants.

No outside events are planned at the site.

All required documentation for the business has yet to be submitted, which is not uncommon for an establishment still under construction, according to village documents.