

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC BIDDING FOR ONE PLENARY
RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by Resolution No. R-123-2026, the Township of Mantua will conduct a public sale for the issuance for one Plenary Retail Consumption License to the highest qualified bidder and invites bids thereon. Such bids shall be accepted until **August 12, 2026** at 10:00 a.m. at the Municipal Building, 401 Main Street, Mantua. The bid procedure shall be subject to the following conditions:

a) All bidders must be qualified to have an interest in a retail license under the standards set forth in the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act and regulations thereunder, N.J.S.A. 33:1-1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 13:2-1.1 et seq., and any applicable municipal ordinances.

b) The Township has determined that the issuance of the license shall be conditioned upon the successful bidder(s) opening and operating a retail consumption restaurant/bar within two (2) years from the date the bid is formally accepted by the Township Committee. In the event that the successful bidder does not open and operate a retail restaurant/bar establishment within 2 years, or as reasonably extended by resolution of the Township Committee, then and in that event the license shall be rescinded and shall be null and void. As such, all bidders must submit the following in support of their bid in order to be deemed a preliminarily qualified bidder:

1) A complete application as required by the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control with the requisite filing fee of Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars by certified check, cashier's check or money order payable to Division of A.B.C.

2) A separate standard letter-sized envelope containing only the applicant's bid and the bid deposit fee shall be submitted with each bid. Such sealed envelope(s) containing the bid deposit fees) must have on its face the words "Bid for Plenary Retail Consumption License by (name of bidder)". The bid deposit fee(s) shall be in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order payable to Township of Mantua in the amount of 20% of the bid.

3) A certification or affidavit by the prospective bidder(s) that he/she knows of no reason why they should be disqualified from having an interest in a Plenary Retail Consumption License in the State of New Jersey pursuant to the applicable laws referenced in paragraph a above.

4) A certification or affidavit by the prospective bidder(s) setting forth the method by which the prospective bidder is obtaining the funds to satisfy 100% of the requirement

5) A certification of affidavit containing information regarding the type, size, location and special features of the contemplated premises from which the bidder intends to operate. A qualified bidder must be the legal or beneficial owner of a lot or parcel of land including the holder of an option, lease, contract to purchase

or other enforceable proprietary interest in the premises to be licensed. Proof of this requirement must be appended to bidder's certification or affidavit. The proposed licensed premises shall be zoned to permit the use of said premises as a retail restaurant/bar.

6) A certification or affidavit containing a recitation of past ABC violations involving the prospective bidder or bidders' principals, including owner of more than 10% equity or holders of more than 10% of the debt. Any records thereof shall be appended to the bidder's certification or affidavit.

(Bidders may submit one certification or affidavit satisfying the conditions of paragraphs 3-6).

- c.) The minimum acceptable bid shall be **Five Hundred Thousand** (\$500,000.00) Dollars for the license.
- d.) All bids must be fully sealed. All items set forth in paragraph b shall be placed in a sealed manila envelope of the approximate size of nine by twelve inches. This envelope shall be marked with the words "Bid for Plenary Retail Consumption License" only and no other marking whatsoever.
- e.) Those mailing bids shall place all items identified in "d" above in a sealed manila envelope of the approximate size of 12 x 15 ½ inches addressed as follows: Bid for Plenary Consumption License, Township of Mantua Municipal Clerk, Municipal Building, 401 Main Street, Mantua 08051. The Township of Mantua shall bear no responsibility for mailed bids not received by the date due.
- f.) The Township Clerk shall announce the qualified bidders at 2:00 p.m. on August 17, 2026.
- g.) Qualified bids shall be opened by the Township Clerk at 10:00 a.m. on August 19, 2026.
- h.) No bids will be opened from or on behalf of any prospective bidder who does not qualify. Any determination that a bidder is qualified is deemed preliminary and is only for the purpose of determining which bids may be opened. The highest qualified bidder shall be subject to a full investigation following acceptance of their bid by resolution of the Township Committee and may be required to supply additional information in support of their qualifications. Ultimate issuance of the license shall be conditioned upon the satisfactory outcome of the Township's investigation into the proffered qualifications, as well as any investigation by the ABC. i.) No prospective bid will be eligible in the event that the envelope containing the bid and the bid security deposit is submitted without being sealed.
- j.) No bid will be opened from or on behalf of any prospective bidder where the envelope containing the bid is not marked in the manner set forth above.

k.) The Township reserves the right to reject all bids where the highest bidder is not accepted.

l.) The sale may be postponed or canceled at any time prior to the opening of the bids.

m.) The highest qualified bidder shall submit payment of the bid price within 20 days of the acceptance of their bid by resolution of the Township. In the event that the highest bidder bids an amount equal or exceeding the minimum bid and subsequently fails to complete the transaction by paying the balance of the bid, all amounts given as bid deposit shall be forfeited to the Township of Mantua.

n.) In the event of a default of the highest bidder, the Township Committee reserves the right to award the license to the next highest qualified bidder or reject all bids.

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