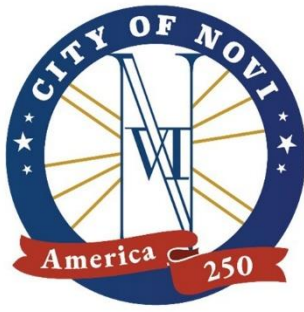




CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL
JULY 27, 2026

SUBJECT: Approval of an ownership transfer of an escrowed 2025 Class C license for Kim's Bap LLC, transferring 50% interest from Kiwan Seo to Junghyang Kim, for the business located at 43155 Main Street, Suite 300, Novi, MI 48375.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: City Clerk

KEY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Kim's Bap LLC was approved for their original transfer liquor license on March 9, 2026 under two ownership members, Kiwan Seo and Junghyang Kim.
- Existing member Junghyang Kim will assume 100% membership interest.
- No other changes to the operation of the business will take place.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Kim Bap LLC was approved to transfer ownership of a liquor license to their restaurant at the March 9, 2026 City Council meeting. Since then, ownership has changed. Member Kiwan Seo is no longer a member of the business, leaving Junghyang Kim with 100% membership interest.

The transfer of existing licenses policy as stated in Chapter 3 of the City Code states, at Section 3-16(b) that transfers that involve the following circumstances may be placed on a City Council agenda for consideration without payment of a fee and without the necessity of furnishing the information required for new licenses:

(2) The removal of a member of a firm, a stockholder, a member of a general partnership or limited partnership, or association of licensees from a license.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of ownership transfer of an escrowed 2025 Class C license for Kim's Bap LLC, transferring 50% interest from Kiwan Seo to Junghyang Kim, for the business located at 43155 Main Street, Suite 300, Novi, MI 48375. The business will continue to operate in the City in a manner consistent with City ordinances and in a location that continues to demonstrate a need for this particular type of establishment.



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DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
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Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Kiwan Seo, Applicant
c/o Kim's BAP LLC.
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RID # RQ-2607-08669 **Reference/Transaction:** transfer membership interest by dropping existing member Kiwan Seo; and as a result existing member Junghyang Kim will hold 100% membership interest

Please let this letter serve as notice the Michigan Liquor Control Commission has referred your application to our Enforcement Division for investigation of your request.

Applicant/Licensee: Kim's BAP LLC.

Business address and phone number: 43155 Main St, Ste 300, Novi, MI 48375

Home address and phone number of partner(s)/subordinates:
Junghyang Kim - 2704 S Supurway Dr, Ann Arbor, MI 48105 - (248) 635-3282

As part of the licensing process, an investigation is required by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission Enforcement Division. The Enforcement investigation will be conducted from the following designated District Office:

Southfield District Office (313) 456-1170

You may contact your designated District Office regarding any appointments or questions on documentation requested by the Investigator. **Failure to provide requested information or to keep scheduled appointments will cause the application to be returned to the Lansing office for cancellation.**

If this request is a transfer under MCL 436.1529(1), approval of the local unit of government is not required. However, a copy of this notice is also being provided to **Local Governmental Unit** should they wish to submit an opinion on the application or advise of any local non-compliance issues.

Under administrative rule R 436.1105, the Commission shall consider the opinions of the local residents, local legislative body, or local law enforcement agency with regard to the proposed business when determining whether an applicant may be issued a license or permit.

Under administrative rule R 436.1003, the licensee shall comply with all state and local building, plumbing, zoning, sanitation, and health laws, rules, and ordinances as determined by the state and local law enforcements officials who have jurisdiction over the licensee. The licensee must obtain all other required state and local licenses, permits, and approvals before using this license for the sale of alcoholic liquor. Approval of this license by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission does not waive any of these requirements.

MICHIGAN LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION
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