

**TOWNSHIP OF MANALAPAN
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY**

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SALE OF A PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION ("C") LICENSE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that separate sealed bids will be received by the Township Committee of the Township of Manalapan, Monmouth County, State of New Jersey for the issuance of one (1) new plenary retail consumption license, as more particularly described in the Specifications and Bid Proposal Form(s).

All bids shall be delivered to the Township Clerk, Township of Manalapan, Manalapan Municipal Building, 120 Route 522, Manalapan, New Jersey 07726. All bids will be opened and read in public at the Meeting Room, Manalapan Municipal Building, 120 Route 522, Manalapan, New Jersey, on Thursday, July 6, 2023, at 10:00 A.M., prevailing time.

Specifications for the issuance of the plenary retail consumption license are posted on the Township's website, <https://mtnj.org>, on file in the Township Clerk's office, Manalapan Municipal Building, 120 Route 522, Manalapan, New Jersey 07726, and copies thereof and the form of proposal may be obtained during regular business hours by prospective bidders upon application to the Township Clerk.

Pre-Qualification. Each prospective bidder must submit, in a sealed envelope, a pre-bid qualification package to the Township Clerk in the manner designated therein and in accordance with the Specifications no later than Thursday, May 25, 2023 at

10:00 A.M., prevailing time. All pre-bid qualification packages shall contain a completed Pre-Qualification Form; a completed person to person alcoholic beverage license transfer application, together with the annual two-thousand five hundred (\$2,500.00) dollar license fee; and a certification that all parties in interest satisfy the requirements of the New Jersey Alcoholic Beverage Law and Regulations and are qualified to hold an alcoholic beverage license. All pre-bid application packages shall be opened and read in public on Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 10:00 A.M., prevailing time, at the Meeting Room, Manalapan Municipal Building, 120 Route 522, Manalapan, New Jersey 07726.

Submission of Bids. Each bidder who has pre-qualified shall deliver a separate sealed bid package containing the actual bid proposal form together with a Bank Check, Cashier's Check or Money Order in the amount of ten (10%) percent of the total bid amount, and a Commercial Domestic Letter of Credit for the balance of the total bid amount no later than 10:00 A.M., prevailing time on Thursday, July 6, 2023, at the Manalapan Municipal Building, 120 Route 522, Manalapan, New Jersey 07726.

The Township Clerk will only open sealed bids from those bidders who have satisfied the pre-qualification requirements.

In addition, the successful bidder will be subject to investigation by the Manalapan Township Police Department and, if found not to be qualified, shall forfeit the two-thousand five hundred (\$2,500.00) dollar license fee to the Township of Manalapan to cover the cost of the police investigation. If the bidder is qualified, the two-thousand five hundred (\$2,500.00) dollar payment will serve as the fee for the first annual license

term or portion thereof. The Township will return the ten (10%) percent deposit to any bidder who fails to qualify to hold an alcoholic beverage license.

The Township Committee of the Township of Manalapan reserves the right to waive any informality in the bidding and the right to reject any and all bids as deemed to be in the best interests of the Township to do so, and reserves the right to hold the bids and proposal guarantees of the two highest bidders for ninety (90) days before making an award of the new plenary retail consumption license and each bidder agrees that he will not withdraw his bid for that period of time.

SHARI ROSE, RMC
Township Clerk