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MICHIGAN COOPERATIVE BREWERY ANNOUNCES LOCATION

High Five Co-op Brewery signs lease in Kentwood, MI

Grand Rapids, MI, August 8, 2018– High Five Co-op Brewery has signed a lease at 3846 52nd St. SE in Kentwood, MI. The member-owned brewery will be located west of East Paris in the center of the “Shoppes at 52nd Street.”

Laura Barbrick, president of High Five Co-op Brewery commented, "Our members have been patiently waiting for this moment. Our board of directors have been searching the real estate market in West Michigan for nearly two years. We believe this location offers a lot of great potential and is in a rapidly growing area. We are excited to bring our new cooperatively-owned brewpub to Kentwood."

The cooperative has over 150 members and expects renewed interest in memberships now that a location has been secured. High Five member-owners share a passion for craft beer and a vision to introduce the cooperative brewing model to West Michigan.

The cooperative brewery is built on seven operating principles that include a focus on the community, cooperation with other cooperatives, education of its members, and democratic governance which allows all of its members to vote on the direction of the brewery. Cooperative member-owners purchase a lifetime membership for a one-time \$150 fee. It is a unique approach in the brewing industry, encouraging members to participate directly and open to the whole community to enjoy.

While High Five pursues its local, state, and federal approvals, it will also focus on growing its membership and raising additional capital for the new brewpub. The group anticipates they will open sometime in 2019.

To learn more about becoming a member owner or investing in High Five Co-op, visit www.beer.coop or their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Highfivecoop>.

About High Five Co-op Brewery

Inspired by Black Star Co-op Pub and Brewery in Austin, High Five was born in 2011, when founder Dallas McCulloch took part in a 5x5 business competition and was awarded \$5,000 in startup capital. Black Star, the first co-op brewpub in the United States, opened its doors in 2010, and since that time, more cooperatives have opened and several are in various stages of planning.

According to the National Cooperative Business Association, more than 100 million people are members of cooperative businesses in the United States, ranging from agricultural co-ops and credit unions to food, housing and worker co-ops. Brewpub cooperatives are yet another way to serve our community with member-owned goods and services.

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