

If questions or concerns, please contact:

CITY OF KINGSPORT  
225 West Center St  
Kingsport, TN 37660  
(423) 229-9384

## CITY OF KINGSPORT

### BEVERAGE PERMIT INFORMATION

1. Attached are the necessary forms for submitting an application for a beverage permit in the City of Kingsport. Also attached are copies of the Kingsport Beverage Board's Rules of Procedure, and the City Ordinances and the laws of the State of Tennessee regarding the sale of beer.

2. The application must be completely filled out before it is turned in to **the City Recorder's Office at City Hall, 225 West Center Street, Kingsport, TN 37660.**

*The following must be turned in with the application.*

- a. A non-refundable \$250.00 fee;*
- b. A map of the business location;*
- c. Proof of ownership of the real property, such as a copy of a recorded deed, or lease/rental agreement for business location;*
- d. Copies of Corporate Charter or LLC Articles of Organization (if applicable);*
- e. Copy of City of Kingsport business license;*
- f. Notice of regular hours of operation for the business (can be included in Section IX on top of Page 6 of Application);*
- g. Food Safety Permit from Tennessee Department of Health ("On-Premises" only); and*
- h. Copy of Menu ("On-Premises" only).*

3. All completed applications are turned over to the Police Department for a complete record check and on-site inspection prior to any consideration of the application by the Kingsport Beverage Board. **All persons holding 5% or greater interest in the business MUST complete a separate and individual application.**

4. Fourteen (14) to eighteen (18) days are required to process the completed application once it is received by this office. No application will be considered by the Kingsport Beverage Board without first being duly processed.

5. Documentation of an appropriate City of Kingsport Business Tax License must be provided prior to any consideration of the application by the Kingsport Beverage Board.

6. The Kingsport Beverage Board meets on the first Tuesday of each month. The meeting is held at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Room on the second floor of City Hall. The owner, or bona fide representative authorized to act on behalf of the owner, of the business seeking a permit shall appear in person before the Kingsport Beverage Board for the purpose of answering any questions, under oath, regarding the application, the operation of the business or any other relevant matter. The Kingsport Beverage Board may, as it deems necessary, require the appearance of additional persons, including other owners or representatives of the business.

7. An annual tax of \$100.00 for the privilege of selling, distributing, storing or manufacturing beer is due each January for any beverage permit holder. Every business that receives a beverage permit during the year will be charged this tax on a pro-rated basis. Once the Kingsport Beverage Board has approved a permit, the permit will be available after 4:00 p.m. that day. The \$100.00 annual privilege tax, or a pro-rated amount thereof, must be paid in the City Recorder's office before the permit can be released to the permit holder. The permit must be picked up in person.

8. Every permit holder shall establish regular hours of operation, and such hours of operation shall be submitted to the City Recorder in writing and shall be posted in the business establishment at all times. No change of operational hours will be permitted without submitting the hours in writing to the City Recorder, and any deviation from those hours could be cause for suspension or revocation of the permit.

9. If you have a change of ownership, relocation of business, or change in name of business, including, but not limited to a trade name, a "doing business as" name, the name used by the business to the public or in any other manner, you must reapply for a new permit; your old permit is non-transferable.

10. If you discontinue business or have a change mentioned in item number 9 above, you must immediately surrender your old permit to the City Recorder's office.

11. If you have any questions regarding the application or permit please contact the City Recorder's Office at (423) 229-9384.

By signing below I represent that I have carefully read the foregoing Beverage Permit Information and know its contents.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY OF KINGSPORT**

**APPLICATION FOR BEVERAGE PERMIT**

DATE OF APPLICATION: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please read instructions carefully.*

1. **A separate application must be completed by each person who owns 5% or greater interest in the business entity that is seeking a permit to sell beer in the City of Kingsport.** Answer all questions completely or check appropriate box. If a question is not applicable, write "NA". Write "unknown" only if you do not know the answer. Use blank space at the end of the form for extra details on any question for which you have insufficient space, or attach additional sheets as necessary.
2. Type, print, or write in ink. Illegible or incomplete forms will not receive consideration.
3. All information supplied must be accurate. **FALSE INFORMATION MAY RESULT IN THE DENIAL OF A BEER PERMIT FOR A PERIOD OF TEN (10) YEARS.** Your signature at the end of this form will certify the correctness of all responses.

**SECTION I - BUSINESS ENTITY INFORMATION**

1. Name of business entity seeking permit: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Under what name will this business operate: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Check one for the type of business:  
 Sole Proprietorship                       Partnership  
 Corporation                                       Other  
 Limited Liability Corporation
4. Current mailing address of the business: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION II - GENERAL DATA**

1. Full Name or the person completing the application (last, first, middle)  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Your relationship to business entity identified in Section I above:  
 Owner (sole proprietor)  
 Partner  
 5% or greater owner in corporation.  
 Other (identify position with business entity, i.e. director, officer, manager, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_
3. Please state the actual % of ownership you have in this business \_\_\_\_\_

4. Date & Place of Birth: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_, City \_\_\_\_\_  
State/Province \_\_\_\_\_, Country \_\_\_\_\_

5. Gender: \_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female

6. Social Security No.

7. Drivers License No. & State Issued:

8. Previous Employment (within the last ten years): Inclusive

Dates	Employer	Address	From - To

9. Current Residential Address (Number, Street, City, State, Zip)

10. Current Business Address:

11. Residences for the past 10 years:

Address (Last Residence First)				Inclusive Dates
Number	Street	City	State	From - To

12. Home Telephone No. (      )

13. Office Telephone No. (      )

14. Nicknames or other names you have used: (Indicate circumstances, including length of time, under which you have ever used these names. If your name has been legally changed, give particulars)

**SECTION III -**

1. Are you a U.S. Citizen or legal alien? ..... Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

2. If you are a legal alien, please provide your certificate number. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Is the business entity or sole proprietorship applying for the beverage permit domesticated or chartered in the state of Tennessee?  
..... Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION IV - MILITARY SERVICE**

1. In What Military Organizations Have You Served? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Date of Separation: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Total Length of Service \_\_\_\_\_
4. Service, Serial or File No. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Rank \_\_\_\_\_
6. Type of Separation \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION V - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Special Instructions:** If your answer is "yes" to any of the questions in this section, please provide complete details for each question on a separate signed sheet and attach the sheet to this form. A "yes" answer does not mean automatic denial of a beer permit; however, failure to disclose will result in such a denial.

1. Within the ten (10) years immediately preceding the date of this application have you ever been arrested, indicted or convicted for any alleged violation of state or federal law which is a felony or misdemeanor in such state or federal jurisdiction? If the answer is yes, describe on a separate sheet in accordance with the special instructions above.  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
2. Within the ten (10) years immediately preceding the date of this application have you ever been arrested or court-martialed under military law or regulation? If the answer is yes, describe on a separate sheet in accordance with the special instructions above.  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION VI - PERMIT DATA**

1. Type of Permit applied for (mark only one): On Premises \_\_\_\_\_ Off Premises \_\_\_\_\_  
Both On and Off Premises \_\_\_\_\_ Temporary \_\_\_\_\_
2. Type of Business: Hotel \_\_\_\_\_ Motel \_\_\_\_\_ Distributor \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge \_\_\_\_\_ Retailer \_\_\_\_\_  
Not for Profit Corporation \_\_\_\_\_ Patriotic Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Wholesaler \_\_\_\_\_ Restaurant \_\_\_\_\_  
Club \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Does the business entity seeking a beverage permit possess a valid Business Tax License issued by the City of Kingsport?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Issuance \_\_\_\_\_
4. Complete address where beverages are to be sold. (*Owners must provide map of business location.*)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. The name of the owner of the premises upon which the business is to be conducted.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Do you or the business now possess a beverage permit from the City of Kingsport? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, please identify what type: Manufacture \_\_\_\_\_ Store \_\_\_\_\_ Distribute \_\_\_\_\_ Sell \_\_\_\_\_

7. List the **name, address and work and home telephone** numbers of the individual who is to receive annual tax notices and any other communication from the city.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. Have you or your organization ever had a beer or beverage permit revoked, suspended or denied, or paid a fine in lieu of such revocation, suspension or denial in the State of Tennessee? \_\_\_\_\_. If so, specify where, when and why:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. List the name, address and home and work telephone numbers of the agent of the business entity selling beer who can be contacted by the Beverage Board or local law enforcement authority, as needed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10. Has any brewer or wholesaler of any alcoholic beverage of not more than 5% weight (except wine as defined in T.C.A. §57-3-101) or its agent or agents made any loan or furnished any fixtures of any kind to the business?  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If your answer is "Yes," give complete details.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

11. Does any brewer, manufacturer, distributor or wholesaler of legalized beer or any alcoholic beverage of not more than 5% weight (except wine as defined in T.C.A. §57-3-101) or its agent or agents have any interest, direct or indirect, in the business or in the premises occupied by the business?  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If your answer is "Yes," please give complete details.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION VII - GENERAL INFORMATION AND AGREEMENTS**

1. Applicant agrees that no person will be employed in the storage, sale, manufacture or distribution of beer except those who are citizens or legal aliens of the United States. .... Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

2. Applicant agrees not to engage in the sale, storage, manufacture or distribution of beer except at the place or places for which the beverage permit is issued. .... Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

3. Applicant agrees to comply with all of the laws of the United States, the State and the City and agrees that the sale, storage, manufacture or distribution of beer will be made only in accordance with the permit granted; and with all applicable municipal, state and federal laws. .... Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

4. Applicant agrees that no sale of beer or other alcoholic beverages will be made to any person under twenty-one (21) years of age except as provided by state law. .... Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

5. Applicant agrees that no person under the age of 18 years will be allowed to sell, transport, dispense or have in his or her possession beer for any purpose. .... Yes  No
6. Applicant agrees minors, disorderly or disreputable persons or persons heretofore connected with the violation of the liquor laws will not be permitted to loiter around the place of business. Yes  No
7. Applicant agrees that no beer will be sold, furnished, disposed of or given between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. on weekdays or between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Sundays and that no beer shall be consumed or opened for consumption in either bottle, glass or other container after 3:15 a.m. on the permitted premises. .... Yes  No
8. Applicant agrees that neither the applicant nor any person employed or to be employed by him in the distribution, storage, manufacture or sale of beer has ever been convicted of any violation of the law against prohibition, sale, manufacture, storage, distribution or transportation of intoxicating liquor or of any crime involving moral turpitude (a crime of moral turpitude includes premeditated murder, all sex related crimes, selling of class I and II controlled substances illegally and theft) within the ten years preceding the filing of this application. .... Yes  No
9. Applicant consents to be fingerprinted by the Police Department, City of Kingsport. Yes  No
10. Applicant agrees to be investigated by municipal, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies concerning the applicant's background and record. .... Yes  No
11. Applicant agrees to provide any additional information required by the Kingsport Beverage Board to fully investigate the application. .... Yes  No
12. Reserved for future use. (Rev. 3/1/2000)
13. Applicant will conduct the business in person or as agent for the organization. .... Yes  No

**SECTION VIII - REFERENCES**

Please give the correct name, address, work and home telephone number of at least three people not related to you who have known you personally for a period of at least three years:

Name	Address (street, city, state, zip)	Work & Home Telephone
/	/	/
/	/	/
/	/	/
/	/	/

**SECTION IX - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Use the space below to provide any additional information or to elaborate on any responses provided in the application. **It is imperative that you provide complete and accurate responses to all questions in this application. Failure to provide truthful responses may result in denial of the beer permit.**

*Lodges, Patriotic Organizations, and Clubs*

Charters that have been issued by the State of Tennessee must be presented with this completed application in all cases of lodges, patriotic organizations, and clubs. These charters will be examined by the Secretary, Beverage Board, Kingsport, Tennessee, and returned to applicant at the time this application is presented.

**SECTION X - For Use by City of Kingsport only**

Secretary, Beverage Board, Kingsport

Charter Presented Yes  No

Issued by \_\_\_\_\_

In what name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Charter Returned Yes  No

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Signature of Beverage Board Secretary:

City Planner

Is requested location for distribution, wholesalers, manufacturers, warehouses, and businesses in an area designated and zoned for those uses under the laws and ordinances of the City of Kingsport?..... Yes  No

Is requested structure in a Nonconforming  Conforming  location under the zoning laws and ordinances of the city of Kingsport?

Is requested location within 300 feet of property on which any public or private school (K-12) is located?

Yes  No

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Signature of City Planner



**RULES OF PROCEDURE  
KINGSPORT BEVERAGE BOARD  
KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE**

**I. OFFICERS**

- A. The Board shall organize and elect a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary annually in the month of January or at such other time as there is a change in membership of the Board.
- B. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings and hearings of the Board; he shall decide all points of order of procedure and shall appoint any committee that may be necessary. The Chairman is a voting member. The Vice-Chairman shall act in absence of the Chairman.
- C. The Secretary shall perform all official duties as the Chairman directs, and shall conduct all official correspondence subject to these rules at the direction of the Board; shall give out application forms and receive completed application forms and receive completed applications; send out all notices required by these rules of procedure; keep the minutes of the proceedings of the Board; keep a file on each case which comes before the Board; and record meetings. Agendas will be mailed the week before the meetings.

**II. MEETINGS**

- A. Meetings are regularly held on the first Tuesday of each month at 1:30 P.M.
- B. A quorum shall consist of five (5) members.
- C. The order of business of all meetings of the Board shall be as follows:
  - 1. Roll Call
  - 2. Approval of minutes of previous meeting
  - 3. Reviewing applications or hearings of cases
  - 4. Unfinished Business
  - 5. New Business
- D. Permittees or licensee called before the Board for a violation must be given at least ten (10) days' notice of the date, time, and place of hearing. They may appear in person before the Board or may be represented by an attorney.
- E. Special Meetings:

Special meetings may be called by the Chairman of the Beverage Board provided that least five (5) days's notice of such meetings is given each member and each permittee or licensee having business at such meeting.

### III. FORMS

- A. Application for beverage permits.
- B. Notice to appear before the Beverage Board for information or to answer charges.
- C. Resolution.
- D. Permit.
- E. Request for Hearing - Revocation or suspension of beer permit.

### IV. PROCEDURE FOR GRANTING PERMITS

- A. Applicant must secure the necessary forms from the Secretary.
- B. A \$250.00 filing fee is required before the application can be processed.
- C. The application must be in the hands of the Secretary two weeks prior to the meeting scheduled for hearing.
- D. The application must be completed and filed with the Secretary. All applications will be assigned a number and placed on the agenda for hearing in the order in which they are deemed complete.
- E. The Secretary will turn the completed application forms over to the Police Department for a complete check as to the applicant's court record, character record, criminal record and on-site inspection prior to the hearing date.
- F. The applicant must meet the standards required by the law, business permit, physical inspection, etc.
- G. The owner, or bona fide representative authorized to act on behalf of the owner, of the business seeking a permit shall appear in person before the Kingsport Beverage Board for the purpose of answering any questions, under oath, regarding the application.
- H. Final decision of any application to the Kingsport Beverage Board shall be in the form of a resolution which must be approved by a majority of the members present at a duly called meeting of the Beverage Board.
- I. The affected parties will be notified immediately after the decision of the Beverage Board.
- J. Special Events

Applications in writing for special events must conform to all requirements and procedures of the Beverage Board.

(a) The Beverage Board of the city is authorized to issue special occasion licenses to bona fide charitable, nonprofit or political organizations for special events.

(b) The special occasion license shall not be issued for longer than one (1) seventy-two hour period, subject to the limitations on the hours of sale imposed by law. (The Beer Board may, however, at its discretion, impose different licensing periods for special events involving multiple occasions.)

(c) The application for the special occasion license shall state that the applicant is a charitable, nonprofit or political organization, and include documents showing evidence of the type of organization, and state the location of the premises upon which alcoholic beverages shall be served and the purpose for the request of the license. The fee for each special occasion license shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00).

(d) **Multiple event** special occasion licenses—for no longer than one year—may be granted by the Beer Board for such times and dates as approved. The Board reserves the right to immediately revoke the license if any elements on the permit are violated. The fee for **multiple event** special occasion licenses shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) which will cover all occasions/events listed for the one year period.

(e) For purposes of this section:

*Bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization* means any corporation which has been recognized as exempt from federal taxes under section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code.

*Bona fide political organization* means any political campaign committee as defined in T.C.A. § 2-10-101(a) or any political party as defined in T.C.A. § 2-13-101.

(f) No charitable, nonprofit or political organization possessing a special occasion license shall purchase, for sale or distribution, beer from any source other than a licensee as provided pursuant to state law.

(g) For all special occasions conducted outdoors, it will be required that beer be served only in clear plastic cups.

Any person, organization or other entity conducting a special occasion during which beer is to be sold shall provide written notice to the chairman of the Beverage Board, with a copy to the City Attorney and the City Recorder, of the intent to conduct such a special occasion. The notice shall be provided in a timely fashion at least thirty (30) days prior to the Beverage Board's next meeting. The notice required by this part shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following information or conditions:

- a. Date and time of the special occasion(s). Any changes in dates (including rain dates) will need to be approved by the Chairman of the Beverage Board and Chief of Police.
- b. The sponsor of the special occasion(s);
- c. The specific location where any beer is to be sold;
- d. Any plans for proposed temporary closure of public rights-of-way;
- e. Plans for security and policing of the special occasion(s);
- f. The anticipated number of persons attending the special occasion(s);
- g. Plans for clean-up of the site after use;
- h. Provisions for sanitary facilities and for safety inspection as determined to be necessary by the fire and building and zoning departments;
- i. A provision which will indemnify and hold the city, its officials and employees harmless from any claim.
- j. Evidence that the special occasion permittee has procured comprehensive general liability insurance to cover the occasion. The liability insurance shall be a minimum amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000).
- k. The Beverage Board may request any other information it deems necessary in order to make an appropriate decision on the permit request.

- I. The Beverage Board may also, at its discretion, require additional provisions as a part of granting the special occasion permit.

The city will reserve the right to immediately revoke permission and to suspend or terminate the special occasion or any portion of it if any of the elements of the agreement are violated.

K. Temporary Permits for Newly Annexed Permittees

Subject to the requirements hereinafter set out in this subparagraph, the city recorder, with the concurrence of the chairman of the Beverage Board, and the chief of police, may issue a temporary beer permit in the event a business has been annexed into the city, and is operating in good standing under a county beer permit, which was valid at the time of annexation; or if a business has received a permit to sell alcoholic beverages in the city from the Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission and is in good standing with the Commission. Such temporary permit cannot be issued if it is determined that a proceeding for the revocation or suspension of a beverage or alcohol permit of such business is pending, or it is apparent that the sale of beer at the location would likely violate a city ordinance. To be eligible for a temporary permit the business must have made application to the city for a beer permit pursuant to these rules and regulations and paid the applicable fee. The temporary permit shall be for no more than thirty (30) days, but the time may be extended by a majority vote of the Beverage Board for good cause. Good cause includes the inability to place the item on the agenda for an upcoming scheduled meeting, awaiting information and a report from the Kingsport Police Department, or other reasons for delay not caused by the proposed permittee, provided such permittee is proceeding in good faith and as expeditiously as possible to obtain a permit.

- L. Upon approval by the Beverage Board, copies of all special occasion and temporary permits shall be forwarded to the Police Department.

V. **PROCEDURE FOR LEVYING CIVIL PENALTIES (FINES), REVOKING OR SUSPENDING PERMITS**

- A. Any concerns of possible violations of City Ordinances or rules of Beverage Board shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Board in writing. Any concerns of possible violations received will be submitted to the Kingsport Police Department for an investigation. The Beverage Board may institute an investigation at its own initiative.
- B. The Police Department shall submit to the City Attorney's Office all incident reports relating to the permit holders place of business for a period of time not to exceed two years; however, incident reports will not be reviewed for any time prior to the date of issuance of the permit in question. The information will be summarized by the City Attorney's Office and submitted to the Beverage Board at their next meeting along with a recommendation of whether the possible violations and incident reports warrant a show cause hearing. The permit holder will be notified of the date, time and place of the meeting.
- C. The Beverage Board shall review the information and the recommendation of the City Attorney, and determine if a show cause hearing is necessary. If by majority

vote the Beverage Board decides to hold a show cause hearing, the summary as submitted to the Beverage Board will be sent to the permit holder. This will serve as written notice of all allegations which the permit holder will be expected to answer.

- D. The show cause hearing will be held within ten (10) to thirty (30) days after the written notice is issued to the permit holder.
- E. The permit holder may represent himself or herself or may be represented by an attorney. The permit holder is responsible for his or her own witnesses and will be allowed to question any witnesses appearing on behalf of the City of Kingsport and/or the Beverage Board. If permit holder intends to call an employee of the City of Kingsport, a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours notice prior to the hearing is required. If no such notice is given, the employee is not required to appear.
- F. The permit holder will be required to bring his or her permit to the show cause hearing and if it is the determination of the Beverage Board after the hearing that the permit should be suspended or revoked, the permit will be surrendered at that time. If the permit holder is not prepared, or is unable to attend the hearing, a date of continuance will be set; however, the permit holder will surrender his or her permit until such time as the hearing can be held and a determination is made by the Beverage Board. If the permit holder fails to bring his or her permit to the hearing, an officer will be dispatched to the permit holder's place of business to collect the permit. The surrendering of the permit can be waived by the Beverage Board for good cause shown.
- G. If the permit holder does not appear at the show cause hearing, it may be held ex parte and if the Beverage Board determines a suspension or revocation is in order, a police officer will be dispatched to collect the permit from the place of business. Written notice of the suspension or revocation will be forwarded to the permit holder within twenty-four (24) hours of the show cause hearing.
- H. If to the Beverage Board it satisfactorily appears that the premises of any person, firm or corporation holding a permit or license are being maintained and operated in such manner as to be detrimental to public health, safety or morals, it will impose a civil penalty on the permittee of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or suspend the permit for a minimum of 10 days for the first offense; one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or 20 days for the second offense and will suspend the permit for a minimum of 20 days for all subsequent offenses.

If the Beverage Board finds the permit holder has sold or allowed to be sold beer to a person under the age of 21, it will impose a civil penalty on the permittee of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750) or suspend the permit for a minimum of 15 days for the first offense; for the second offense, a civil penalty will be imposed on the permittee in the amount of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) or suspend the permit for a minimum of 30 days, and will suspend the permit for 40 days for all subsequent offenses. Any offense can constitute grounds for revocation of the permit. All fines (civil penalties), suspensions or revocations shall be effective immediately upon a finding that such fine (civil penalty), suspension or revocation is warranted. If a permit holder has maintained the premises in a manner acceptable to the Beverage Board for a period of four (4) years after one suspension, the Beverage Board may, at its discretion, expunge the previous suspension (or other civil penalty) and treat

any future incidents as a first offense. In no way is the minimum fine (civil penalty) or suspension time contained herein to be construed to limit the Beverage Board's authority to minimize a fine (civil penalty) or suspend a permit for a longer period of time or to revoke the permit if the Board deems such action appropriate. The Beverage Board may revoke a permit on a first offense or any subsequent offense. All suspensions and revocations will comply with applicable state law, and in the event any portion of these regulations conflict with the state law, the state law will prevail.

The levying of all civil penalties will be at the discretion of the Beverage Board.

In addition, with each offense, the permittee (or an executive officer of the permittee's company with authority to bind the permittee) may provide the Beverage Board with a written remedial plan to prevent any future violations. The Board may, at its discretion, take the remedial plan into consideration in levying any penalties.

- I. If the Beverage Board determines there are strong mitigating circumstances, a modification of the suspension penalties as stated in Paragraph H may be reduced to not less than five (5) days for the first and second offenses. Mitigating circumstances may include, but are not limited to the effective measures taken in regard to training, supervision, accountability and the use of tools, procedures or electronics to assist in identifying underage persons attempting to buy beer.

## VI. RECORDS

- A. A file of all material and decisions relating to each application or case shall be kept by the Secretary.
- B. All records of the Board shall be a public record.

## VII. REGISTERED AGENT

### A. Registered Agent.

- (1) Each permittee must continuously maintain in this city:
  - (a) A registered office that may be the same as its place of business; and
  - (b) A registered agent, who shall be an individual who resides in this city and whose business office is identical with the registered office.
- (2) If a registered agent resigns or is unable to perform his duties, the designating permittee shall promptly designate another registered agent to the end that it shall at all times have a registered agent in this city.

### B. Change of registered agent.

- (1) A permittee may change its registered office or registered agency by delivering to the City Recorder for filing a statement of change that sets forth:
  - (a) The name of the permittee;

- (b) The street address of its current registered office;
  - (c) If the current registered office is to be changed, the street address of the new registered office and the zip code for such office, and the county in which the office is located;
  - (d) The name of its current registered agent;
  - (e) If the current registered agent is to be changed, the name of the new registered agent; and
  - (f) That after the change or changes are made, the street address of its registered office and the business office of its registered agent will be identical.
- (2) If a registered agent changes the street address of his business office, he may change the street address of the registered office of any permittee for which he is the registered agent by notifying the permittee in writing of the change and signing and delivering to the City Recorder for filing a statement that complies with the requirements of subsection (1) and recites that the permittee has been notified of the change.

C. Resignation of registered agent.

- (1) A registered agency may resign his agency appointment by signing and filing with the City Recorder an original statement of resignation accompanied by his certification that he has mailed a copy thereof to the principal office of the permittee by certified mail. The statement may include a statement that the registered office is also discontinued.
- (2) The agency appointment is terminated, and the registered office discontinued if so provided, on the date on which the statement is filed by the City Recorder.

D. Service on permittee.

- (1) A permittee's registered agent is the permittee's agent for service of process, notice, or demand required or permitted by law to be served on the permittee.
- (2) Whenever a permittee fails to appoint or maintain a registered agent in this city, whenever a non-permittee shall transact business or conduct affairs in this city without first procuring a permit to do so from the Beverage Board, then the City Recorder shall be an agent of such non-permittee upon whom any such process, notice or demand may be served.
- (3) This section does not prescribe the only means, or necessarily the required means, of serving a permittee.

E. Procedure for service on a permittee by service on City Recorder.

- (1) Service on the City Recorder, when he is an agent for a permittee as provided in 4(2), of any process, notice, or demand shall be made by delivering to the

City Recorder the original and one (1) copy of such process, notice, or demand, duly certified by the Secretary of the Beverage Board. The City Recorder shall endorse the time of receipt upon the original and copy and immediately shall send the copy, along with a written notice that service of the original was also made, by registered or certified mail, with return receipt requests, addressed to such permittee at its registered office or principal office as shown in the records on file in his office. If none of the previously mentioned addresses are available to the City Recorder, service may be made in any appropriate manner reasonably calculated, under all the circumstances, to apprise interested parties of the action and afford them an opportunity to present their objections.

- (2) The refusal or failure of such permittee to accept delivery of the registered or certified mail provided for in subsection (1), or the refusal or failure to sign the return receipt, shall not affect the validity of such service; and any such permittee refusing or failing to accept delivery of such registered or certified mail shall be charged with knowledge of the contents of any process, notice, or demand contained therein.
- (3) When the registered or certified mail return receipt is received by the City Recorder or when a permittee refuses or fails to accept delivery of the registered or certified mail and it is returned to the City Recorder, he shall forward the receipt or such refused or undelivered mail to the Secretary of the Beverage Board, together with the original process, notice, or demand, a copy of the notice he sent to the permittee and his affidavit setting forth his compliance with this section. Upon receipt thereof the Secretary shall mark it, the receipt or refused or undelivered mail, and the copy of notice as of the day received and pleadings are kept, and such receipt or refused or undelivered mail, affidavit, and copy of notice shall be and become a part of the technical record in the suit or action and thereon service on the defendant shall be complete. Service made under this section shall have the same legal force and validity as if the service had been made personally in this city.
- (4) Subsequent pleading or papers permitted or required to be served on such permittee may be served on the City Recorder as agent for such permittee in the same manner, at the same cost and with the same effect as process, notice, or demand are served on him as agent for such permittee under this section.
- (5) No appearance shall be required in the action by the permittee nor shall any judgment be taken against the permittee in less than one (1) month after the date service is completed under this section.
- (6) The City Recorder shall keep a record of all processes, notices, and demands served upon him under this section, which record shall include the time of such service and his action with reference thereto.

## Chapter 6

### ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND BEER\*

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- \* **Charter References:** Powers re intoxicating liquors, art. I, § 2(a)(27).  
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## ARTICLE I.

### IN GENERAL

#### **Sec. 6-1. Possession of open containers in motor vehicles or on public property.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to possess open or unsealed cans, bottles or containers of beer, wine or other alcoholic beverage in or upon any motor vehicle while traveling or parked upon the public streets, alleys or highways of the city or while upon the premises of any public park, shopping center, trailer park or apartment complex or any other premises which is generally frequented by the public at large.

(b) This section shall not apply to motorized carts designed for use upon golf courses, provided that the cart is being used for the purpose of playing golf on an established golf course.

(c) It is not a violation of this section if any person possess open containers of beer while upon any public street, alleys, or highways of the city, public parks or any other premises which is generally frequented by the public at large if possessed pursuant to a temporary permit issued pursuant to subsection 2-223(d)(2), a special occasion license issued pursuant to subsection 2-223(d)(3), a special permit for Outdoor Service Areas or a permit for sidewalk café dining facilities, and as otherwise permitted by the rules and regulations of the beverage board or the board of mayor and aldermen.

(Code 1981, § 4-1; Ord. No. 4014, § II(4-1), 3-7-95; Ord. No. 5401, § I, 5-2-06; Ord 5810, § II, 2-17-09)

#### **Sec. 6-2. Public display or consumption of beer, wine or other alcoholic beverages.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to drink or consume beer, wine or any other alcoholic beverage or to display, exhibit or show openly any open or unsealed container of beer, wine or any other alcoholic beverage upon any public street or sidewalk or in any public park, playground, auditorium, theater, stadium, school or school grounds or public parking areas in any public place.

(b) This section shall not apply to the following:

- (1) Patrons of premises licensed for on-premises consumption while the patrons are in or upon such premises;
- (2) Patrons of premises occupied by lease or license for private purposes and not open to the general public;
- (3) Patrons of premises licensed for on-premises consumption where attendance may be controlled by the lessee;
- (4) Patrons of premises that have been granted special permission by the city beverage board or the state alcoholic beverage commission, whichever is applicable, for such consumption;

- (5) When granted a permit by the beverage board for a temporary outdoor service permit;
  - (6) When granted a special permit for Outdoor Service Areas or a permit for sidewalk café dining facilities; or
  - (7) When granted a special event permit and otherwise complying with the rules established by the board of mayor and aldermen and of the beverage board relating to the service of beer outdoors or pursuant to a special event or temporary permit issued pursuant to section 6-223.
- (c) Subsection (b) of this section may include outdoor areas.  
(Ord. No. 4014, § II(4-2), 3-7-95; Ord. No. 5401, § II, 5-2-06)

**Secs. 6-3--6-30. Reserved.**

## **ARTICLE II.**

### **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

#### **DIVISION 1.**

#### **GENERALLY**

#### **Sec. 6-31. Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Alcoholic beverage or beverage* means and includes alcohol, spirits, liquor, wine and every liquid containing alcohol, spirits, wine and capable of being consumed by a human being, other than patent medicine, or beer where the latter contains an alcoholic content of five percent by weight or less. Notwithstanding any section to the contrary in this article, the term "alcoholic beverage" or "beverage" also includes any liquid product containing distilled alcohol capable of being consumed by a human being, manufactured or made with distilled alcohol irrespective of alcoholic content. Notwithstanding the provisions of this definition, products or beverages containing less than one-half of one percent alcohol by volume, other than wine as defined in this section, shall not be considered to be alcoholic beverages.

*Applicant* means the person applying for a certificate of good moral character or a license.

*Application* means the form an applicant is required to file in order to obtain a certificate of good moral character or a license.

*Bottle* means any container, vessel, bottle or other receptacle used for holding any alcoholic beverage.

*Certificate of good moral character* means the certificate provided for in T.C.A. § 57-3-208 in connection with the prescribed procedure for obtaining a state liquor retailer's license.

*Distiller* means any person who owns, occupies, carries on, works, conducts or operates any distillery, either by himself or by his agent.

*Distillery* means any place or premises wherein any liquors are manufactured for sale.

*Federal statutes* means the statutes of the United States in effect or as they may be changed.

*Inspection fee* means the monthly fee a licensee is required by this article to pay, the amount of which is determined by a percentage of the gross sales of a licensee.

*License* means a license issued by the state under this article for the purpose of authorizing the holder thereof to engage in the business of selling alcoholic beverages at retail in the city.

*License fee* means the annual fee a licensee is required by this article to pay at or prior to the time of the issuance of a license.

*Licensee* means the holder of a license.

*Liquor district* means the geographical area within the corporate limits of the city for each of the six separate areas designated as districts I through VI, inclusive, all as shown on a map, dated August 5, 1969, entitled "Liquor Store District Map of the City of Kingsport," including any future amendments to the map.

*Liquor store* means the building or the part of a building where a licensee conducts any business authorized by his license.

*Manufacture* means distilling, rectifying and operating a winery or any device for the production of alcoholic beverages.

*Manufacturer* means a distiller, vintner and rectifier of alcoholic beverages.

*Rectifier* means any person who rectifies, purifies or refines any alcoholic beverage by any process other than as provided for on distillery premises, and also any person who, without rectifying, purifying or refining an alcoholic beverage, shall, by mixing an alcoholic beverage with any other material, thereby manufacture any imitation thereof, or who compounds an alcoholic beverage for sale under the name of whiskey, brandy, gin, rum, wine, spirits, cordials, bitters or any other name.

*Retail sale or sale at retail* means a sale of an alcoholic beverage to a consumer or to any person for any purpose other than for resale.

*Sale or sell* means the exchange or barter of an alcoholic beverage, and also any delivery made otherwise than gratuitously of an alcoholic beverage; the soliciting or receiving of an order for an alcoholic beverage; the keeping, offering or exposing an alcoholic beverage for sale.

*State alcoholic beverage commission* means the Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission, provision for which is made in the state statutes.

*State liquor retailer's license* means a license issued under the state statutes, including the provisions contained in T.C.A. § 57-3-101 et seq., for the purpose of authorizing the holder thereof to engage in the business of selling alcoholic beverages at retail.

*State rules and regulations* means all applicable rules and regulations of the state applicable to alcoholic beverages in effect or as they may be changed, including without limitation the local option liquor rules and regulations of the state alcoholic beverage commission.

*State statutes* means the statutes of the state in effect or as they may be changed.

*Unsealed bottle* means a bottle with the original seal, cork, cap or other enclosing device either broken or removed or on which the federal revenue strip stamp has been broken.

*Vintner* means any person who owns, occupies, carries on, works, conducts or operates any winery, either by himself or by his agent.

*Wholesale sale or sale at wholesale* means a sale to any person for purposes of resale.

*Wholesaler* means any person who sells at wholesale any alcoholic beverage for which a license is required under T.C.A. § 57-3-101 et seq.

*Wine* means the product of the normal alcoholic fermentation of the juice of fresh, sound, ripe grapes, with the usual cellar treatment and necessary additions to correct defects due to climatic, saccharine and seasonal conditions, including champagne, sparkling and fortified wine of an alcoholic content not to exceed 21 percent by volume. No other product shall be called wine unless designated by appropriate prefixes descriptive of the fruit or other product from which the product was predominantly produced or unless designated as an artificial or imitation wine.

*Winery* means any place or premises wherein wines are manufactured from any fruit or brandies are distilled as the byproduct of wine or other fruit or cordials compounded, and also includes a winery for the manufacture of wine.  
(Code 1981, § 4-69)

**Cross References:** Definitions generally, § 1-2.

**State Law References:** Similar provisions, T.C.A. § 57-3-101.

## **Sec. 6-32. Violations.**

Any person violating any section of this article shall be guilty of an offense and shall be

punished as provided in section 1-9 for each such violation. Any licensee violating any section of this article shall be subject to having his license suspended or revoked for such violation as provided in this article or by the state statutes or by the state rules and regulations.  
(Code 1981, § 4-78)

**Sec. 6-33. Compliance required.**

It shall be unlawful for any person either to engage in the business of selling, storing, transporting or distributing any alcoholic beverage or to sell, store, transport, distribute, purchase or possess any alcoholic beverage, except as provided by the state statutes, by the state rules and regulations, by the federal statutes and by this article.  
(Code 1981, § 4-70)

**Sec. 6-34. Inspections.**

The city manager and the recorder are authorized to examine the books, papers and records of any licensee at any and all reasonable times for the purpose of determining whether this article is being observed. The city manager, the city recorder, the chief of police and any other police officer is authorized to enter and inspect the premises of a liquor store at any time the liquor store is open for business. Any refusal to permit the examination of the books, papers and records of a licensee or the inspection and examination of the premises of a liquor store shall be unlawful. The city manager shall forthwith report such violation to the state alcoholic beverage commission with the request that appropriate action be taken to revoke the license of the offending licensee.  
(Code 1981, § 4-76)

**Sec. 6-35. Article supplemental.**

This article shall be supplemental to all other ordinances.  
(Code 1981, § 4-80)

**Sec. 6-36. Manufacture prohibited.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to manufacture any alcoholic beverage, except as permitted by T.C.A. § 39-17-708.  
(Code 1981, § 4-71)

**Sec. 6-37. Wholesalers.**

Unless authorized by ordinance, no wholesaler's license shall be granted to any person for the operation of any business for the sale at wholesale of any alcoholic beverage. Any wholesaler, whose business is located outside the city and who holds a valid state license and who has paid to the city all privilege taxes and fees applicable to such wholesale business, may sell at wholesale any alcoholic beverage to a licensee in the city, and such licensee may purchase any alcoholic beverage from such wholesaler, but only as provided by the state statutes, the state rules and regulations, the federal statutes and this article.  
(Code 1981, § 4-72)

**Sec. 6-38. Sale authorized.**

It shall be lawful for a licensee to sell any alcoholic beverage at retail in a liquor store, within the corporate limits, provided such sales are made in compliance with applicable federal statutes, state statutes, state rules and regulations and this article.

(Code 1981, § 4-73)

**Sec. 6-39. Restrictions on persons under 21 or persons visibly intoxicated.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person under 21 years of age or any person who is visibly intoxicated to:

- (1) Enter or remain in a liquor store.
- (2) Loiter in the immediate vicinity of a liquor store.
- (3) Buy or receive any alcoholic beverage from any licensee or from any other person.

(b) It shall be unlawful for a person under 21 years of age to misrepresent his age in an attempt to gain admission to a liquor store or in an attempt to buy any alcoholic beverage from a licensee.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person to purchase any alcoholic beverage from any licensee for the purpose of selling or giving such alcoholic beverage to a person under 21 years of age or any person who is visibly intoxicated.

(d) This section shall not prohibit a person 18 years of age or older from selling or dispensing alcoholic beverages in the course of his employment.

(Code 1981, § 4-75)

**State Law References:** Similar provisions, T.C.A. § 57-4-203.

**Sec. 6-40. Liability of licensee for acts of others.**

Under this article, each licensee shall be responsible for all acts of such licensee's officers, stockholders, directors, employees, agents and representatives, so that any violation of this article by any officer, stockholder, director, employee, agent or representative of a licensee shall constitute a violation of this article by such licensee.

(Code 1981, § 4-77)

**Sec. 6-41. Contraband.**

Police officers shall take possession of any alcoholic beverages which have been received by or are in the possession of or are being transported by any person in violation of state statutes, state rules and regulations, federal statutes or this article. Beverages so seized shall be contraband and shall be disposed of as provided by state law.

(Code 1981, § 4-79)

**Secs. 6-42--6-70. Reserved.**

## DIVISION 2.

### CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

#### Sec. 6-71. Application.

(a) A person desiring a certificate of compliance required under this article shall submit to the city recorder a copy of each application and each questionnaire form and other material to be filed by the applicant with the state alcoholic beverage commission in connection with his application and shall also submit five copies of a plan drawn to a scale of not less than one inch equals 20 feet, giving the following information:

- (1) The shape, size and location of the lot upon which the liquor store is to be operated under the license;
- (2) The shape, size, height and location of all buildings and whether they are to be erected, altered, moved or are in existence upon the lot;
- (3) The off-street parking space and the off-street loading and unloading space to be provided, including the vehicular access to be provided from these areas to a public street; and
- (4) The identification of every parcel of land within 200 feet of the lot upon which the liquor store is to be operated, indicating ownership thereof, and the locations of structures situated thereon and the use being made of every such parcel.

(b) Each applicant for a certificate of compliance shall also file with the city recorder a completed application for the certificate of compliance provided by the city recorder which shall contain the following information:

- (1) The name and street address of each person to have any interest, direct or indirect, in the licensee as owner, partner, or stockholder, director, officer or otherwise;
- (2) The name of the liquor store to be operated under the license;
- (3) The address of the liquor store to be operated under the license and zoning designation applicable to such location;
- (4) The statement that each applicant has been a bona fide resident of the state for at least two years next proceeding the date the application is filed;
- (5) The names and addresses of at least three residents of the city who have known each applicant for at least two years;
- (6) The agreement of each applicant to comply with the state statutes, federal statutes, this article and the state rules and regulations with reference to the sale of alcoholic beverages; and

- (7) The agreement of each applicant that he will be actively engaged in the retail sale of alcoholic beverages at the liquor store described in the application within 90 days after the license is granted to such applicant.
- (c) The application form shall be signed and verified by each person who has any interest in the licensee either as owner, partner, stockholder, director, officer or otherwise.
- (d) Every certificate of compliance to be signed by the mayor or a majority of the board shall state the following:
  - (1) The applicant who is to be in actual charge of the business has not been convicted of a felony within a ten-year period immediately preceding the date of application and, if a corporation, that the executive officers or those in control have not been convicted of a felony within a ten-year period immediately preceding the date of the application, and, further, in the mayor or other official's opinion the applicant will not violate any of the provisions of T.C.A. § 57-3-101 et seq.;
  - (2) The applicant has secured a location for the business, which complies with all restrictions as to location within the city; and
  - (3) The applicant has complied with section 6-73 regulating the number of retail liquor stores.
- (e) An applicant may seek review of the denial of a certificate by instituting an action in the chancery court within 60 days of the denial.
- (f) A failure to grant or deny the certificate of compliance within 60 days of the written application shall be deemed a grant of the certificate of compliance.
- (g) The city recorder shall review each application; shall note any apparent questions, errors and insufficiencies; and shall submit the application to the board of mayor and aldermen for consideration and action.  
(Code 1981, § 4-88)

**Sec. 6-72. Restrictions on location of retail liquor stores.**

No new location for a retail liquor store shall be approved when the location specified in the application for a certificate of compliance, on the date of the application for a certificate of compliance, is:

- (1) Not classified as being in either a B-2, B-3, B-4P, M-1 or M-2 zoning district.
- (2) Within the following distances:
  - a. Two hundred feet of any church or religious building; any public or private school; any park, playground, community center, public library or other public recreational facility or area; any hospital, mortuary or

cemetery; or any other similar public building or place, as measured from the center of the proposed major entrance of the new location for such retail liquor store to the major entrance of any of such institutions or facilities in a direct line by the shortest distance; or

b. One mile of any other retail liquor store, as measured from property line to property line by way of the closest route between the stores over public streets, and not crossing any property lines.

(3) On either side of the same block as the major entrance of any of the institutions or facilities mentioned in subsection (2) of this section.

(4) Adjacent to property where any structure used as a residence is located.

(5) On other than an expressway or arterial street, as established by the Major Street and Road Plan, July 1971, adopted by the regional planning commission.

(Code 1981, § 4-89)

#### **Sec. 6-73. Limitation on number of retail licenses.**

(a) No new location for a retail liquor store, except a transfer from one location to another in special circumstances fixed by rule or regulation of the state alcoholic beverage commission, as authorized by statute, shall be approved unless it is determined that alcoholic beverages are not generally available in the city or that the city is not being adequately served by operating retail liquor stores.

(b) For the purpose of determining whether alcoholic beverages are generally available in the city or whether the city is being adequately served, it will be presumed, absent proof to the contrary, that alcoholic beverages are generally available and that the area is being adequately served when the ratio between the number of operating retail liquor stores in the city and the population of the city is less than or equal to one store for each 5,500 city residents; provided, however, that there can be no less than one retail liquor store in the city in which the sale of alcoholic beverages is permitted pursuant to T.C.A. § 57-3-106.

(c) Any material proof to rebut the presumption established in subsection (b) of this section may be submitted as in other administrative matters before the board of mayor and aldermen.

(d) The determination of the board of mayor and aldermen concerning the general availability of alcoholic beverages or the adequacy of service in the city shall be binding upon the applicant. However, upon proof of materially changed conditions, the board may alter, amend or change its determination, provided that such a determination shall not affect those retail liquor licenses issued and in current and continuous use by the same holder.

(Code 1981, § 4-90)

#### **Sec. 6-74. Other restrictions on issuance.**

To ensure that all requirements of this article are satisfied, no original or renewal

certificate of compliance shall be issued for any location until:

- (1) An application has been filed with the city recorder;
- (2) The application complies with all restrictions as to location and number of retail licenses to be issued within the city; and
- (3) The application has been considered at a regular or called meeting of the board of mayor and aldermen and approved by a majority vote.

(Code 1981, § 4-91)

**Sec. 6-75. Report of violations.**

For any violation of T.C.A. tit. 57 pertaining to intoxicating liquor, rules of the alcoholic beverage commission, of any federal statutes or of this article by a licensee or by any person for whose acts the licensee is responsible, the city manager shall, upon notice, pursuant to T.C.A. § 57-3-214, forthwith report such violation to the state alcoholic beverage commission.

(Code 1981, § 4-92)

**Sec. 6-76. Report of discontinuance of business.**

If any licensee, for any reason, shall not be actively engaged in or shall not keep his liquor store open during normal business hours for a period of 15 work days in any calendar year, upon notice, the city manager shall, pursuant to Rules of the Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Local Option Liquor Rules and Regulations, Licenses and Permits 0100-3-.09(6), report such fact to the state alcoholic beverage commission.

(Code 1981, § 4-93)

**Secs. 6-77--6-100. Reserved.**

**DIVISION 3.**

**INSPECTION FEE**

**Sec. 6-101. Levied.**

There is levied on each alcoholic beverage licensee an inspection fee in the amount of five percent of the wholesale price of all alcoholic beverages supplied during each month by wholesalers to such licensee.

(Code 1981, § 4-107)

**State Law References:** Municipal inspection fee authorized, T.C.A. § 57-3-501.

**Sec. 6-102. Additional taxes.**

The inspection fee levied in this division shall be in addition to any general gross receipts, sales or other general taxes applicable to the sale of alcoholic beverages and shall not be a substitute for such taxes.

(Code 1981, § 4-114)

**Sec. 6-103. Invoices.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any wholesaler to supply, ship or otherwise deliver any alcoholic beverage to a licensee, and it shall be unlawful for any licensee to receive any alcoholic beverage, unless there shall be issued and delivered to the licensee by the wholesaler, concurrently with each such shipment or delivery, an invoice showing the following:

- (1) The date of the transaction;
- (2) The name and address of the wholesaler and of the licensee;
- (3) The brand name and quantity of alcoholic beverages covered by the invoice; and
- (4) The unit wholesale price and the gross wholesale price for each item listed.

(b) The wholesaler's invoice shall be issued and delivered to the licensee as provided in subsection (a) of this section, without regard to the terms of payment of the invoice, so as to include all such transactions, whether for cash or on credit or partly for cash and partly on credit. (Code 1981, § 4-108)

**Sec. 6-104. Form for reports; rules and regulations.**

The recorder shall prepare and make available to each wholesaler or other source vending alcoholic beverages to licensees sufficient forms for the monthly report of inspection fees payable by each licensee making purchases from such wholesaler or other source. The city recorder is authorized to promulgate reasonable rules and regulations to facilitate the reporting and collection of inspection fees and to specify the records of such sales and fees to be kept by each wholesaler or other vending source.

(Code 1981, § 4-109)

**Sec. 6-105. Collection.**

Collection of the inspection fee levied in this division shall be made by the wholesaler or other source vending to the licensee at the time the sale is made to the licensee. Payment of the inspection fee by such collecting wholesaler or other source shall be made to the city recorder on or before the 20th day of each calendar month for all collections in the preceding calendar month. Nothing in this division shall relieve the licensee of the obligation of the payment of the inspection fee, and it shall be the licensee's duty to see that the payment of the inspection fee is made to the city recorder on or before the 20th day of each calendar month for the preceding month.

(Code 1981, § 4-110)

**State Law References:** Similar provisions, T.C.A. § 57-3-502.

**Sec. 6-106. Bond.**

Each licensee, as a condition precedent to operating a liquor store in the city, shall execute and deliver to the city a bond in the amount of \$2,500.00. The bond shall be payable to the city and shall be executed by a surety company duly authorized and qualified to do business

in the state, and the bond shall be conditioned that the licensee shall pay to the city all inspection fees due under this division. The surety bond shall be in a form approved by the city attorney. (Code 1981, § 4-111)

**Sec. 6-107. Effect of failure to report and pay.**

The failure to pay the inspection fee and to make the required reports accurately and within the time prescribed in this division shall, at the sole discretion of the city manager, be cause for taking such action as is necessary to suspend the offending licensee's license for as much as 30 days or to revoke the license. (Code 1981, § 4-112)

**Sec. 6-108. Use of funds.**

All funds derived from the inspection fees imposed in this division shall be paid into the general fund of the city. The city shall defray all expenses in connection with the enforcement of this article, including particularly the payment of the compensation of city officers, employees or other representatives in investigating and inspecting licensees and applicants and in seeing that all sections of this article are observed. The board of mayor and aldermen finds and declares that the amount of these inspection fees is reasonable and that the funds expected to be derived from these inspection fees will be reasonably required for such purposes. (Code 1981, § 4-113)

**Secs. 6-109--6-135. Reserved.**

**DIVISION 4.**

**OPERATIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**Sec. 6-136. Compliance with zoning.**

Compliance by each licensee with all sections of chapter 114 pertaining to zoning, including but not limited to those sections relating to the required yard area, off-street loading and unloading of vehicles and off-street parking, which are applicable to the zoning district in which a liquor store is authorized to operate under this article, shall be a condition precedent to the operation of any liquor store authorized by this article. (Code 1981, § 4-122)

**Sec. 6-137. Records kept by licensee.**

(a) In addition to any records specified in the rules and regulations promulgated by the recorder pursuant to this article, each licensee shall keep on file at such licensee's liquor store the following records:

- (1) Original invoices required in this article for all alcoholic beverages bought by or

otherwise supplied to the licensee;

- (2) The original receipts for any alcoholic beverage returned by such licensee to any wholesaler; and
- (3) An accurate record of all alcoholic beverages lost, stolen, damaged, given away or disposed of other than by sale and showing for each such transaction the date thereof, the quantity and brands of alcoholic beverages involved and, where known, the name of the person receiving the alcoholic beverages.

(b) All such records shall be preserved for a period of at least two years unless the recorder gives the licensee written permission to dispose of such records at an earlier time.  
(Code 1981, § 4-123)

#### **Sec. 6-138. Hours and days of operation.**

No liquor store shall be open and no licensee shall sell or give away any alcoholic beverage on Christmas Day, on Thanksgiving Day, on any Sunday or on any day on which a public election is held within the city. On other days, no liquor store shall be open and no licensee shall sell or give away any alcoholic beverage before 8:00 a.m. or after 11:00 p.m.  
(Code 1981, § 4-124)

**State Law References:** Similar provisions, T.C.A. § 57-3-406.

#### **Sec. 6-139. Management.**

Each liquor store licensed under this article shall be personally and actively managed by the holder of the license, if the licensee is an individual, or by a partner or corporate officer, if the licensee is a partnership or corporation. In every case where alcoholic beverages are sold by a licensee that is either a partnership or a corporation, the name and address of the managing partner or the corporate officer who will be in active control and management of the liquor store shall be designated in the application, and any future changes in such manager shall be reported forthwith in writing to the recorder.  
(Code 1981, § 4-125)

#### **Sec. 6-140. First floor location required; entrances and exits.**

(a) No liquor store shall be located on any premises above the ground floor, and each liquor store shall have only one entrance for use by the public except as provided in this section.

(b) When a liquor store is located at the corner of two public streets, such store may have one entrance opening onto each of the streets for use by the public for the purpose of entering the store to purchase alcoholic beverages.

(c) A liquor store fronting on a parking lot shall have one entrance for use by the public, such entrance to open onto the lot.

(d) A liquor store fronting on a parking lot or a public street and adjoining the lobby

of a hotel or motel may have one entrance opening onto the parking lot or public street and one entrance into the hotel or motel lobby, so long as such lobby is open to the general public.

(e) A liquor store located in an established shopping center or shopping mall may have one public entrance onto a parking lot or one public entrance onto the concourse of the shopping center or shopping mall.

(f) No liquor store shall have more than two entrances for use by the public to purchase alcoholic beverages, as provided in this article.

(g) No subsection in this section is to be construed in a manner so as to relieve the operator of any liquor store covered by this article from compliance with the requirements of the city building and fire codes.

(Code 1981, § 4-126)

**State Law References:** Entrances, exits, etc., T.C.A. § 57-3-404(f).

#### **Sec. 6-141. Employment of felons.**

No licensee shall employ in the sale of alcoholic beverages any person who, within ten years prior to the date of his employment, shall have been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude. If an employee is convicted, he shall immediately be discharged. However, this section shall not apply to any person who has been so convicted but whose rights of citizenship have been restored or judgment of infamy has been removed by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(Code 1981, § 4-127)

**State Law References:** Similar provision, T.C.A. § 57-3-210(i).

#### **Sec. 6-142. Employment of aliens.**

No licensee shall employ a person in the sale of alcoholic beverages who is not a citizen of the United States or an alien lawfully residing in the United States.

(Code 1981, § 4-128)

**State Law References:** Similar provisions, T.C.A. § 57-3-210(g).

#### **Sec. 6-143. Employment of minors.**

No licensee shall employ in the storage, sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages a person under the age of 18 years, and it shall be unlawful for any licensee to permit a minor in his place of business to engage in the storage, sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages.

(Code 1981, § 4-129)

**State Law References:** Similar provisions, T.C.A. § 57-3-210(h).

#### **Sec. 6-144. Sale confined to premises; curb service, drive-in windows.**

All retail sales of alcoholic beverages shall be confined to the premises of the licensee. No curb service shall be permitted, nor shall there be permitted any drive-in windows.

(Code 1981, § 4-130)

**State Law References:** Similar provisions, T.C.A. § 57-4-203(f).

#### **Sec. 6-145. Advertisements.**

It shall be unlawful for a licensee to advertise, by signs, window displays, posters or any other designs intended to advertise, any alcoholic beverage within the city, except by a sign

approved by the city manager, in letters not larger than eight inches in height designating the premises as " \_\_\_\_\_ Package Store." Only one such sign, and no other, shall be permitted, and no sign shall extend or project from the building. The lettering on the approved sign shall not be artificially illuminated, other than by exterior floodlights or spotlights. Nothing in this section shall prohibit any manufacturer or wholesaler from advertising in news media.  
(Code 1981, § 4-131)

**Sec. 6-146. Use of canvassers, solicitors.**

No licensee shall employ or otherwise use the services of any canvasser, agent, solicitor or representative for the purpose of receiving an order from a consumer for any alcoholic beverage at the residence or place of business of such consumer, nor shall any licensee receive or accept any such order which shall have been solicited or received at the residence or place of business of such consumer. This section shall not be construed to prohibit the solicitation by a state licensed wholesaler of any order from any licensee at the licensee's premises.  
(Code 1981, § 4-133)

**Sec. 6-147. Consumption on premises.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any licensee to sell or furnish any alcoholic beverage for consumption in such licensee's liquor store or on the premises used by the licensee in connection therewith.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to consume any alcoholic beverage in a liquor store.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any licensee to allow any person to consume any alcoholic beverages in such licensee's liquor store or on the premises used by the licensee in connection therewith.  
(Code 1981, § 4-134)

**Sec. 6-148. Amusement or entertainment devices.**

No radio, television, record player, pinball machine or other amusement device shall be permitted in any liquor store.  
(Code 1981, § 4-135)

**Sec. 6-149. Seating facilities.**

No seating facilities, other than those for employees, shall be permitted in any liquor store.  
(Code 1981, § 4-136)

**Sec. 6-150. Sale or furnishing to persons under 21 or intoxicated persons.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any licensee to:

(1) Sell, furnish or give away any alcoholic beverages to any person who is under 21

years of age;

- (2) Sell, furnish or give away any alcoholic beverages to any person who is visibly intoxicated; or
- (3) Allow any person under 21 years of age or any person who is visibly intoxicated to enter or remain in the licensee's liquor store or any part of the licensee's premises which is adjacent to the liquor store, other than as provided in subsection (b) of this section.

(b) Subsection (a) of this section shall not prohibit a person 18 years of age or older from selling or dispensing alcoholic beverages in the course of his employment.  
(Code 1981, § 4-137)

**State Law References:** Similar provisions, T.C.A. §§ 57-3-406, 57-4-203.

**Secs. 6-151--6-180. Reserved.**

### ARTICLE III.

#### BEER\*

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\* **State Law References:** Power of city to regulate beer, T.C.A. § 57-5-108.

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#### DIVISION 1.

#### GENERALLY

**Sec. 6-181. Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Beer* means beer of alcoholic content and not more than five percent by weight or any other beverage of like alcoholic content.

(Code 1981, § 4-33)

**Cross References:** Definitions generally, § 1-2.

**Sec. 6-182. Beverage board.**

(a) There is created for the administration of this article the beverage board. The board shall consist of nine members. The chief of police, the director of planning and the city recorder and treasurer shall be ex officio members of the board for whom designees may act in their absence. The remaining six members of the board shall be citizens of the city and members of the public at large, appointed by the mayor, with the advice and consent of the board of mayor and aldermen. They shall be appointed for staggered terms of not less than three years or until

their respective successors are appointed and qualified.

(b) One of the appointed members shall have had at least five years of business or administrative experience in the ownership or operation of a retail enterprise; one member shall be, at the time of his appointment, licensed to practice law in the state; the remaining members shall be appointed at large. Members appointed to fill vacancies shall have the same general qualifications required for their predecessors. All appointed members shall be persons of good reputation having diverse interests and who have been actively identified with the development and improvement of the city.

(c) The board shall enforce and administer this article and the rules and regulations made by it.

(d) The board shall have and exercise the following functions, duties and powers:

(1) Issue all permits in respect to or for the manufacture, storage, distribution, transportation and sale of beer.

(2) Revoke or suspend any permit which is authorized by this article or charge a civil penalty as provided by state law. Any revocation or suspension of any permit shall be made by the board only on account of the violation of or refusal to comply with any of the sections of this article or any rule or regulation of the board, after not less than ten days' notice to the holder of the permit proposed to be revoked, informing such permittee of the time and place of the hearing to be held in respect thereto. All further procedures with reference to the revocation of any permit shall be fixed and prescribed in the rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the board, which may be repealed or amended from time to time.

(3) Refuse to issue a permit as follows:

a. If, upon investigation, it finds that the applicant for a permit has concealed or misrepresented, in writing or otherwise, any material fact or circumstance concerning the operation of the business or employment or if the interest of the applicant in the operation of the business or employment is not truly stated in the application or if fraud or false swearing by the applicant touching any matter relating to the operation of the business or employment occurs. If a permit has been issued, the board shall issue a citation to the permittee to show cause why the permit should not be suspended or revoked. All data, written statements, affidavits, evidence or other documents submitted in support of an application shall be deemed to be a part of the application.

b. The board may determine that such issuance would be detrimental to public health, safety or morals.

(4) Summon any applicant for a permit and, also, summon and examine witnesses and administer oaths to such applicants and witnesses in making any investigation in regard thereto.

(5) Make, promulgate, alter, amend or repeal rules and regulations for the

enforcement of this article.

- (6) Prescribe all forms of applications and licenses and of all reports and all other papers and documents required to be used under or in the enforcement of this article.

(Code 1981, § 4-34; Ord. No. 5401, § III, 5-2-06)

**Sec. 6-183. Violations; revocation or suspension of permit.**

Any person violating any section of this article shall be guilty of an offense, and, in addition to being subject to the penalties imposed for violation of this Code in section 1-9, any permit issued may be revoked or suspended by the beverage board, or in lieu thereof, charged a civil penalty as provided by state law.

(Code 1981, § 4-56; Ord. No. 5401, § IV, 5-2-06)

**Sec. 6-184. Sale, storage, manufacture, distribution as privilege.**

The sale, storage, manufacture and distribution of beer in the city is a privilege. No person shall be deemed to have a property right in any permit issued under this article nor shall the permit itself or the enjoyment thereof be considered a property right.

(Code 1981, § 4-35)

**Sec. 6-185. Restrictions upon distributors, wholesalers, warehousemen, manufacturers.**

(a) All distributors, wholesalers, warehousemen and manufacturers of beer shall be duly licensed under the law to do business in the state.

(b) All distributors, wholesalers, manufacturers and warehousemen of beer having a place of business within the city shall locate the business in areas appropriately zoned.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any wholesaler, distributor, warehouseman or manufacturer of beer or for any of his salesmen or representatives to sell or deliver beer en route or from delivery vehicles to any person or place other than a holder of a valid retail beer permit.

(d) It shall be the duty of such wholesaler, distributor, warehouseman or manufacturer and his salesmen or representatives to ascertain whether or not such person or place has been issued a valid retail beer permit by the city.

(e) No manufacturer, distributor or warehouseman shall sell beer to anyone except to a beer dealer holding a permit issued under this article.

(Code 1981, § 4-47)

**Sec. 6-186. Dealing with minors.**

(a) As used in this section, the term "minor" means any person who has not attained the age of 21 years of age, except as provided by state law.

(b) No permit holder shall sell, furnish, dispose of, give or cause to be sold,

furnished, disposed of or given beer to a minor.

(c) It shall be unlawful for the management of any place where beer is sold to allow any minor to loiter about such place or business, and the burden of ascertaining the age shall be upon the owner or operator of such place of business.

(d) No person shall purchase beer for or at the request of a minor.

(e) No minor shall knowingly make a false statement or exhibit false identification to the effect that the minor is 21 years old or older to any person employed in the sale of beer for the purpose of purchasing or obtaining beer.

(f) It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of 21 years to sell, transport, dispense or have in his or her possession beer for any purpose; however, this shall not be construed as prohibiting any person 18 years of age or older from selling, transporting, possessing or dispensing beer in the course of his or her employment.

(Code 1981, § 4-52; Ord. No. 4508, § 1, 4-21-98)

#### **Sec. 6-187. Other prohibited sales.**

It shall be unlawful for any permittee or other person to sell or furnish any beer to any person who is known to be insane or mentally defective or to any person who is visibly intoxicated or to any person who is known to habitually drink alcoholic beverages to excess or to any person who is known to be an habitual user of narcotics or other habit-forming drugs.

(Code 1981, § 4-54)

#### **Sec. 6-188. Improper conduct on premises.**

The beverage board shall not issue a beer permit, and shall revoke the beer permit of any permittee, including but not limited to, private clubs, who knowingly or intentionally permits or allows any person to appear in the establishment or on the premises for which the permit was issued and to:

- (1) Publicly or openly perform acts or simulated acts of sexual intercourse, masturbation, sodomy, bestiality, oral copulation, flagellation or any other sexual acts prohibited by law;
- (2) Publicly or openly engage in the actual or simulated touching with the hand, facial area or mouth, or caressing, or fondling of the breasts, buttocks, anus or genitals;
- (3) Publicly or openly engage in the actual or simulated display to public view of any portion of the human male or female genitals, pubic area or buttocks with less than a fully opaque covering, the display of the female breast with less than a fully opaque covering of the areola, or the showing of covered male genitals in a discernibly turgid state; or
- (4) Publicly or openly wear or use any device or covering exposed to public view which simulates the display to public view of any portion of the human male or

female genitals, pubic area or buttocks with less than a fully opaque covering, the display of the female breast with less than a fully opaque covering of the areola, or the showing of covered male genitals in a discernibly turgid state; or

- (5) To employ, use or allow any person in the sale or service of food, wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages while such person is publicly or openly unclothed or in such attire, costume or clothing as to expose to view any portion of the human male or female genitals, pubic area or buttocks with less than a fully opaque covering, the female breast with less than a fully opaque covering of the areola, or the showing of covered male genitals in a discernibly turgid state; or
- (6) To employ, use or allow the services of any hostess or other person to mingle with patrons while such hostess or other person is unclothed or in such attire, costume or clothing as to expose to view any portion of the human male or female genitals, pubic area or buttocks with less than a fully opaque covering, the female breast with less than a fully opaque covering of the areola, or the showing of covered male genitals in a discernibly turgid state; or
- (7) Publicly or openly permit any person to use artificial devices or any inanimate objects to depict any prohibited activities described above; or
- (8) For the owner of the property, or the owner of any business operated thereon, or any employee thereof to allow or permit any person to remain in or upon the premises who is exposing to public view any portion of the human male or female genitals, pubic area or buttocks with less than a fully opaque covering, the female breast with less than a fully opaque covering of the areola, or the showing of covered male genitals in a discernibly turgid state.
- (9) Publicly or openly show films, videotapes, laser discs, CD Roms, electronic reproductions or other visual reproductions that involve movement depicting any of the following:
  - a. Acts or simulated acts of sexual intercourse, masturbation, sodomy, bestiality, oral copulation, flagellation or any sexual acts which are prohibited by law;
  - b. Any person being touched, caressed, or fondled on the breasts, buttocks, anus or genitals;
  - c. Scenes wherein the person displays the vulva, the anus or the genitals;
  - d. Scenes wherein artificial devices or inanimate objects are employed to depict, or drawings are employed to portray, any of the prohibited activities described above.
- (10) Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prohibit persons of either sex from engaging in swimming or related activities while clad in attire customarily worn in the community for such purpose.

(11) Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prohibit the broadcast or display of any television program subject to regulation by the Federal Communications Commission of the United States on the permitted premises.  
(Ord. No. 4338, § 1, 2-4-97)

**Secs. 6-189--6-215. Reserved.**

## **DIVISION 2.**

### **PERMIT**

**Sec. 6-216. Required.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, distribute, store or manufacture beer without first having made application to and obtained a permit from the beverage board.  
(Code 1981, § 4-37)

**Sec. 6-217. Types designated.**

The types of beer permits shall be as follows:

- (1) *On-premises permit.* An on-premises permit shall be issued for the consumption of beer on the premises.
- (2) *Off-premises permit.* An off-premises permit shall be issued for sale of both refrigerated and unrefrigerated beer to be consumed off the premises.
- (3) *Multiple type permit.* A multiple type permit constitutes both an on-premises permit and an off-premises permit and shall be issued for both on-premises consumption and off-premises consumption. Anyone who has consumed beer on the premises shall be prohibited from purchasing beer for off-premises consumption when leaving the premises.

(Code 1981, § 4-38; Ord. No. 4062, §§ I, II, 6-20-95)

**Sec. 6-218. Application.**

(a) Any person desiring to sell beer to patrons or customers shall make an application to the beverage board for a permit in writing upon a form prescribed by it. Such application shall, at a minimum, contain the following:

- (1) The name and residence of the applicant and how long the applicant has resided there.
- (2) The particular place for which the permit is desired, designating the place by street and number, if practicable, and, if not, by such other apt description as definitely locates it.
- (3) The kind of permit desired.

- (4) The name of the owner of the premises upon which the business is to be carried on.
- (5) A statement that the applicant is a citizen of the United States or an alien lawfully residing in the United States or, if a syndicate or association, that all the members thereof are citizens of the United States or aliens lawfully residing in the United States.
- (6) A statement that no person will be employed in the storage, sale, manufacture or distribution of such beverages except those who are citizens of the United States or aliens lawfully residing in the United States.
- (7) A statement that the applicant will not engage in the sale, storage, manufacture or distribution of beer except at the place for which the permit is issued to such applicant, and that no sale, storage, manufacturing or distribution of such beverage will be made except in accordance with the permit granted.
- (8) A statement that no sale will be made to persons under 21 years of age, except as provided by state law, that the applicant will not permit minors or disorderly or disreputable persons or persons connected with the violation of the liquor laws to loiter around the place of business.
- (9) A statement that the applicant has not had a license or permit for the sale, storage, manufacture or distribution of legalized beer revoked.
- (10) A statement that neither the applicant nor any person employed or to be employed by him in the distribution, storage, manufacture or sale of beer has ever been convicted of any violation of the law against prohibition, sale, manufacture, storage, distribution or transportation of intoxicating liquor or of any crime involving moral turpitude within the ten years preceding the filing of such application. For the purpose of this subsection, moral turpitude means premeditated murder and sex-related crimes, selling of class 1 and 2 controlled substances illegally and embezzlement.
- (11) A statement that the applicant will conduct the business in person or as agent for the person, syndicate, association or joint stock company.
- (12) A statement that no brewer, manufacturer, distributor or warehouseman of legalized beer has any interest in the business, financial or otherwise, or in the premises upon or in which the business to be permitted to sell beer at retail is to be carried on.
- (13) A statement that the applicant is willing to be fingerprinted by the police department and to be investigated by municipal, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies concerning the applicant's background and record.
- (14) A statement by the applicant that he agrees to comply with all of the laws of the United States, the state and the city.

(15) An oath or affidavit by the applicant that the facts set forth in the application are true.

(b) Any applicant making a false statement in the application for a beverage permit shall forfeit such applicant's permit, and such applicant shall not be eligible to receive any permit for a period of ten years.

(c) Any applicant who submits an application three times to the beverage board and has it rejected three times cannot reapply for a period of one year from the date of the last rejection.

(Code 1981, § 4-39; Ord. No. 4258, §§ I, II, 7-16-96)

**Sec. 6-219. Moral character, criminal record of applicant.**

No beer permit shall be issued except to a person of good moral character who has not been convicted of any violation of the laws against manufacturing, selling, transporting, storing, distributing or possessing intoxicating liquors or of selling or possessing beer illegally or of any crime involving moral turpitude, within ten years of the date of application, nor shall any permit be issued to any applicant that has a person, firm, corporation, syndicate, joint stock company or association having at least five percent ownership interest in the applicant or has officers or employees who have had such convictions. For the purposes of this section, moral turpitude is defined to include but is not limited to premeditated murder, all sex-related crimes, selling of schedule I and II controlled substances illegally and theft.

(Code 1981, § 4-41; Ord. No. 4258, § IV(4-41), 7-16-96)

**Sec. 6-220. Private clubs.**

(a) No off-premises beer permit will be issued to a private club.

(b) A private club holding an on-premises permit shall not allow a person under the age of 21 years to be a member.

(Ord. No. 4258, § V(4-42), 7-16-96)

**Sec. 6-221. Compliance with zoning prerequisite.**

No retail permit shall be issued to any person to sell beer from or at any place, premises or location which constitutes a nonconforming use under the city zoning laws and ordinances in effect at the time of application for such permit. However, this section shall not apply to preexisting nonconforming uses.

(Code 1981, § 4-43)

**Sec. 6-222. Separate permit required for each location.**

A separate permit shall be obtained for each location at which and from which any applicant is to manufacture, store, distribute or sell beer.

(Code 1981, § 4-44)

**Sec. 6-223. General restrictions on issuance of retail permits and business operations.**

(a) *Restaurants and eating places.* The issuance of beer permits for restaurants and eating places pursuant to this article and the operation of such establishments shall be subject to the following:

- (1) Permits for the retail sale of beer for on-premises consumption shall be issued subject to the approval of the beverage board to the owner or operator of any regularly conducted restaurant or eating place. The applicant shall fulfill all other general requirements for the retail sale of beer prescribed in this article.
- (2) In addition, the restaurant or eating place shall be classified with a value of not less than passing as judged by appropriate state authorities.
- (3) No permit shall be issued to the owner or operator of any restaurant unless such owner or operator is the holder of a current, valid business license issued by the city.
- (4) If, after the issuance of a permit for on-premises consumption, the grade of passing is reduced by the appropriate state agency responsible for the grading of restaurants, the beverage board shall notify the permittee to appear before the beverage board to show cause why his permit should not be revoked. The beverage board shall have the authority to grant a temporary extension, not to exceed 90 days, for the permittee to make the corrections necessary and have the numerical grade increased to at least passing.
- (5) If it is shown that any permittee's premises are no longer kept, used, maintained, advertised and held out to the public as a place where meals are served and where meals are actually and regularly served or provided with adequate and sanitary kitchen and dining room equipment and having employed therein a sufficient number and kind of employees to prepare, cook and serve suitable food for the permittee's guests, the beverage board may cancel and revoke the permit.
- (6) No beer shall be served at tables, stools or booths or in any other manner or place outside of the building except when a beverage permit includes an approved Outdoor Service Area or sidewalk cafe dining facility. "Outdoor Service Area" is defined as a patio, deck, courtyard, or other outdoor area, where the permitted establishment provides service where the outdoor serving area is (1) contiguous to the exterior of the building in which the business is located, (2) operated and controlled by the business, and (3) fenced or surrounded on all sides except for designated entrances and exits. The fencing or surrounding barrier need not be permanent but must consist of a barrier not less than forty (40) inches high and must be constructed of a substantial material without gaps or spaces that would allow ingress and egress of the premises except through designated entrances and exits. Examples of substantial materials would include but not be limited to securely connected planters, decorative fencing or other decorative architectural or landscaping materials. An outdoor serving area may not include all or any part of an area otherwise used by the business or by the public for parking.

(b) *Club permits.* Club permits may be issued to allow the sale of beer to be consumed on the premises of any nonprofit association, organized and existing under the laws of the state, which has been in existence and operating as a nonprofit association for at least two years prior to the application for a permit. The club shall have at least 100 members regularly paying dues; the club shall be organized and operated exclusively for pleasure, recreation and other nonprofit purposes, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any shareholder or member; and the club shall own, hire or lease a building or space therein for the reasonable use of its members with suitable kitchen and dining room space and equipment and maintaining and using a sufficient number of employees for cooking, preparing and serving meals for its members and guests. No member or officer, agent or employee of the club shall be paid or directly or indirectly receive, in the form of salary or other compensation, any profits from the sale of spirituous liquors, wines, champagnes or malt beverages beyond the amount of such salary as may be fixed by club members at an annual meeting or by the club's governing body out of the general revenue of the club. For the purpose of this subsection, tips which are added to the bills under club regulations shall not be considered as profits. The beverage board shall have specific authority through rules and regulations to define with specificity the terms used in this subsection and to impose additional requirements upon applicants seeking a club permit not inconsistent with the definition in this subsection.

(c) *Merchants.* Off-premises permits shall be issued only to bona fide merchants who have been licensed to conduct a merchandising business in the city. For the purpose of this subsection, the term "bona fide merchants" shall mean persons regularly operating and conducting business to serve the public on a regular basis, with regular business hours of operation. However, no such off-premises permit shall hereafter be issued for the sale of beer at any place of business where the sale of beer is to be made directly to an automobile and its occupants by means of drive-in window facilities. It shall be unlawful to sale or give beer through a drive-in window to an automobile, its occupants or to any person outside the drive-in window. It shall be unlawful for any permittee to construct a drive-in window or to alter in any manner his place of business so as to permit the sale of beer through a drive-in window to an automobile, its occupants or to any person outside the drive-in window.

(d) *Temporary permits.* Temporary beer licenses or permits should be governed by the following provisions:

- (1) Temporary beer licenses or permits not to exceed 30 days' duration may be issued at the discretion of the secretary of the beverage board to newly annexed businesses which hold a valid county beer permit. The beverage board, at its next regular meeting, may make only one extension of the temporary permit for no longer than 30 days.
- (2) Temporary beer licenses or permits not to exceed 24-hour duration may be issued by the beverage board at the request of the applicant upon the same conditions governing permanent permits. For the purposes of these provisions, the same conditions governing permanent permits shall apply to temporary permits and shall include the application for a temporary beer license or permit, a fee of \$50.00, and a written plan detailing how the event will be conducted in order to provide for a safe and controlled environment. Such a temporary license or permit

shall not allow the sale, storage or manufacture of beer on a publicly owned property, except that a temporary license authorizing the sale of beer on public property may be issued to a bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization or bona fide political organization, subject to the approval of the appropriate governmental authority charged with the management of such publicly owned property and the beverage board. Documents showing evidence of the type of organization shall be submitted with the application. Such a temporary license or permit shall be limited to two events per organization in any 12-month period.

- (3) Subject to the submission of a proper application and the payment of the application fee the beverage board is authorized and empowered in its discretion to issue special occasion licenses to bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization for special events with the duration of said license being for a period of not more than one year. No single special event shall be longer than 72 hours in duration. The beverage board may special occasion license under such terms, conditions, rules and regulations as the beer board may establish which are not inconsistent with state law regulating the sale of beer.

Any person, organization or other entity with a special occasion license conducting an event during which beer is to be sold shall provide at least 30 days advance written notice to the chairman of the beverage board, with a copy to the city recorder, of the intent to conduct such a special event. The notice required by this part shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following information:

- a. Date and time of the event;
- b. The sponsor of the event;
- c. The specific location where any beer is to be sold outside;
- d. Any plans for proposed temporary closure of public rights-of-way;
- e. Plans for security and policing of the event;
- f. The anticipated number of persons attending the event;
- g. Plans for clean up during and after the event;
- h. Plans for sanitary facilities and for safety inspections as determined needed by the fire department;
- i. A written agreement that will indemnify and hold the city, its officials and employees harmless from any claim resulting from the event; and
- j. Provide to the city from an insurance company authorized to do business in Tennessee a comprehensive general liability insurance policy applicable to the serving of beer at the event and providing insurance coverage for all liabilities including death, personal injury or property damage, arising out

of or in any way related to the event described, in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 combined single limits. Such insurance shall be in a form satisfactory to the city's risk manager, shall include an endorsement naming the city as additional insured under the coverage afforded, shall be primary and noncontributing with respect to any other insurance available to the city, shall contain a severability of interest (cross-liability) cause, and shall require the insurer to provide to the city at least 30 days prior notice of cancellation. Proof of such insurance, also in a form satisfactory to the city's risk manager, shall be filed with the risk manager prior to the date of the event of the sponsoring organization.

Upon receipt of the notice as required herein, the proposed special event shall be placed on the agenda of the beverage board for its next regularly scheduled meeting following receipt of the notice, and the sponsor of the proposed event shall send a representative or representatives to the beverage board meeting to address any questions or issues arising out of the proposed special event.

- (4) The beverage board is hereby authorized and empowered in its discretion to permit the sale of beer in the Downtown District, being the area bounded by Main Street, Clinchfield Street, Sullivan Street and Wexler Street, and also including the area across Main Street in the 100 and 200 blocks, to a bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization holding a temporary permit or a special occasion license at such times and events and under such terms, conditions, rules and regulations as the beverage board may establish which are not inconsistent with state law regulating the sale of beer, and including the temporary closure of public rights-of-way within the area with the express permission and cooperation of the city police department and city transportation department.

- (e) *Definitions.* For purposes of this section:

*Bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization* means any corporation which has been recognized as exempt from federal taxes under section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code.

*Bona fide political organization* means any political campaign committee as defined in T.C.A. § 2-10-101(a) or any political party as defined in T.C.A. § 2-13-101.

(f) *Purchase from source other than licensee prohibited.* No charitable, nonprofit or political organization possessing a temporary permit or special occasion licenses shall purchase for sale or distribution beer from any source other than a licensee as provided pursuant to state law.

(g) *Special permits for sale in certain areas.* Beer permits shall not be valid for any sidewalk, street, alley, or other public right-of-way contiguous or adjacent to the permitted establishment. Provided, however, in the Downtown Business Area, as defined in section 94-14, the beverage board may issue a special beer permit for such areas if the permitted establishment obtains and maintains a permit for sidewalk cafe dining facility from the department of public works as set out in section 94-14. The sale, service, or distribution of beer in the sidewalk cafe dining facility shall be under terms, conditions, rules, and regulations as the beverage board shall

establish, including but not limited to the length and periods of time during which a special permit may be valid, which are not inconsistent with state law regulating the sale of beer. Such terms, conditions, rules, and regulations may include the requirement of the submission to the beverage board of the following information:

- a. The identity of such person that is requesting the special permit;
- b. The site plan for the outdoor seating area showing where any beer is to be sold, served, or consumed, the specific location of any furniture and equipment and how the area of public right-of-way is to be separated from the remainder the public right-of-way or property;
- c. The safety and liability measures already taken and those that shall continue to be taken by such person with respect to the outdoor serving area.

The person requesting the special permit shall send representative(s) to the beverage board meeting to address any questions or issues that may arise regarding the request. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this article to the contrary, beer shall not be dispensed from any outdoor bar or serving station. Further, the issuance of a special permit by the beverage board pursuant to this subsection does not authorize any person to utilize public right-of-way in the Downtown Business Area for any purpose without express permission granted by the department of public works in the form of a permit for a sidewalk cafe dining facility.

(Code 1981, § 4-48; Ord. No. 4258, § VI, 7-16-96; Ord. No. 4457, § 1, 11-18-97; Ord. No. 5401, § V, 5-2-06; Ord 5810, § IV and V, 2-17-09)

**Sec. 6-224. Inspection of premises.**

It shall be the duty of the police department to inspect the place of business and premises of the holder of a permit issued under this article. It shall be unlawful for any permittee to refuse to permit any such inspection during any such time that such place is open for business.

(Code 1981, § 4-55)

**Sec. 6-225. Display.**

Every person issued a permit under this division shall display and keep displayed his beer permit in a conspicuous place on the premises where he is licensed to conduct such business.

(Code 1981, § 4-45)

**Sec. 6-226. Transferability.**

(a) Beer permits and receipts for the payment of any fees required to be paid pursuant to the provisions of this article shall not be transferable. The holder of a beer permit may not sell, give, trade, assign, or transfer the permit to any other person, firm, corporation, or other entity. When any permittee intends to cease to engage in the beer business, he shall notify the secretary of the board, in writing, of that intent at least 15 days in advance of the cessation.

(b) When any permittee shall cease to engage in the beer business, changes ownership, relocates the business or changes the name of the business, including, but not limited to a trade name, a "doing business as" name, the name used by the business to the public, or in any other manner, the permit shall automatically expire or terminate, and such permit shall be immediately surrendered to the city recorder.

(Code 1981, § 4-46; Ord. No. 4337, § 1, 2-4-97)

**Sec. 6-227. Establishment of regular hours of operation.**

(a) Every person issued a permit under this division shall establish regular hours of operation, and such hours shall be submitted to the secretary of the beverage board in writing and shall be posted in the establishment at all times. No change of operational hours will be permitted without submitting the hours in writing to the secretary of the board, and any deviation from those hours could be cause for suspension or revocation of the permit.

(b) A permit will be void if an establishment does not operate the business during its normal operational hours for 30 days or more without a specific variance from the beverage board for good cause shown.

(Ord. No. 4258, § III(4-40), 7-16-96)

**Sec. 6-228. Hours of operation.**

It shall be unlawful for any permit holder to sell, furnish, dispose of or give or cause to be sold, furnished, disposed of or given beer between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. on weekdays or between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Sundays. No beer shall be consumed or opened for consumption on or about any premises permitted under this division, in either bottle, glass or other container, after 3:15 a.m.

(Code 1981, § 4-50)

**Sec. 6-229. Loitering around place of business.**

It shall be unlawful for any person issued a permit under this division to allow a person to loiter around the place of business.

(Code 1981, § 4-53)

**Secs. 6-230--6-260. Reserved.**

**ARTICLE IV.**

**DETOXIFICATION CENTER**

**Sec. 6-261. Public intoxication.**

A person commits the offense of public intoxication when the person appears in a public place under the influence of a controlled substance or any other intoxicating substance to the degree that:

- (1) The offender may be endangered;

- (2) There is endangerment to other persons or property; or
  - (3) The offender unreasonably annoys people in the vicinity.
- State Law References:** Similar provisions, T.C.A. § 39-17-310.

**Sec. 6-262. Procedure for persons found in violation of section 6-261; voluntary transportation to center.**

A person found in violation of section 6-261 may be arrested by the police, charged with public drunkenness and, under section 6-261, transported voluntarily to the detoxification center except when:

- (1) There are other charges against the person.
- (2) Signs of injury or illness requiring emergency attention at a hospital are present or the person is unconscious.
- (3) A third party wishes to prosecute the intoxicated person on any other charge.
- (4) The arrested person does not wish to be admitted to the detoxification center.
- (5) The person arrested is violent.
- (6) The person will not sign a witnessed consent in writing prior to admission and execute in writing a properly witnessed waiver of any and all liability for injury or damage against the city, its police officers, the board or mayor and aldermen and other municipal officials or employees and personnel of the detoxification center caused by, growing out of or resulting from care rendered and administered while at the detoxification center.
- (7) He is refused admission by the medical director or his deputy to the detoxification center.

(Code 1981, § 4-16)

**Sec. 6-263. Jurisdiction of court to enforce and implement section 6-261.**

The city court, pursuant to the authority granted in state statutes, shall have jurisdiction over the offense which is the subject of the statutes, and such court is empowered to suspend sentences and fines pursuant to section 6-261 and follow the procedures set out in the statutes and implement the procedures set out in this article.

(Code 1981, § 4-21)

**Sec. 6-264. Admission.**

The medical director of the detoxification center or his deputy will notify the police whether or not an individual may be admitted to the center.

(Code 1981, § 4-17)

**Sec. 6-265. Duty of voluntary patient to remain.**

If the intoxicated person is admitted to the detoxification center by the medical director or his deputy, it shall be the duty of the voluntary patient to remain at the center until certified sober or no longer incapacitated.

(Code 1981, § 4-18)

**Sec. 6-266. Release of voluntary patient certified to be sober or no longer incapacitated.**

If the voluntary patient remains at the detoxification center until certified sober or no longer incapacitated, the police department, upon receipt of notice of such certification from the medical director or his deputy, shall void the city court citation for public drunkenness.

(Code 1981, § 4-19)

**Sec. 6-267. Departure of voluntary patient before certified sober or no longer incapacitated.**

If the voluntary patient leaves the detoxification center before certified sober or no longer incapacitated, he does so at his own risk, thus releasing the center of any further responsibility for him, and the city court citation for public drunkenness may be processed in accordance with police procedures for public drunkenness.

(Code 1981, § 4-20)