

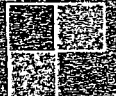
2016

COUNTY OF RUSSELL, KENTUCKY

ALCOHOL BEVERAGE CONTROL ORDINANCE 16-01

PER THE UPDATED 2012-2013 ABC KENTUCKY REVISED STATUTES ADOPTED BY THE
KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND ALL ACCOMPANYING REVISED APPLICABLE
LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LAW

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Commonwealth of Kentucky
2/19/2016



ORDINANCE NO. 16.01

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN RUSSELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY

WHEREAS, pursuant to an election held on January 19, 2016, a majority of the voters of Russell County, Kentucky were in favor of said County going "wet" and permitting alcohol sales;

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Court of Russell County, Kentucky deems it necessary to regulate the sales of alcoholic beverages within its boundaries;

NOW THEREFORE, Be it Ordained by the Fiscal Court of Russell County, Kentucky as follows:

10.010 TITLE.

This chapter shall be numbered as 16.01 and shall be cited and known as the "Alcoholic Beverage Control Ordinance" of Russell County, Kentucky.

10.011 PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish uniform regulations and requirements for the licensing and regulation of alcoholic beverage manufacture and sales pursuant to authorization of KRS 241 through 244.

10.012 DEFINITIONS.

The definitions of the words used throughout this Ordinance, unless the context requires otherwise, shall have the same meaning as those set out in the Kentucky Alcoholic Beverage Control law (KRS Chapters 241, 242, 243 and 244) of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and all amendments and supplements thereto.

10.013 SCOPE.

This Ordinance shall be construed to apply to the manufacture and traffic in both malt beverages and distilled spirits and wine where the context permits such application. Nothing in this Ordinance shall excuse or relieve the licensee, or the owner, proprietor, employee, agent or person in charge of any licensed premises where alcoholic beverages are sold from the restrictions, requirements and penalties of any other ordinance or ordinances of the County or of any statutes of the state relating to violations pertaining to alcoholic beverages.

10.014 ADOPTION OF STATE LAW.

The provisions of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law of the Commonwealth of Kentucky (KRS Chapters 241, 242, 243 and 244) and all amendments and supplements thereto, are adopted so far as applicable to this Ordinance except as otherwise lawfully provided herein.

**LICENSES; LICENSE FEES; REGULATORY LICENSE FEE;
EXPIRATION OF LICENSE**

10.015 LICENSES GENERALLY.

For the privilege of causing, permitting and engaging in the actions, business, and transactions authorized thereby in regard to traffic in alcoholic beverages in the County and pursuant to the authority of KRS 243.060, there is hereby established a corresponding County license for each of the state licenses described in KRS 243.060. The fee for each County license shall be as set out in the following schedule, and may be amended from time-to-time as authorized by law.

10.016 LICENSE FEES.

Pursuant to KRS 243.060 County and consolidated local government license – Kinds- Fees – Restrictions on Increase of fees.

(1) The fiscal court of each county or a consolidated local government in which traffic in alcoholic beverages is not prohibited under KRS Chapter 242 may impose license fees for the privilege of trafficking in alcoholic beverages. These licenses may be issued by the county or consolidated local government administrator. The license fees are subject to the provisions of subsections (2) to (6) of this section, and shall not exceed the following:

- (a) Quota retail package license, per annum:
.....\$1,000.00
- (b) Quota retail drink license, per annum:
.....\$1,000.00
- (c) Nonquota type 2 retail drink license (includes distilled spirits, wine, and malt beverages), per annum:
.....\$1,000.00
- (d) Nonquota type 3 retail drink license (includes distilled spirits, wine, and malt beverages), per annum.....\$300.00
- (e) Special temporary license, per event:
.....\$166.66
- (f) Special Sunday retail drink license, per annum\$300.00
- (g) Nonquota retail malt beverage package license, per annum\$400.00
- (h) Nonquota type 4 retail malt beverage drink license, per annum.....\$400.00
- (i) Limited restaurant license (includes distilled spirits, wine, and malt beverages), per annum:
.....\$1,400.00
- (j) Limited golf course license (includes distilled spirits, wine, and malt beverages), per annum:
.....\$1,400.00

(2) The fee for the following license types may not be increased by more than five percent (5%) above the January 1, 2013, fee for the current license or the former license type listed beside it, during any five (5) year period. The fees for the licenses described in this subsection are still subject to the maximum amounts listed for those licenses in subsection (1) of this section:

- (a) Quota retail package license: retail package liquor license;
- (b) Quota retail drink license: retail drink license;
- (c) Nonquota type 2 retail drink license: restaurant drink license;

- (d) Nonquota retail malt beverage package license: retail malt beverage license;
- (e) Nonquota type 4 retail malt beverage drink license: retail malt beverage license;
- (f) Limited restaurant license; and
- (g) Limited golf course license.

(3) The fee for each of the first five (5) supplemental bar licenses shall be the same as the fee for the primary drink license. There shall be no charge for each supplemental license issued in excess of five (5) to the same licensee at the same premises.

(4) The holder of a nonquota retail malt beverage package license may obtain a Nonquota type 4 malt beverage drink license for a fee of fifty dollars (\$50). The holder of a Nonquota type 4 malt beverage drink license may obtain a nonquota retail malt beverage package license for a fee of fifty dollars (\$50).

(5) Any amount paid to any city within the county as a license fee for the same privilege for the same year may be credited against the county license fee.

(6) If any part of this section is held invalid, all of this section and of KRS 243.600 shall also be considered invalid.

10.017 CERTAIN SPECIAL LICENSES DEFINED.

(A) Special temporary licenses. A special temporary license may be issued only as set out in KRS 243.260. This license shall authorize the licensee to exercise the privileges of a quota retail drink license and an NQ4 retail malt beverage licensee at designated premises for a specified and limited time, not to exceed 30 days, and shall expire when the qualifying event ends. All restrictions and prohibitions applying to a distilled spirits and wine quota retail drink licensee or an NQ4 retail malt beverage drink license shall apply also to a special temporary licensee.

(B) A nonprofit organization holding an NQ4 retail malt beverage drink license may be issued a special temporary license to sell distilled spirits and wine by the drink on the licensed premises for a specified and limited time, not to exceed ten days. The temporary license may be issued in conjunction with any public or private event including but not limited to weddings, receptions, reunions, or similar occasions.

(C) All restrictions and prohibitions applying to regular retail drink distilled spirits and wine licenses and retail malt beverage licenses shall apply to the special licenses, unless otherwise provided by law.

(D) The Russell County Fiscal Court, pursuant to KRS 243.072, finds that an economic hardship exists, due to the extensive opportunities presented to our County as a lake community and that it would aid economic growth and provide business opportunities if distilled spirit and wine sales by the drink were available as part of a special event license.

(E) A special temporary license for a qualifying event shall not be issued unless the purported licensee can demonstrate to the County ABC Administrator that adequate safeguards will be in place to prevent persons who are under the age of 21 from purchasing or consuming alcoholic beverages and that adequate security will be present to prevent unruly or disruptive behavior. If it is deemed necessary in the discretion of the County ABC Administrator, the licensee may be required as a condition of receiving a special temporary license to contract directly with the Russell County Sheriff's Office, at the expense of the licensee, to provide adequate security for the qualified event.

(F) (1) A "Nonquota type 2" or "NQ2" retail drink license may be issued to:

(a) A hotel that:

1. Contains at least 50 sleeping units;
2. Contains dining facilities for at least 50 persons; and
3. Receives from its total food and beverage sales at least 50% of its gross receipts from the sale of food;

(b) A restaurant with a minimum seating for 50 consumers at tables;

(c) An airport; or

(d) A riverboat.

(2) A qualifying hotel, restaurant with seating for at least 50 consumers at tables, airport, or riverboat holding an NQ2 retail drink license may purchase, receive, possess, and sell distilled spirits, wine and malt beverages at retail by the drink for consumption on the licensed premises. The licensee shall purchase distilled spirits, wine, or malt beverages only from licensed wholesalers or distributors. An NQ2 retail drink license shall not authorize the licensee to sell distilled spirits, wine, or malt beverages by the package. The holder of an NQ2 retail drink license shall comply with the requirements of KRS 243.250.

(3) A restaurant, including a restaurant located within a hotel, holding an NQ2 retail drink license shall be required to establish during the license year that the gross receipts from the sale of food at said restaurants was equal to or greater than 50% of the total gross sales receipts of alcohol and food combined.

(G) A "Nonquota type 3" or "NQ3" retail drink license may be issued to:

(1) A private club in existence for longer than one year prior to the license application; or

(2) A dining car.

(H) A "Nonquota type 4" or "NQ4" retail drink license may be issued to the holder of a quota retail drink license, microbrewery license, small farm winery license, or any other business wishing to sell malt beverages by the drink for consumption on the premises only.

10.018 EXPIRATION OF LICENSE; PRORATION OF FEES.

All County licenses shall begin on April 1 of any year and shall expire on March 31 of the following year. Any licenses issued after April 1 of any year shall be assessed a fee which is based on the pro rata portion of the remainder of the license period; however, the cost of any license shall not be less than one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) the amount of the full fee for an annual license of that type.

10.019 PAYMENT OF LICENSE FEES; DELINQUENCY.

No licensee shall enter into or begin operating any business for which a license is required by this Ordinance until the license fee has been paid in full. The fee for renewal of any license shall be paid with the renewal application. Failure to pay any license fee within ten (10) days after it becomes due shall result in a penalty equal to ten percent (10%) of the license fee. Any licensee failing to pay the fees, including penalties, within ten (10) days after such fees are due may be subject to revocation of the license and to other penalties as provided by law.

10.020 REFUND OF FEES.

(A) Should any licensee under this Ordinance be prohibited from conducting the licensed business for the full period covered by the license because of any changes that may hereafter be made in the laws of the commonwealth with reference to alcoholic beverages or other cause outside licensee's control, then the County shall refund to licensee the proportionate part of the license fee for the period during which licensee is prevented from carrying on said business if the licensee provides sufficient proof to the County ABC Administrator that such period of inactivity was not the fault of the licensee or the result of a revocation, suspension or other wrongdoing by licensee, or an agent or employee of the licensee.

(B) In the event a violation of this Ordinance occurs that results in the suspension or revocation of the license, the County shall not be required to refund any portion of the license fee.

10.021 REGULATORY LICENSE FEE.

(A) Pursuant to KRS 243.075, there is hereby imposed a regulatory license fee on the gross receipts of sale of alcoholic beverages of each license issued by the County ABC Administrator. As of the time of adoption of this Ordinance, the regulatory license fee shall be 6% of gross sales of all alcoholic beverages sold by the drink. In the case of retail sales of package distilled spirits and wine, the regulatory license fee shall be 6% of gross sales. The regulatory license fee shall be 6% on gross retail sales of package malt beverages. Thereafter, the Russell County Fiscal Court shall adopt at the budget adoption for each subsequent fiscal year, such annual rate for the regulatory license fee as shall be reasonably estimated to ensure full reimbursement to the County for the cost of any additional policing, regulatory, or administrative expense related to the sale of alcoholic beverages in the County. Should the Russell County Fiscal Court fail to address the regulatory license fee in any budget, then the regulatory license fee shall remain at the level at which it was last fixed until such time as the Russell County Fiscal Court shall adjust the fee.

(B) Payment of such regulatory fee shall be remitted to the County and shall be held in a separate account maintained for the purpose of fully reimbursing the County for the estimated cost of any additional policing, regulatory or administrative expense related to the sale of alcoholic beverages in the County. The regulatory license fee shall be in addition to any other taxes, fees or licenses permitted by law. Payment of the regulatory license fee shall be made monthly on forms to be provided by the County, with payment in full for the year being due no later than April 30 of each calendar year, or at the surrender or revocation of a license or licenses, whichever occurs sooner. No license renewals shall issue unless and until the regulatory license fee has been paid in full.

(C) Failure to pay such monthly remittance within ten (10) days of the due date constitutes a

violation and subject's licensee to suspension or revocation.

(D) Penalty for failure to file a return and pay monthly remittance by the due date is five percent (5%) of the tax for each ninety (90) days or fraction thereof. The total late filing penalty shall not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the tax; provided, however, that in no case shall the penalty be less than ten dollars (\$10.00).

(E) Interest at the rate of eight percent (8%) per annum will apply to any late payments.

10.022 DISPOSITION OF FEES.

The County shall transmit any fees received upon collection into the appropriate designated account.

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL ADMINISTRATOR

10.023 ESTABLISHED; DUTIES.

(A) Pursuant to KRS 241.110, there is hereby created the office of County Alcoholic Beverage Administrator.

(B) The Russell County Judge Executive shall serve as the County Alcoholic Beverage Control Administrator (hereinafter referred to as County ABC Administrator), unless the Russell County Judge Executive shall appoint someone else to fill the position pursuant to KRS 241.110.

(C) The Russell County Judge Executive may from time to time appoint such additional personnel as is necessary to assist the County ABC Administrator in the administration of this Ordinance.

(D) The salary for the office of County ABC Administrator, if any, together with the salaries of any other personnel assisting the County ABC Administrator, shall be fixed from time to time by the Russell County Fiscal Court.

(E) The functions of the County ABC Administrator shall be the same with respect to the County licenses and regulations as the functions of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board of the Commonwealth of Kentucky (hereinafter referred to as ABC Board) with respect to state licenses and regulations, except that no amendment to these regulations proposed by the County ABC Administrator may be less stringent than the statutes relating to Alcoholic Beverage Control, or than regulations of the ABC Board. No regulation of the County ABC Administrator shall become effective until the Russell County Fiscal Court has first appropriately approved it.

(F) No person shall be a County ABC Administrator, an investigator or an employee of the County under the supervision of the County ABC Administrator, who would be disqualified to be a member of the ABC Board under KRS 241.100.

(G) The County ABC Administrator shall have all authority as authorized under KRS 241 through 244. The County ABC Administrator, and the County ABC Administrator's investigators may inspect any premises where alcoholic beverages are manufactured, sold, stored or otherwise trafficked in, without first obtaining a search warrant.

(H) Should the County ABC Administrator at any time have reasonable grounds to believe that any applicant, licensee, employee of a licensee, or any stockholder, agent or employee of a licensed corporation, LLC or other business organization, has a criminal record, he or she shall have the authority to require such person to appear in person at the Russell County Sheriff's Office for the purpose of having his or her fingerprints taken. Costs of fingerprinting shall be borne by the County.

(I) The County ABC Administrator before entering upon his or her duties as such, shall take the oath as prescribed in Section 228 of the Constitution and shall execute a bond with a good corporate surety in the penal sum of not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). The County ABC Administrator may require any employee under the County ABC Administrator's supervision to execute a similar bond in such penal sum as the County ABC Administrator deems necessary. The costs of any such bonds shall be borne by the County.

(J) Unless other appeal procedures are set forth herein, appeals from the orders of the County ABC Administrator may be taken to the state ABC Board by filing with the Board within thirty (30) days a certified copy of the orders of the County ABC Administrator. The Board shall hear matters at issue as upon an original proceeding. Appeals from orders of the County ABC Administrator shall be governed by KRS Chapter 13B.

(K) When any decision of the County ABC Administrator shall have been appealed, or when a protest has been lodged against an application for any license within the County, and the ABC Board shall have made a decision regarding such appeal or protested application, the County ABC Administrator, upon receipt of notice of finality of the decision, shall enter such orders and take such action as required by the final order of the ABC Board. As provided by law, and as used herein, no order of the ABC Board is final until all appeals or appeal times shall have been exhausted. A "final order" of the ABC Board is the order entered by said Board, unless an appeal is taken from the Board's order, in which case the "final order" is the order entered by the Board upon direction from the reviewing court of last resort in the final order of said reviewing court.

APPLICATION FOR LICENSE; MAINTENANCE OF LICENSE

10.24 AVERTISEMENT.

(A) Before an application for a license shall be considered, the applicant must publish a notice of its intent to apply for an alcoholic beverage license in a newspaper meeting the requirements of KRS Chapter 424 and Chapter 243.

(B) The advertisement shall state the name and address of the applicant. It shall state the members of the partnership if the applicant is a partnership, and membership of the LLC if the applicant is an LLC, as well as the name of the business and its address. If the applicant is a corporation, the advertisement shall state the names and addresses of the principal officers and directors of the corporation, as well as the name and address of the corporation itself. All advertisements shall state the location of the premises for which the license is sought, and the type of license for which application is made. The notice shall state the date the application will be filed and shall contain the following statement: "Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license by writing to The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 1003 Twilight Trail, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, within thirty (30) days of the date of legal publication." Any protest received after the thirty (30) day period has expired shall not be considered a valid legal protest by the County.

(C) The applicant shall attach to the application a newspaper clipping of the advertisement and proof of the publication as provided in KRS 424.170.

10.025 APPLICATION FEE .

A nonrefundable application fee of \$50.00 shall be paid with the filing of the application for a County license. If the license is granted, the application fee shall be credited against the initial license fee.

10.026 FORM OF APPLICATION.

(A) All licenses granted under this Ordinance shall be approved by the County ABC Administrator. Applications for the issuance of new licenses and for renewals of existing licenses shall be in writing and upon the forms provided by the ABC Board and the Russell County Fiscal Court, as amended and supplemented from time to time.

(B) The application shall be verified and shall set forth in detail such information concerning the applicant and the premises for which the license is sought as required by the Kentucky Revised Statutes, the ABC Board and the County, including as follows:

- (1) Name and address;
- (2) Nature of interest;
- (3) Whether or not a citizen of the United States;
- (4) Date of birth and Social Security Number;
- (5) Date residence was established in Kentucky, if a resident of Kentucky. If Russell County resident, indicate when residence was established;
- (6) Whether or not he or she has any interest in any other license or LLC, corporation, partnership or other business organization holding a license under this ordinance;
- (7) Extent of stock or company ownership;
- (8) Whether or not he or she has any interest in any license or LLC, corporation, partnership or other business organization holding a license in any other state or province.
- (9) If the applicant is a partnership, corporation, limited partnership company, or limited liability company, the name, age, Social Security number, address, and residence of each officer, director, member, partner, and managerial employee and the citizenship of each, and the state under the laws of which the corporate applicant is incorporated or organized. The County may require the names of all the stockholders and the percentage of stock held by each;

- (10) The premises to be licensed, stating the street and number, if the premises has a street number, and otherwise such a description that will reasonably indicate the location of the premises;
- (11) A statement that neither the applicant nor any other person referred to in this section has been convicted of; any misdemeanor directly or indirectly attributable to alcoholic beverages; any violation of KRS 218A.050, 218A.060, 218A.070, 218A.080, 218A.090, 218A.100, 218A.110, 218A.120, or 218A.130 within the two (2) years immediately preceding the application; any felony, within five (5) years from the later of the date of parole or the date of conviction; or providing false information to the department preceding the application; and that the applicant or any other person referred to in this section has not had any license that has been issued to him under any alcoholic beverage statute revoked for cause within two (2) years prior to the date of the application; and
- (12) A statement that the applicant will in good faith abide by every state and local statute, regulation, and ordinance relating to the manufacture, sale, use of, and trafficking in alcoholic beverages.
- (13) If, after a license has been issued, there is a change in any of the facts required to be set forth in the application, a verified supplemental statement in writing giving notice of the change shall be filed with the County ABC Administrator within ten (10) days after the change.
- (14) In giving any notice or taking any action in reference to a license, the County ABC Administrator may rely upon the information furnished in the application or in the supplemental statement connected with the application. This information, as against the licensee or applicant, shall be conclusively presumed to be correct. The information required to be furnished in the application or supplemental statement shall be deemed material in any prosecution for perjury.

(C) Each application shall be accompanied by a certified check, cash or a postal or express money order for the amount of the license fee, plus the \$50.00 application fee.

(D) In addition to the above specified information, the applicant shall file with the application responses to any additional questions as may be posed or prescribed by the County ABC Administrator. In addition to the information contained in the application and any County-ordered questionnaire, the County ABC Administrator may require such other information as the County ABC Administrator may in his/her discretion deem desirable, reasonable or appropriate to the consideration of the application.

10.027 OTHER CONDITIONS.

In addition to any other inquiries, conditions or considerations required or permitted by law:

- (A) The County ABC Administrator shall not grant any alcoholic beverage license or approve a renewal of a license until the applicant and his place of business shall have been approved by the Russell County Building Inspector and any and all other inspections as may be required by the Kentucky Building Code or the state fire code.

(B) All applicants shall voluntarily submit to a criminal background check and shall sign a waiver allowing the release of this information to the County ABC Administrator; and

(C) No license to sell alcoholic or malt beverages may be granted or renewed to any person who is delinquent in the payment of any taxes or fees due the County at the time of issuing the license, nor may any license be granted or renewed to sell upon any premises or property, owned and occupied by the licensee upon which there are any delinquent taxes, bills, or fees due the County. Further, if a licensee becomes delinquent in the payment of any taxes, bills, or any fees due the County at any time during the license period, the license to sell alcoholic or malt beverages shall be subject to revocation or suspension.

(D) No person, whether an applicant for license, or a licensee, shall in any manner attempt to bribe, threaten, unduly influence or intimidate the County ABC Administrator, or any member of his or her staff, or any State ABC Administrator or staff, in any matter in which an application or proposed application for license, or procedure for revocation or suspension is pending before such officer. This section is not intended to stifle expressions of opinion; however, it is intended to make clear that the County and State ABC Administrators are public officials charged with the administration and enforcement of the law, both local and state. Any person applying for a license, or contesting the revocation or suspension of a license, who engages in attempted bribes, threats, attempted undue influence or intimidation of a County or State ABC Administrator or staff shall be disqualified from receiving or retaining a license, in addition to other penalties as provided by law. The procedures for appeals shall apply to disqualifications, revocations or suspensions under this section. This section shall not be interpreted to prohibit monetary settlements in lieu of revocation or suspension of license after a final order or revocation or suspension, where the ordinance and applicable statutes allow for such payments in settlement.

10.028 FORM OF LICENSE.

All County licenses shall be in such form as may be prescribed by the Russell County Fiscal Court and shall contain:

- (A) The name and address of the licensee;
- (B) The number of the license;
- (C) The type of license;
- (D) A description by street and number, or otherwise, of the licensed premises;
- (E) The name and address of the owner of the building in which the licensed premises are located;
- (F) The expiration date of the license;
- (G) A statement in substance that the license shall not be a property or vested right and that it may be revoked at any time pursuant to law.
- (H) Each kind of license shall be printed so as to be readily distinguishable from the other kinds.

10.029 CHANGE OF INFORMATION.

(A) If after a license to individuals or to a sole proprietor has been issued, there is a change in any fact required to be set forth in the application, a verified amendment in writing giving notice of the change shall be filed with the County ABC Administrator within ten (10) days of the change.

(B) Since licenses issued by the County may be in the name of corporations or other business organizations, it is necessary that ownership changes in such organizations be reported to the County ABC Administrator. The County ABC Administrator can, therefore, investigate the person to whom the ownership or management is transferred in order to ascertain whether that person is precluded by statute from holding an interest in an alcoholic beverage license.

(1) As used with regard to a partnership, corporation, LLC or other business organization herein, the word "change" is construed to include any change in managers, partners or LLC members, directors or officers of the corporation, or change in ownership or stock whereby any person secures ten percent (10%) of the outstanding ownership or stock. Transfer of more than ten percent (10%) of the total ownership or stock shall require a new license.

(2) The following information will be required concerning any new manager, partner or LLC member, new director, officer, or person securing any interest in alcoholic beverage license:

(a) Name and address;

(b) Nature of interest;

(c) Whether or not a citizen of the United States;

(d) Date of birth and Social Security Number;

(e) Date residence was established in Kentucky, if a resident of Kentucky. If a Russell County resident, indicate when residence was established;

(f) Whether or not he or she has any interest in any other license or in any LLC, corporation, partnership or other business organization holding a license under this act;

(g) Extent of stock or company ownership;

(h) Whether or not he or she has any interest in any license or in any LLC, corporation, partnership or other business organization holding a license in any other state or province.

(3) This information shall be filed with the County ABC Administrator as a verified amendment of the application pursuant to which the license was granted. Filing shall be made within ten (10) days of any change of required information.

10.030 RENEWAL OF LICENSE.

(A) Every year each licensee shall renew its license. All renewal licenses must be on file with the County ABC Administrator no less than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the license for the preceding license period or the same shall be canceled, except where the licensee is unable to continue in business at the same premises licensed during the preceding license period as a result of construction, act of God, casualty, death, the acquisition or threatened acquisition of the premises by any federal, state, city or other governmental agency or private organization possessing power of eminent domain, whether such acquisition is voluntary or involuntary, or loss of lease through failure of landlord to renew existing lease; provided that said licensee shall file a written verified statement no less than twenty (20) days from the expiration date of the license, setting forth these facts, and the County ABC Administrator is hereby authorized to extend the time for filing of a renewal of such license for a reasonable length of time within the sound discretion of the County ABC Administrator; provided, however, such licensee shall pay a license fee from the expiration date of the former license or licenses. Said license fee shall not be payable until application is made for the transfer of said license to a new location.

(B) The renewal by the County ABC Administrator of the license shall not be construed to be a waiver or acceptance of any violation which occurred prior to such renewal and shall not prevent subsequent proceedings against the licensee.

10.031 LOST OR DESTROYED LICENSE.

When a license shall be lost or destroyed without fault on the part of the licensee or his agent or employee, a duplicate in lieu of the original license shall be issued by the County ABC Administrator after the County ABC Administrator shall have been satisfied as to the facts; provided, however, that the applicant for said duplicate license shall pay a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) for the duplicate license.

10.032 REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION.

(A) Any license may be revoked or suspended by the County ABC Administrator if the licensee shall have violated any of the provisions of KRS Chapters 241, 242, 243 or 244, or any rule or regulation of the ABC Board or of the Department of Revenue relating to the regulation of the manufacture, sale and transportation or taxation of alcoholic beverages or if such licensee shall have violated or shall violate any act of Congress or any rule or regulation of any federal board, agency or commission, or this Ordinance now, heretofore, or hereafter in effect relating to the regulation of the manufacture, sale and transportation or taxation of intoxicating liquors or any rules or regulations of the County heretofore in existence or authorized by the terms of Kentucky Revised Statutes Chapters 241, 242, 243 and 244 to be created, irrespective of whether the licensee knew of or permitted the violation or whether the violation was committed in disobedience of his instructions, or any such license may be revoked or suspended for any cause which the County ABC Administrator in the exercise of his or her sound discretion deems sufficient, including, but not limited to, acts of moral turpitude.

(B) A license may be revoked for any of the reasons for which the County ABC Administrator would have been required to refuse a license if the facts had been known.

(C) In addition to the foregoing stated causes, any license may be revoked or suspended for the following causes:

- (1) Conviction of the licensee or his agent or employee for selling any illegal beverages on the premises licensed.
- (2) Making any false, material statements in an application for a license.
- (3) If within a period of two (2) consecutive years, any licensee or any clerk, servant, agent or employee of the licensee shall have been convicted of two (2) violations of the terms and provisions of KRS Chapter 241, 242, 243 or 244 or any act heretofore or hereafter in effect relating to the regulation of the manufacture, sale and transportation of alcoholic beverages or if within such period, any licensee or any clerk, servant, agent or employee of the license shall have twice been convicted of any misdemeanor directly or indirectly attributable to the use of alcoholic beverages, or of any felony of any type.
- (4) Willful and deliberate failure or default of a licensee to pay an excise tax or any part thereof, or any penalties imposed by or under the provisions of any statutes, this Ordinance or acts of Congress relative to taxation, or for a violation of any rules or regulations of the Department of Revenue made in pursuance thereof.
- (5) Setting up, conducting, operating or keeping, on the licensed premises, any gambling game, device, machine or contrivance, or lottery or gift enterprise, or handbook or facility for betting or transmitting bets on horse races; or permitting to be set up, conducted, operated, kept, or engaged in, on the licensed premises, any such game, device, machine, contrivance, lottery, gift enterprise, handbook or facility.

10.033 PROCEEDINGS FOR REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF LICENSE; NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO CONTEST; APPEAL; EFFECT OF REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION.

(A) Upon the verified complaint of any person, or on the initiative of any certified peace officer or of the County ABC Administrator, the County ABC Administrator may institute proceedings to revoke or suspend any license granted under this Ordinance. A license may be revoked or suspended only after the licensee shall have been given written notice, by certified or registered mail, of the proposed revocation, including notice of the reasons for such proposed action. The licensee shall be given opportunity to be heard in opposition to the proposed revocation or suspension. The notice of proposed action shall advise the licensee of the date, time and place of the hearing. Notice shall be sufficient if mailed to the licensee at the address shown in the last application for a license or in the last statement supplemental to or in amendment of the application, whether or not the mailing is receipted for or claimed. Failure of the licensee to attend the date of the hearing, unless good cause is shown or a continuance is granted, shall conclude the matter.

(B) The hearing shall be conducted before the Russell County Fiscal Court and shall be informal. The licensee may present evidence and the Russell County Judge Executive is authorized to swear witnesses. Counsel for the licensee is permitted to attend. In conducting the hearing, the Russell County Fiscal Court shall be limited to determining whether or not the County ABC Administrator abused his or her discretion in deciding upon the action to be taken. The Russell County Fiscal Court may recommend a final order to the County ABC Administrator, at which time the licensee may seek further appeal as provided by law.

(C) Within three (3) days after any order of revocation or suspension of a license becomes final, notice of revocation shall be given to the licensee and to the owner of the licensed premises. A notice mailed to the licensee and to the owner of the licensed premises at the address shown in the last application for a license or in the last statement supplemental to the application shall be deemed sufficient compliance with this section. The licensee shall at once surrender his license to the County ABC Administrator. If the revoked or suspended license is not forthwith surrendered by the licensee, the Russell County Sheriff or a deputy thereof, at the request of the County ABC Administrator shall immediately cause one of his officers to take physical possession of the license and return it to the County ABC Administrator.

(D) When a license has been revoked or suspended, the former licensee may, with prior approval of the County ABC Administrator, dispose of and transfer his stock of alcoholic beverages to an appropriate entity.

(E) Appeal from the decision of the County ABC Administrator's Order revoking or suspending a License shall be to the ABC Board. The timely filing of an appeal shall stay further proceedings for revocation.

(F) If a license is revoked or suspended by an order of the County ABC Administrator, and the decision is not appealed, the licensee shall at once suspend all operations authorized under his or her license. Upon the entry of a final order of the ABC Board sustaining or ordering revocation or suspension on appeal, the licensee shall at once suspend all operations authorized under this license.

10.034 TRANSFER OR ASSIGNMENT.

No license issued under this Ordinance shall be transferred or assigned either as to licensee or location except with prior approval of the County ABC Administrator and not then until a payment of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be made to the County.

(1) For purpose of this section, "transfer" means:

(a) The transfer to a new person or entity of ten percent (10%) or more ownership interest in any license issued under KRS 243.020 to 243.670; or

(b) The transfer in bulk, and not in the ordinary course of business, of a major part of the fixtures, materials, supplies, merchandise, or other inventory of a licensee's business.

(2) Any license issued under KRS 243.020 to 243.670 to any person for any licensed premises shall not be transferable or assignable to any other person or to any other premises or to any other part of the building containing the licensed premises, unless a transfer or assignment is authorized by the County ABC Administrator in the exercise of his sound discretion. For the purposes of this section, each railroad dining car shall be deemed premises to be separately licensed.

(3) A licensee shall not acquire or otherwise dispose of any interest in a licensed premises or any license issued by the department, by sale of assets, stock, inventory, control or right of control, or activities on the licensed premises without prior approval of the County ABC Administrator. The County ABC Administrator shall grant approval if the person acquiring the interest meets the qualifications for a new applicant.

(4) Any acquisition of interest in a license without prior authorization shall be void.

(5) All applications for approval of a transfer shall be made in writing to the County ABC Administrator.

(6) Applications for approval of a transfer shall be made under oath or affirmation, shall be signed by both the transferor and the transferee, and shall contain such other information from the transferee as is required for a new applicant for license.

(7) The notice and publication requirements for a proposed transfer shall be the same as those set forth in Section 10.024.

(8) No licensee or other person seeking to acquire an interest in an existing license shall transfer control or assume control of any licensed premises by agreement or otherwise without the written consent of the County ABC Administrator.

(9) A licensee shall not transfer his or her license or any interest in the license while any proceedings against the license or the licensee for a violation of any statute or regulation which may result in the suspension or revocation of the license are pending.

(10) A licensee shall not transfer his or her license or any interest he or she has in the license if the licensee owes a debt on the inventory to a wholesaler responsible for the collection and payment of the tax imposed under KRS 243.884.

(11) A licensee shall not transfer his or her license or any interest in the license if the licensee owes the County for any unpaid license fees or license regulatory fees under this Ordinance.

§ 10.035 REFUSAL OF LICENSE; GUIDELINES FOR APPROVAL OF QUOTA LICENSES.

(A) The County ABC Administrator may refuse to issue license for any of the following reasons:

(1) Causes for refusal to issue or renew a license and for suspension or revocation of a County license shall be the same as provided for state licenses according to KRS 243.450, 243.490 and 243.500, as well as violation of any County ordinance regarding alcohol beverage licensing, sales or the administration thereof;

(2) If the applicant has done any act for which a revocation of license would be authorized;

Or

(3) If the applicant has made any false material statement in his or her application.

(B) In the case of quota licenses, before approving an application, the County ABC administrator is hereby directed to consider, in addition to the factors set out in KRS 243.450, 243.490 and 243.500, and any other factors the County ABC Administrator determines in his or her discretion to be reasonable and pertinent to the license application, the following criteria:

(1) **Ownership:** The Russell County Fiscal Court places great value on business owners who are invested in the community.

(2) **Economic Impact:** The Russell County Fiscal Court desires businesses which make the most positive impact on the community, in number of jobs, payroll, property investment and revenues to the County.

(3) **Site of business:** The Russell County Fiscal Court is interested in serving all geographic areas of the County. Therefore, the County does not wish to cluster all licensed ABC outlets in one area.

(4) **Aesthetics:** The Russell County Fiscal Court is committed to protecting the character and beauty of our community.

(5) **Capital:** The Russell County Fiscal Court values businesses that demonstrate their ability to financially support and sustain their viability. Financial capability of the proposed proprietor is important.

(6) **Public support of licensed business in the area:** The Russell County Fiscal Court intends that public sentiment and safety be considered in deciding upon the approval of retail liquor sales licenses in any area of the County.

(C) An applicant who has been refused a license by the County ABC Administrator may appeal the refusal to the ABC Board pursuant to KR 241.200.

10.036 REVIEW OF LICENSE; BOOKS, RECORDS AND REPORTS.

(A) Applicants to whom a license is issued pursuant to this Ordinance shall provide periodic information demonstrating compliance with the conditions of any license, such as, but not limited to, the continuing requirement that a minimum percentage of the applicant's business income is earned from the sale of food. This documentation shall be provided on a schedule to be coordinated with the applicant's quarterly regulatory fee filings. The County shall provide the form schedule to the licensee. The licensee's acceptance of a license to manufacture or traffic in alcoholic beverages shall constitute consent to the filing of the quarterly report. In the case of caterer filing, the quarterly report shall identify each catered event by type of event, date and address of the event, and shall provide a per event breakdown of sales and the ratio of food sales to alcohol sales during the reporting period. This requirement for filing of reports notwithstanding, the County ABC Administrator may at any time come upon the premises of any licensee and examine the books, audio and visual recordings and records to determine whether the licensee is in compliance with all parts of this Ordinance. Licensee shall be required to maintain all available video/audio recordings for a minimum of 30 days. In the event the conditions of any license requirement are not met during any particular quarter, the County ABC Administrator shall have discretion in determining whether revocation is appropriate or whether the licensee may be allowed a reasonable period of time to reach compliance, if a good faith effort is demonstrated by the licensee, the County ABC Administrator may apply an accounting period of at least one (1) year in determining whether or not the food sale percentage requirement has been met.

(B) (1) Every licensee under this Ordinance shall keep and maintain upon the licensed premises adequate books and records, including audio and video recordings, of all transactions involved in the sale of alcoholic beverages in the same manner required by the rules and regulations of the ABC Board. Licensee shall be required to maintain all video/audio recordings for a minimum of 30 days. Such books and records shall be available at all reasonable times for inspection by the County ABC Administrator and such County employees who may assist the County ABC Administrator in his or her review.

(2) For the purpose of assisting the County ABC Administrator in enforcement of this Ordinance, every licensee required to report to the ABC Board under KRS 243.850 shall provide a copy of such report to the County ABC Administrator. Copies of any and all reports and correspondences to the ABC Board required by statute shall be furnished to the County ABC Administrator.

10.037 DORMANCY.

(A) It is necessary that a licensee actually conduct the business authorized by such a license or else the license will be declared dormant and become null and void after ninety (90) days. Such is the intent of this section. Realizing that a licensee, like other business, may have his business interrupted by situations not under his control, various exceptions to the dormancy rule have been included in this section.

(B) Any license under which no or substantially no business is transacted during a period of ninety (90) days shall be deemed inactive and, unless the conditions set forth in section (D) below are proved to the satisfaction of the County ABC Administrator, the license shall be surrendered to the County ABC Administrator. If the license is not voluntarily surrendered, it shall be revoked by the County ABC Administrator.

(C) For purposes of the preceding section, "no or substantially no business" means that there were either no alcohol transactions during the ninety (90) day period in question, or by using comparable data, the County ABC Administrator determines in his or her discretion that the license is being underutilized to a significant degree. Comparable data available to the County ABC Administrator may include, but not be limited to, sales data from comparable businesses and past sales data of the licensee in question.

(D) The provisions of section (B) of this section shall not apply to any licensee who is unable to continue in business at the premises for which a license is issued due to construction, an act of God, casualty, death, the acquisition of the premises by any federal, state, city or other governmental agency under power of eminent domain, whether acquisition is voluntary or involuntary, or loss of lease through failure of landlord to renew existing lease. Prior to the expiration of ninety (90) days of inactivity, such licensee shall furnish to the County ABC Administrator a verified statement setting forth the fact that the licensee is unable to continue in business, for any of the specific reasons set forth herein, and the County ABC Administrator may grant an extension of the dormancy with the license continuing to remain in effect during the license period or until same is transferred to another premises, notwithstanding the fact that no business is transacted during said period; provided, however, no such license shall be considered valid unless business is conducted there within twelve (12) months from the date of notice to the County ABC Administrator. Such extension may not extend beyond the renewal date but may be for such times as the County ABC Administrator deems appropriate in exercise of his or her sound discretion. The provisions of section (B) of this section shall also not apply to licensees whose business operations are "seasonal" and who may experience extreme downturns in revenue during certain calendar periods such that it is not economically feasible to remain open.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

10.038 HOURS FOR SALE AND DELIVERY.

(A) Unless otherwise set forth specifically herein, a licensee for distilled spirits, wine or malt beverages by the drink shall be permitted to sell or dispense distilled spirits, wine and/or malt beverages by the drink between the hours of 6:00 a.m. until 12:00 (midnight) on Mondays through Saturdays. Notwithstanding the foregoing, sales by the drink on December 31st, regardless of the day of the week upon which it might fall, may continue until 1:00 a.m. on January 1st.

(B) Retail package distilled spirits and wine sales and package malt beverage sales shall be permitted from 6:00 a.m. until 12:00 (midnight), each day of the week, except there shall be absolutely no Sunday sales. If any establishment remains open after midnight and/or Sunday, all coolers containing alcoholic beverages must be locked. All distilled spirits and wines not kept in coolers must be locked up. Any displays of malt beverages must have a sign with lettering not less than two inches in heights reading "NO SALES AFTER MIDNIGHT AND NO SUNDAY SALES". This sign must be atop every display and in cases where establishments have aisles of malt beverages, a larger sign, with letters not less than four inches in height, must be placed at the entrance and exit of each aisle.

(C) A licensee shall not sell, give away, or deliver any alcoholic beverage or permit any alcoholic beverage to be sold, given away, or delivered on the licensed premises during non-permitted hours for sale and delivery. A licensee shall not permit the consumption of alcoholic beverages on the licensee's premises past 12:00 (midnight).

(D) Alcohol sales at golf courses.

Golf courses located within the County that have a golf course alcohol beverage control license shall be allowed to sell distilled spirits, wine, or malt beverages by the drink between the hours of 6:00 a.m. until 12:00 (midnight) on Mondays through Saturdays. Notwithstanding the foregoing, sales by the drink on December 31st, regardless of the day of the week upon which it might fall, may continue until 1:00 a.m. on January 1st.

10.039 CONDITIONS, PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS.

(A) No gambling or game of chance unless otherwise authorized by the Commonwealth of Kentucky shall be permitted in any form on such licensed premises. Dice, slot machines, or any device of chance is prohibited and shall not be kept on such premises.

(B) It shall be unlawful for any licensee licensed under this Ordinance to have or maintain any radio receiving apparatus (including an application on a mobile device) on such premises which is intentionally adjusted so as to receive police messages broadcast from any law enforcement agency. In addition to other penalties provided for the violation of this section, any certified peace officer or the County ABC Administrator, or his or her designated investigator, shall have the authority to confiscate any and all such radio receiving apparatus.

(C) The licensee shall be responsible for maintaining security on his premises including providing adequate outside lighting to permit customers to utilize the parking area and to promote the safety, health and welfare of the general public utilizing the licensed premise. Security standards are further necessary to discourage unlawful activity in and around the licensed premises.

(D) It shall be unlawful for the licensee under this Ordinance who sells alcoholic beverages of any kind to give away or offer to give away anything tangible of value as a premium or prize, or for any other purpose in direct connection with the sale of alcoholic beverages nor shall any licensee give away any alcoholic beverage in any quantity for less than a full monetary consideration.

(E) No licensee or agent or employee of the licensee shall permit any person to become drunk or intoxicated on the premises, nor shall any licensee sell alcoholic beverages to any person who is actually or apparently under the influence of alcoholic beverages, or known to the seller or server to be an habitual drunkard or any person known to the seller or server to have been convicted of drunkenness as many as three (3) times within the most recent twelve (12) month period. No licensee shall permit any person who is actually or apparently under the influence of alcoholic beverages to remain on the licensed premises. As used herein, whether a person is actually or apparently under the influence of alcoholic beverages shall be determined by the licensee or server with specific reference to the principles and guidelines established in mandatory alcohol server training as to the signs of alcohol intoxication.

(F) The licensee shall not sell or dispense alcoholic beverages to any person who is under 21 years of age. The licensee shall check all identifications to ascertain that every person attempting to purchase or consume alcoholic beverages is at least 21 years of age.

(G) The licensee shall display at all times in a prominent place a sign at least 8" x 11" in 30 point or larger type which states as follows:

Persons under the age of twenty-one (21) are subject to criminal prosecution if they:

1. Enter licensed premises to buy, or have served to them, alcoholic beverages.
2. Possess, purchase or attempt to purchase, or get another to purchase alcoholic beverages.
3. Misrepresent their age for the purpose of purchasing or obtaining alcoholic beverages.

(H) The licensee, before commencing any business for which a license has been issued, shall post and display at all times in a conspicuous place in the room or principal room where the business is carried on so that all persons visiting the place may readily see the license. The licensee shall not at any time post the license on premises other than the licensed premises or upon premises where traffic in alcoholic beverages is being carried on by any person other than the licensee, or knowingly deface, destroy or alter the license in any respect.

(I) The licensee shall post in a prominent place easily seen by patrons a printed sign at least eleven (11) inches by fourteen (14) inches in size, with letters at least one (1) inch high, supplied by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, and with gender-neutral language supplied by the Cabinet for Health Services, which shall warn that drinking alcoholic beverages prior to conception or during pregnancy can cause birth defects. A person who violates this subsection shall be subject to a fine of not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00). KRS 243.895.

(J) No wholesaler or distributor shall sell any alcoholic beverages to any person in the County for any consideration except under the usual credit or cash terms of the wholesaler or distributor at or before the time of delivery. No retail licensee shall sell to a purchaser for any consideration except for cash at time of purchase.

(K) No licensee shall knowingly employ in connection with his or her business any person who:

- (1) Has been convicted of any felony within the last two (2) years;
- (2) Has been twice convicted of any misdemeanor or offense directly or indirectly attributable to the use of intoxicating liquors within the last two (2) years;
- (3) Is under the age of twenty (20) years who will be serving alcoholic beverages or who will be having any contact whatsoever with the sale of alcohol as defined under state statute;
- (4) Within two (2) years prior to the date of his or her employment, has had any County license under this Ordinance revoked for cause.

(L) Licensees shall be prohibited from offering reduced price drink specials (e.g. discounts, two-for-one, happy hours) from 6:00 p.m. to closing.

(M) No licensee shall offer or permit nudity, adult entertainment activities, including nude or nearly nude dancing, adult motion picture, television, slide or stage shows, cabarets or sexual entertainment centers on any licensed premise. No licensee shall permit explicit sexual activity, whether actual or simulated, upon any licensed premises. No licensee shall sponsor or permit wet t-shirt or wet clothing contests, lingerie fashion shows, mud wrestling or similar activities, nor shall a licensee allow dancing with touching for compensation (including but not limited to wages, tips or gratuities), or any other service, display or contest requiring physical contact between patrons and/or patrons and employees on any licensed premises. No licensee shall sponsor, offer or permit drinking contests, all-you-can-drink specials or free drinks on any licensed premise in the County.

(N) No license shall be issued for any premises to operate a vehicle "drive-through" outlet for the sale of alcoholic beverages, nor shall any person or licensee operate or permit such a vehicle drive-through outlet. This prohibition shall not apply to a drive-up window at any premises licensed for retail package liquor, wine or malt beverage, including retail beer, where the primary sales area is arranged for and utilized by persons entering the premises on foot and manually carrying out the products purchased therein.

(O) Retail premises shall not be disorderly.

(1) A retail licensee, a patron, or the licensee's agents, servants, or employees shall not cause, suffer, or permit the licensed premises to be disorderly.

(2) Acts which constitute disorderly premises consist of causing, suffering, or permitting patrons, the licensee, or the licensee's servants, agents, or employees to cause public inconvenience, annoyance or alarm or create a risk through:

- (a) Engaging in fighting or in violent, tumultuous, or threatening behavior;
- (b) Making unreasonable noise;
- (c) Refusing to obey an official order to disperse issued to maintain public safety in dangerous proximity to a fire hazard or other emergency;
- (d) Creating a hazardous or physically offensive condition by any act that serves no legitimate purpose;
- (e) Creating a public nuisance which is further defined by KRS 241.010(39);
- (f) Engaging in criminal activity that would constitute a capital offense, felony, or misdemeanor; or
- (g) Failing to maintain the minimum health, fire, safety, or sanitary standards established by the state or local government, or by state administrative regulations, for the licensed premises.

(P) Ideally, no license for quota retail package sales should be issued where the proposed situs of the business is or will be located close to a church, school, or daycare facility. For purposes of this section, "church" shall mean (in addition to its ordinary meaning) a nonresidential structure and premises where religious services are conducted on a regular and continuing basis. "School" shall mean (in addition to its ordinary meaning) a non-residential structure and premises where ten (10) or more students regularly gather for educational purposes. "School" shall not include a vocational training center intended for adults over the age of 18. "Daycare facility" shall mean (in addition to its ordinary meaning) a non-residential structure and premises where ten (10) or more children are cared for during normal daytime working hours while the parents or guardians are at work or are otherwise engaged. Similarly, no license for quota retail package sales should be issued where such a store would materially alter the character of a predominantly residential neighborhood.

(Q) Notwithstanding the foregoing section (P) immediately above, the Russell County Fiscal Court realizes that a variety of factors might make a barrier inequitable in a particular case and that a certain degree of discretion is necessary when determining the propriety of a proposed situs for a quota retail package store. Among any other relevant factors to consider, in determining whether to issue a quota retail package license where the proposed situs would be located near a church, school, or daycare, or where the proposed situs might materially alter the character of a predominantly residential neighborhood, the County ABC Administrator is instructed to consider:

1. Public sentiment in the area and the fairness to all affected parties;
2. Number of other alcohol licensees in the area;

3. Potential for future growth;
4. Type of area involved, and whether a quota retail package store would detrimentally affect the character of the neighboring properties and/or the property values;
5. Type of transportation available;
6. Financial potential of the area;
7. Whether or not there exists any natural or artificial sight barriers (trees, treelines, hills, other buildings, extensive shrubbery, etc.) in the area which would provide an adequate visual and/or sound buffer between the situs of the proposed quota retail package store and the church, school, or daycare facility in question.

Any aggrieved party may appeal the decision of the County ABC Administrator to the Russell County Fiscal Court in accordance with Section 10.033(B).

(R) Violation of this section shall subject the licensee to penalties provided in this Ordinance and shall be cause for revocation of license.

10.040 POSSESSION BY MINORS PROHIBITED; NO PERSON SHALL AID POSSESSION BY MINORS.

(A) Except as specifically authorized under KRS 241 through 244, no person under the age of 21 may possess alcoholic beverages or enter onto any licensed premises for the purpose of acquiring alcoholic beverages.

(B) As provided in KRS 244.085, no person under the age of 21, except in the company of a parent or guardian, may remain any premises licensed for the package sale of alcoholic beverages. For purposes of this prohibition, "premises" specifically encompasses the entire lot upon which a licensed establishment is situated, including any drive-up window. The prohibition contained in this section (B) shall not apply to premises where the usual and customary business of the establishment is a gas station, convenience store, grocery store, drugstore, or similar establishment.

(C) No person shall knowingly allow, aid, assist, induce, cause or otherwise encourage any minor to be in possession of or use or consume alcoholic beverages. All licensees shall require proof of age of all persons attempting to purchase or consume alcoholic beverages on the licensee's premises.

(D) No person being the owner or occupant or otherwise in possession or control of any property located within the County shall knowingly allow any minor to remain on such property while in possession of, using or consuming alcoholic beverages.

(E) It shall be a defense to any prosecution under this section if the person charged, upon discovery of said minor individuals, manifests a proper effort to enlist the aid of and cooperate with law enforcement personnel in stopping the minor individuals' possession, consumption or use of alcoholic beverages, or that the minor individuals' possession of alcoholic beverages was exempted by KRS 244.087.

10.041 CONSUMPTION ON LICENSED PACKAGE PREMISES PROHIBITED; CONGREGATING ON CERTAIN ABC LICENSED PREMISES AND VACANT PREMISES PROHIBITED.

(A) (1) No licensee of a package store, whether trafficking in distilled spirits, wine or malt

beverages, shall permit consumption of alcoholic beverages on the premises unless the licensee hold an appropriate license. A licensee shall post a prominent notice on the premises stating that consumption of alcoholic beverages on premises is prohibited.

(2) This restriction regarding on premises consumption shall not prohibit sampling as allowed by applicable law.

(B) No person or entity operating a package liquor store, whether trafficking in distilled spirits, wine or malt beverages, including retail package beer licensees, shall knowingly allow or permit habitual congregating of persons on the unenclosed portion of the licensed premises so as to constitute a public nuisance.

(C) No person or entity being the owner or otherwise in possession or control of any vacant property shall knowingly allow or permit habitual congregating of persons on the unenclosed portion of such property so as to constitute a public nuisance.

(1) No persons shall congregate for the purposes, under the circumstances, or in the places proscribed in sections (A) and (B) of this section.

(2) It shall be a defense to any prosecution under section (A) or (B) of this section if such licensed vendor or property owner shall post or permit law enforcement to post and maintain a legible, painted or printed sign in at least two (2) separate prominent places in such area, in letters of not less than three

(3) inches in height, stating that congregating of persons is prohibited and that violators shall be prosecuted for trespass pursuant to KRS 511.080.

(3) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "HABITUAL" shall mean consistent, that is, by frequent practice or use, but not necessarily constant or exclusive;

(b) "PACKAGE LIQUOR STORE" shall mean a retail establishment selling distilled spirits, wine and malt beverages in package containers pursuant to licenses issued for those purposes;

(c) "PUBLIC NUISANCE" shall mean any activity that endangers or interferes with the general use and enjoyment of neighboring property, passers-by or the health, safety and welfare of the public; and

(d) "VACANT PROPERTY" shall mean a vacant lot on which no building or other structure exists or property on which any structure is unoccupied or unused, or which otherwise reflects abandonment by the owner or person with the right of occupancy.

10.042 MALT BEVERAGE KEG REGISTRATION.

(A) As used in this section, "KEG" is defined as a container designed and capable of holding six (6) or more gallons of malt beverage.

(B) All retail licensees (herein after referred to as "licensee") operating within Russell County who sell malt beverages in kegs for consumption off the premises of the licensee shall attach a control label. The label must have a control number, and the name of the business. Each label must be affixed to each keg at the time of sale and shall require the purchaser to complete and sign a keg registration form for the keg stating the following:

- (1) The purchaser is of legal age to purchase, possess and use the malt beverage;
- (2) The purchaser is not purchasing the keg for resale and will not allow any person under the age of twenty-one (21) to consume the malt beverage;
- (3) The purchaser will not remove, obliterate or allow to be removed or obliterated the identification label;
- (4) The purchaser will state the property address where the keg will be consumed and physically located; and
- (5) The purchaser is aware of his/her duty to maintain a copy of the keg registration form visible and readily accessible from the location of the keg.

(C) The licensee shall obtain the name, address and telephone number of the purchaser and shall require the purchaser to produce a valid driver's license number and, if that is not available, to produce at least one other valid form of identification.

(D) The licensee shall retain copies of the keg registration forms for a period of one year and shall make the keg registration form available for inspection by state and local alcoholic beverage control officers and other enforcement officers.

(E) The keg registration form shall be forwarded to the County ABC Administrator within five (5) working days in all situations when the keg is not returned or is returned with the identification label removed or obliterated.

(F) The County ABC Administrator is authorized to develop appropriate rules and regulations and to develop and make available keg registration forms.

(G) All licensees that sell or offer for sale kegs shall post on the licensed premises a notice provided by the County concerning the provisions of this section.

(H) It shall be unlawful for any licensee to sell or offer for sale kegs without the identification labels attached and the keg registration form completed. It shall also be unlawful for any person to remove or to obliterate the identification label or to fail to have the declaration form visible and readily accessible from the location of the keg.

10.043 ENFORCEMENT.

All certified peace officers and the County ABC Administrator are authorized to enforce this Ordinance for alleged violations.

~~10.044 MANDATORY RESPONSIBLE BEVERAGE SERVICE TRAINING.~~

~~(A) All persons employed in the selling and serving of alcoholic beverages shall participate in and complete a County-approved responsible beverage service training program. For a responsible beverage service training program to be approved by the County, it must effectively train its participants in the identification of false age documents and recognition of characteristics of intoxication. The County will not require enrollment in particular classes, but only that the training be obtained from a recognized program meeting the goals expressed in this Ordinance.~~

~~(B) All persons required to complete training under section (A) of this section shall complete that training within thirty (30) days of the date on which the person first becomes subject to the training requirement. When a new business is licensed to serve alcoholic beverages all employees must be trained prior to the opening of the business.~~

(C) Each licensee shall be responsible for compliance with the training requirements and shall maintain, for inspection by the County ABC Administrator, a record or file on each employee that shall contain the pertinent training information. Each premise licensed hereunder must at all times when alcoholic beverages are being served have at least one person currently certified in responsible beverage service training on duty.

(D) All persons completing the training required by this section shall be re-certified in responsible beverage service training from a program approved by the County not less than once every three years thereafter.

10.045 SIGNS AND ADVERTISING.

Unless expressly permitted by state statute or regulation:

(A) No sign, banner, poster or other type of display advertising which refers, either directly or indirectly, to alcoholic beverages, shall be displayed on, nor shall it be visible from, the exterior of any premises licensed for the sale of alcoholic beverages, except that reference to such may be included in the name of the business. This restriction shall not prevent any licensee from placing in the window of the licensed premises business price cards not larger than 2 1/2 inches in size, setting forth the price at which he offers alcoholic beverages for sale.

(B) No flashing, oscillating, rotating, shimmering, or other lights demonstrating movement, or the illusion of movement, shall be used to illuminate, or be visible from, the exterior of any premises licensed under this chapter.

(C) It shall be unlawful for any person holding any license under this chapter to give away or offer to give away anything tangible of value as a premium or prize, or for any other purpose in connection with the sale of alcoholic beverages.

(D) Any advertising by any licensee under this chapter shall be in compliance with this chapter, KRS 244.130, and any regulation promulgated pursuant to KRS 244.130.

(E) No licensee shall publish or display advertising that is false or misleading, nor shall any licensee publish or display advertising that implies that consumption of alcoholic beverages is fashionable or the accepted course of behavior, or advertising that contains any statement, picture or illustration implying that the consumption of alcoholic beverages enhances athletic prowess, whether or not any known athlete is depicted or referred to, nor shall any licensee publish or display advertising that encourages intoxication by referring to the intoxicating effects of alcohol (or the use of terms such as "high test", "high proof or "extra strong") or depicting activities that tend to encourage excessive consumption.

10.046 PATIO AND OUTDOOR SALES.

(A) Patio and outdoor sales of alcoholic beverages shall be permitted only on premises licensed for sales of alcoholic beverages by the drink.

(B) Required conditions. Patio and outdoor sales of alcoholic beverages by the drink are permitted if the following conditions are met:

(1) The only entrance and exit to the outdoor alcoholic beverage area shall be through the principal structure. The perimeter of the outdoor alcoholic beverage area shall be clearly defined with decorative walls or fencing at a minimum height of three (3) feet so as to provide control over the operation of the outdoor alcoholic beverage area in conjunction with the landscaping requirements as prescribed in section two (2); otherwise, a solid enclosure at a minimum height of four (4) feet is required. The outdoor alcoholic beverage area is intended to provide separation from pedestrians. Emergency exits shall be required for the outdoor alcoholic beverage area in accordance with any applicable fire codes.

(2) Some combination of evergreen vegetation or landscaping will be required, around the perimeter of the outdoor alcoholic beverage area, to provide partial screening at a minimum height of four (4) feet with plantings spaced on a maximum of a four (4) foot center. These requirements will not be used to reduce or minimize any other screening ordinance in place.

(3) A seating plan must be submitted along with the proposed surface area. The seating plan will be reviewed to provide recommendations. The surface area of the outdoor alcoholic beverage area should generally be a hard surface.

(4) Lighting is required. The lighting shall be of a subdued nature and not imposing to any adjacent property.

(5) The licensee shall at all times ensure that the operation of an outdoor alcoholic beverage area does not unreasonably interfere with the quiet enjoyment of neighboring properties.

(C) Notwithstanding the foregoing requirements which contemplate a completely enclosed outdoor seating area, patio and outdoor sales of alcoholic beverages by the drink are permitted if the licensee can demonstrate that one or more natural or artificial barriers will provide an adequate means of:

(1) Preventing persons who are under the age of 21 from purchasing or consuming alcoholic beverages;

(2) Preventing persons who did not enter the premises from one of the main entrances from entering the outdoor alcoholic beverage seating area;

(3) Preventing persons from leaving the premises, unless it is an emergency, without exiting through one of the main entrances;

(4) Permitting, at any given time, the licensee to quickly and readily provide a reasonably accurate head count of the number of patrons in the outdoor alcoholic beverage seating area.

10.047 CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS AND APPEAL.

(A) If any of the provisions of this Ordinance are found to be in conflict with applicable statutes or regulations, the applicable statutes and/or regulations shall control.

(B) The invalidity of one or more provisions of this Ordinance shall not affect the applicability or enforceability of the remaining provisions.

(C) Upon exhaustion of administrative measures, any party aggrieved may seek appropriate relief in a court of competent jurisdiction.

(D) Any hearing conducted pursuant to this Ordinance, whether by the County ABC Administrator or the Russell County Fiscal Court, shall be recorded to preserve all evidence.

10.048 PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT

County police officers and the County ABC Administrator and his/her Investigator(s) are hereby authorized to enforce this Ordinance in full.

NOTICE: Under the authorization of KRS 241.090, County of Russell Police/Sheriff Officers, the County ABC Administrator, and the assigned Investigator's for the County's ABC Administration, are not required to obtain search warrants for inspections upon the licensed facilities or any living quarters accessible by the licensed facility. This includes but is not limited to the review of any video or audio recordings of the licensed facility.

(A) In addition to any criminal prosecution instituted in Russell District Court against an alleged violator pursuant to subsection (B) of this provision or under other state law, the County ABC Administrator may assess the fines and penalties authorized in KRS 243.480, including the per diem assessments for ongoing violations. Should the fines or penalties assessed by the state change under KRS 243.480, then the fines or penalties under this Ordinance shall be adjusted accordingly to mirror the fines or penalties imposed by state law. Payment of all fines shall be made to the County to be deposited in the appropriate designated account. For any violation of this Ordinance for which civil fines under KRS 243.480 are not applicable or appropriate, the County ABC Administrator may impose a fine of between fifty (\$50.00) dollars to one hundred (\$100.00) dollars, per violation, per day. Civil fines issued under this subsection may be appealed to the Russell County Fiscal Court in the same manner as set out in Section 10.033 of this Ordinance. If the offending licensee is a partnership, LLC, corporation, or any other business entity, the fines may be levied against the organization or against the principal officers or agents responsible for the violation.

(B) Any person, firm or corporation who violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance, for which no other penalty is hereby provided, shall, for the first offense, be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) or imprisoned in the county jail for not more than six (6) months, or both, and for the second and each subsequent violation, he or she shall be fined not less than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned in the county jail for not more than six months, or both. The penalties provided for in this subsection shall be in addition to the revocation or suspension of the offender's license. Each day that an offending condition is present shall constitute a separate offense. If the offender is a corporation, LLC, joint stock company, association or other business organization, or a fiduciary, the principal officer or officers responsible for the violation may be fined, imprisoned, or both.

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GARY ROBERTSON, JUDGE-EXECUTIVE

RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT

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