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WHAT HAPPENS NEXT? After July 1, 2020, your current permit will no longer be eligible for renewal. After that date, your permit will be re-classified at your next renewal and re-issued as a café liquor permit. The Department will be creating a new café permit number that will be assigned to your premises and will replace your current permit number. The new permit will keep the same annual effective and expiration date as your current permit. If you wish to continue selling and serving alcoholic liquor at your establishment, you will need to renew as a café. The next renewal notice you receive will include a set of instructions on how to renew your new café permit, so please read them carefully. The renewal fee for the café permit will be $2000.

If you currently hold a Tavern liquor permit (LIT), your permit will still become a café liquor permit, however, your renewal fee will increase over four years.
Renewal year one: $800
Year two: $1,200
Year three: $1,600
Year four: $2,000.
It is your responsibility as the permit holder to comply with local zoning ordinances governing your new café permit premises. The individual definitions of your new café permit type can be found in Public Act 19-24, section 22.

For any relevant questions regarding this law change, please visit our website http://portal.ct.gov/DCP-LiquorNews and obtain a copy of “Frequently Asked Questions” page. Our liquor control staff and agents can be reached at (860) 713-6210 or dcp.liquorcontrol@ct.gov

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