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CAFE
LIQUOR PERMIT



QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

Our goal:

*To inform our permit holders and
promote the safe service of alcohol.*

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Governor

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Commissioner

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Director

Legal Hours of Alcohol Service for a Cafe Permit

Monday through Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Friday and Saturday
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.
Non-alcoholic service 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Sunday
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Non-alcoholic service 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Prohibited

Premises are not to remain open during a suspension period.

Permit Definition Refer to 30-22(a) of the C.G.S.

Permit Requirements

Permit Recorded Each year your new permit must be filed with the town clerk’s office. The clerk will stamp the original permit and keep a copy on file. You will note that the permit is endorsed:

“THIS PERMIT IS OF NO EFFECT UNTIL FILED WITH THE TOWN CLERK.”

Permit Framed and Hung in Plain View

Your liquor permit must be kept in a frame for protection and hung inside the premises so as to be visible to the public.

Permittee Sign The permittee sign shall appear at all times adjacent to the main entrance of the permit premises in such a manner as to be visible from the sidewalk or street. *Example:*

**Michael Brooks
Permittee**

Rubber Stamp No permittee shall receive any liquor deliveries unless upon receipt the retailer affixes by rubber stamp or signs the invoice with information containing the trade name of retailer, the name of the permittee and the signature or initials of the recipient of the merchandise.

Example of rubberstamp:

Received By:
Main Street Café
Michael Brooks,
Permittee
Date: _____
By: _____

Liquor Invoices A two (2) year record of liquor invoices must be maintained on the premises. Approval may be granted to keep the invoices off premises upon written request.

Liquor Storage An approved lockable area must be maintained which is large enough to accommodate the liquor in stock.

Age Statements Forms

A permittee shall require any person whose age is in question to fill out and sign a statement in the following form. This form is only to be used in conjunction with identification shown. Completed Age Statement Forms must be maintained on the premises in alphabetical order.

Draught Beer

The beer lines of your tap system must be cleaned and recorded on a record card on a weekly basis. Pitchers cannot be sold to one (1) person. The tap lever must be of the same brand as being drawn from the keg (unless using a generic handle)

Liquor Bottles

Liquor bottles may *not* be refilled, even if the brands are the same. Liquor must be poured from its original container.

Prohibited Sales

Sale to Minors. (under 21 years of age)
Sale to Intoxicated person.
Sale before or after Legal Hours.
Sale to another liquor permit holder.

Note: You have the right to refuse sale if you suspect the patron is a minor or is intoxicated.

Smoking

Smoking of all kind is PROHIBITED, including all electronic nicotine delivery systems. Such systems include electronic (1) cigarettes, (2) cigars, (3) cigarillos, (4) pipes, (5) and hookahs. It also includes related devices, cartridges, or other components.

Employees

An employee may be sixteen (16) years of age but a server must be at least eighteen (18) years old to sell alcohol.

Daily Records

A Cafe permittee is required to keep on the premises, in the English language, daily records and a monthly total of the sales of food and liquor.

Food Requirement

Food must be regularly available for sale to customers for consumption on premises. Sandwiches, soups or other foods, whether fresh or processed, precooked or frozen.

Juice Bars

The holder of your café permit should notify in writing the town’s chief law enforcement officer in advance of specific dates and hours of any scheduled event that involves the use of a juice bar or similar facility at permitted premises or any portion thereof.

Caterer Liquor Permit

A café permit holder may also hold a separate off premises caterer liquor permit. This allows for off-site catering of food and alcohol.

Drink Promotions Drink promotions must apply to all patrons.

PROHIBITED DRINK PROMOTIONS

Open Bar Not allowed unless an area has been rented for a private party by a customer.
Discrimination “Ladies” nights, etc. are prohibited if drink promotions are available only to a certain group of people.
Drinking Games No games which involve the consuming or awarding of drinks may be played on the permit premises.

GAMBLING PROHIBITED

There is no gambling of any kind (i.e.- sports pools, dice games, slot machines)

OFF-PREMISES SALES OF DRAUGHT BEER (GROWLERS)

Permitted to sell draught beer for off-premises consumption in sealed containers, under the following conditions:

- **Legal Hours (same as Package Stores):** Monday-Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (**unless otherwise restricted by local ordinance*)
- **Size:** Four (4) liters allowed to be sold per person per day
- **Distribution:** Containers must be supplied and filled by the permittee (consumers cannot bring their own containers for filling) and they should be clean and sanitary.

Please Note: The law does not prohibit distributors from providing or selling the containers to those with a restaurant beer, and beer and wine, café, or tavern permit.

LIQUOR PERMITS ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE

Any change in ownership or transfer of stock must be reported to the Department prior to that change. Your liquor permit must be canceled upon sale or transfer of the business. New business owners must apply and be granted their own permit prior to selling any alcohol.

LIQUOR MAY BE PURCHASED ONLY FROM AN AUTHORIZED WHOLESALER

You may only purchase liquor from an authorized wholesaler licensed by the Department of Consumer Protection, Liquor Control Division.

BEER MUST BE PURCHASED WITHIN A GEOGRAPHIC TERRITORY

All wholesalers have a geographic territory in which they are allowed to sell certain brands of beer.

If you have any questions regarding your Restaurant permit, please call us at:

Agent Investigations/Complaints (860) 713-6210
New Applications (860) 713-6200
Renewals (860) 713-6200
Transfer of Interest/Stock (860) 713-6210

This pamphlet is a quick reference guide only. For complete information regarding your Café Permit, refer Title 30 of the Connecticut General Statutes.