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GROCERY BEER PERMIT



QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

Our goal:

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

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Governor

Michelle H. Seagull
Commissioner

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Director

Legal Hours of Beer Sales for a Grocery Beer Permit

Monday through Saturday
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Sunday
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Holiday Sales Allowed

Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Prohibited Days

Thanksgiving
Christmas
New Years Day

Beer may be sold on the Monday following any Christmas or New Year's Day which falls on a Sunday.

Local ordinances may be more restrictive

Permit Definition Refer to 30-20(b)(c) 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:

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| Michael Brooks Permittee |
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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 rubber stamp:*

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| Received By Main Street Café Michael Brooks, Permittee Date: _____ By: _____ |
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Beer Invoices A two (2) year record of beer invoices must be maintained on the premises. Approval may be granted to keep the invoices off premises upon written request.

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

Beer Prices All beer prices must be posted on or near the liquor item. A list of *all* beer prices must be displayed in the store near the beer items.

Discounted Item Allows the holder of a grocery beer permit to sell one beer item below cost each month, provided that the item is not discounted more than 10%. To register a product, create an account at the following website:
https://www.biznet.ct.gov/DCP_LiquorControl_Retailers

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.

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.

Employees Employees may be fifteen (15) to work at a grocery store but they must be at least eighteen (18) years old to sell beer.

Keg Registration: A holder of this permit shall at the time of sale (1) place an identification tag on all kegs sold by the permittee, (2) require each purchaser of any such keg to sign a receipt for the keg, and (3) inform such purchaser that any deposit paid by the purchaser for the keg, if required, shall be forfeited if the keg is returned without the original identification tag intact and readable. Keg books are available from the Department. The permittee shall retain a copy of all such receipts on the permit premises for a period of six months and shall be available for inspection and copying by the department or any criminal justice agency. The information regarding the deposit may be given verbally to each purchaser or may be provided by means of a sign at least six by nine inches conspicuously posted at the point of sale.

The sign must read as follows:
ANY DEPOSIT PAID BY THE PURCHASER FOR THE KEG, IF REQUIRED, SHALL BE FORFEITED IF THE KEG IS RETURNED WITHOUT THE ORIGINAL IDENTIFICATION TAG INTACT AND READABLE

A permittee may not refund the deposit if the returned keg does not have an identification tag required or if the identification tag has been defaced to the extent that the information cannot be read.

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.

BEER MAY BE PURCHASED ONLY FROM AN AUTHORIZED WHOLESALER

You may only purchase beer 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. It is your responsibility to ensure that you are purchasing from the correct distributor.

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

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| Agent Investigations/Complaints | (860) 713-6210 |
| New Applications and Renewals | (860) 713-6200 |
| Transfer of Stock or Interest | (860) 713-6210 |
| Keg Registration books | (860) 713-6000 |

This pamphlet is a quick reference guide only.

For complete information regarding your Grocery Beer Permit, refer to Title 30 of the Connecticut General Statutes.