STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

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INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION: Connecticut Craft Café Liquor Permit Application

PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION BEFORE COMPLETING APPLICATION. APPLICATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF INCOMPLETE OR IF ANY REQUIRED DOCUMENT IS MISSING.

Fees and Form of Payment:

The total filing fee of \$400.00 for Connecticut Craft Café liquor permit is required for successful submission of this application. Checks and/or money orders should be made payable to "*Treasurer*, *State of Connecticut*" and must accompany this application. The application filing fee of \$100.00 is included in the total filing fee and is not refundable.

The Application Process

Once we are in receipt of your complete and correctly executed application and filing fee, a Liquor Placard will be emailed to you with additional instructions for public notification. The placarding process is critical to application approval. A placarding error can delay a permit approval at least two additional months. A Liquor Control Agent will then be assigned to your file and will contact you to begin the remainder of the new application process. If for any reason a Final Liquor Permit is not issued within a period of one year, you will be required to file another application.

Definitions

Permittee – The permittee is the applicant for the liquor permit. The permittee is a person designated as the representative of the backer for the permit premises. The permittee must be able to read and understand English. The permittee can be the owner/backer of the business that holds the permit.

Backer – An individual or legal business entity that owns the business to which the liquor permit is issued.

Authorized Backer Representative – An individual who is legally authorized by the nature of the position held (i.e. corporate officer) in the business, or through a power of attorney to sign documents and make decisions related to the liquor permit.

**Section 30-45 of the Connecticut General Statutes prohibits the following individuals and officer holders from obtaining a liquor permit. Section 30-45 appears below and the prohibited individuals are noted. If you are a prohibited individual, you may not apply for a liquor permit.

CT General Statutes, Section 30-45: The Department of Consumer Protection shall refuse permits for the sale of alcoholic liquor to the following persons: (1) Any state marshal, judicial marshal, judge of any court, prosecuting officer or member of any police force, (2) a minor, and (3) any constable who performs criminal law enforcement duties and is considered a peace officer by town ordinance pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) of section 54-1f, any constable who is certified under the provisions of sections 7-294a to 7-294e, inclusive, who performs criminal law enforcement duties pursuant to the provisions of subsection (c) of section 54-1f, or any special constable appointed pursuant to section 7-92. This section shall not apply to out-of-state shippers' permits, cafe permits issued pursuant to subsection (j) of section 30-22a and airline permits. As used in this section, "minor" means a minor, as defined in section 1-1d or as defined in section 30-1, whichever age is older.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AND DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR CONNECTICUT CRAFT CAFÉ LIQUOR PERMIT APPLICATION TO BE ACCEPTED

This application is only for applicants that hold a Manufacturer for Spirits (LMS), Manufacturer for Beer (LMB), Manufacturer Farm Winery (LFW), or Manufacturer Wine, Cider & Mead (LMW) permit that is active and in good standing.

The backer entity for the proposed Connecticut Craft Café permit must be identical to the backer entity of the existing manufacturer permit. There may not be additional individuals or other investors who are not associated with the current backer entity without the prior approval of the department.

Additionally, the Connecticut Craft Café permit application must reflect the same physical premise as the existing manufacturer permit. Said premise must remain unchanged and already have a tasting room, bar, or other previously approved area for on-premises consumption.

1. APPLICATION FOR CONNECTICUT CRAFT CAFE LIQUOR PERMIT

Complete all four pages of the application. Every question must be answered, and all necessary approvals obtained (zoning, fire marshal, town clerk) If left blank, the application will not be accepted. If the question does not apply, enter the word "none".

Completing the Application

Section A: Business Information

Item #1; #3 through #9 – Complete this section with type of permit selected, trade name and business information. Include any entertainment you may have at your premises.

Item #2 - If you are applying for a provisional permit, please complete the <u>Provisional Permit Agreement form</u> included in this application package (see attached instructions and explanation)

Item #6 - The department will use the email address listed here as the preferred method to send most communications regarding your liquor permit application and file. <u>It's very important to provide a working email address that will be checked regularly.</u>

Section B: Approval of Local Officials

Items #10 through #12 need to be signed and completed by your local public officials. No applications will be accepted without local zoning approval and town clerk certification.

Section C: Permittee Applicant Information

Item #13 through #17 Please enter name, address and contact information for permittee.

Section D: Preferred Mailing Address

Item #18 and #19 Indicate mailing address for all correspondence. If you would like correspondence mailed to an address other than the business or permittee home address, specify in #19 and #20. Please Note: A majority of correspondence will now be emailed to the address listed in Section A, Item #6.

Section E: Backer Information

Item #20 through #26 – Provide correct backer name in #21. Backer name is the <u>name</u> of the Limited Liability Company or Corporation that is registered with the Secretary of the State or the individual name of the Sole Owner that has not formed a LLC or Corporation or the individual names of a Partnership that has not formed a LLC or Corporation, etc.

Section F: Current or Previous Liquor Permits Held By Permittee or Backer

Item #27 through #29 – List current or previously held liquor permits. Include any permits held by permittee, backer; sole proprietor, partner or a member of a partnership organization, corporation, limited liability company etc. If there are none, check "**NO**" in #27a and #28b.

Section H: Certification of Permittee Applicant and Backer or Authorized Representative of Backer

Items #30 and #31 - The permittee listed in Section C #13 of the application must sign #30. The backer/owner listed in Section E or authorized backer representative must sign #31.

2. **FEE AND FORM OF PAYMENT:**

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3. LOCAL HEALTH APPROVAL

Provide approval from your local health official for the premises. Either submit a copy of any license obtained from your local health official or complete the Certificate of Public Health form, attached to this application.

4. CRIMINAL CONVICTION WORKSHEET

If the permittee or any member of the backer has a felony conviction, complete the Criminal Conviction Worksheet, pursuant to Section 46a-80(b) of Connecticut General Statutes. (DCPLC-CHRO)

5. ADDITIONAL CONSUMER BAR(S)

If the premises will have more than one consumer bar, complete the Patio/Extension of Use/Additional Consumer Bar application.

6. PATIO REQUEST FORM

Complete the Patio/Extension of Use/Additional Consumer Bar application for Restaurants and Cafés if alcoholic liquor is to be served or allowed at outside areas.

7. EXTENSION OF USE FORM

Complete Patio/Extension of Use/Additional Consumer Bar application for all other on-premises permit types, except for cafés and restaurants, if alcoholic liquor is to be served or allowed at outside areas.

8. SIGNED STIPULATION FOR NEW CONTRUCTION

If you are applying for a permit for a building that has not been constructed, you shall provide to the Department a signed stipulation setting forth a time limit for the construction and occupancy for the proposed permit premises. Please note that the date of filing an application, as defined in section 30-39(a) CGS, to the date of the issuance of a final permit shall not exceed one year, regardless of whether a provisional permit has been applied for, approved, or issued. After one year, a new liquor application will be required.

ONCE THE APPLICATION IS RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION, ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS AND/OR INFORMATION MAY BE REQUIRED OF YOU BY A LIQUOR CONTROL AGENT AS PART OF THE REVIEW AND INVESTIGATION PROCESS.

9. FIRE MARSHAL APPROVAL

This form can be found on our website http://www.ct.gov/dcp/liquorcontrol