

CHAPTER 21

LIQUOR

ARTICLE I – GENERALLY

21-1-1 DEFINITIONS. Unless the context otherwise requires, the words and phrases herein defined are used in this Chapter in the sense given them in the following definitions:

"ALCOHOL" means the product of distillation of any fermented liquid, whether rectified or diluted, whatever may be the origin thereof, and includes synthetic ethyl alcohol. It does not include denatured alcohol or wood alcohol.

"ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR" includes alcohol, spirits, wine and beer, and every liquid or solid, patented or not, containing alcohol, spirits, wine or beer, and capable of being consumed as a beverage by human beings. The provisions of this Chapter shall not apply to alcohol used in the manufacture of denatured alcohol produced in accordance with **Acts of Congress** and regulations promulgated thereunder, nor to any liquid or solid containing **one-half of one percent** or less of alcohol by volume. **(235 ILCS 5/1-3.05)**

"BEER" means a beverage obtained by the alcoholic fermentation of an infusion or concoction of barley or other grain, malt and hops in water, and includes, among other things, beer, ale, stout, lager beer, porter and the like. **(235 ILCS 1-3.04)**

"BEER GARDEN" means an open unroofed area where beer and other alcoholic beverages are served or consumed.

"CATERER RETAILER" means a person who serves alcoholic liquors for consumption, either on-site or off-site, whether the location is licensed or unlicensed, as an incidental part of food service. Prepared meals and alcoholic liquors are sold at a package price agreed upon under contract. **(235 ILCS 5/1-3.34)**

"CLOSE" means to shut up so as to prevent entrance or access by any person; and the entire suspension of business.

"CLUB" means a corporation organized under the laws of this State and not for pecuniary profit, solely for the promotion of some common object other than the sale or consumption of alcoholic liquors, kept, used and maintained by its members, through the payment of annual dues, and owning, hiring or leasing a building or space in a building of such extent and character as may be suitable and adequate for the reasonable and comfortable use and accommodation of its members and their guests and provided with suitable and adequate kitchen and dining space and equipment and maintaining a sufficient number of servants and employees for cooking, preparing and serving food and meals for its members and their guests; provided that such club files with the Mayor at the time of its application for a license under this Chapter, **two (2) copies** of a list of names and residences of its members, and similarly files within **ten (10) days** of the election of any additional member, his name and address; and provided further, that its affairs and management are conducted by a board of directors, executive committee, or similar body chosen by the members at their annual meeting and that no member or officer, agent or employee of the club is paid, or directly or indirectly receives, in the form of salary or other compensation any profits from the distribution or sale of alcoholic

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liquor to the club or its members or guests introduced by members, beyond the amount of such salary as may be fixed and voted at the annual meeting by the members or by the board of directors or other governing body out of the general revenue of the club. **(235 ILCS 5/1-3.24)**

"CORPORATION" means any corporation, domestic or foreign, qualified to do business in the State of Illinois under the "Business Corporation Act" of Illinois. **(Rule 100.10(b))**

"DISTILLED SPIRITS". See "Spirits".

"EVENT" means a single theme. **(Rules and Regulations 100.10(o))**

"HOTEL" means every building or other structure kept, used, maintained, advertised and held out to the public to be a place where food is actually served and consumed and sleeping accommodations are offered for adequate pay to travelers and guests, whether transient, permanent or residential, in which **twenty-five (25)** or more rooms are used for the sleeping accommodations of such guests and having **one (1)** or more public dining rooms where meals are served to such guests, such sleeping accommodations and dining rooms being conducted in the same building or buildings in connection therewith, and such building or buildings, structure or structures being provided with adequate and sanitary kitchen or dining room equipment and capacity. **(235 ILCS 5/1-3.25)**

"MANAGER" OR "AGENT" means any individual employed by any licensed place of business, provided said individual possess the same qualifications required of the licensee. Satisfactory evidence of such employment will be furnished the Commission in the form and manner as such Commission shall from time to time prescribe. **(Rule 100.10(f))**

"MAYOR" means the Local Liquor Control Commissioner as provided in the **Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 235, entitled "Dramshop"** and all references to Liquor Commissioner shall refer to the Mayor unless otherwise provided.

"MEAL" means food that is prepared and served on the licensed premises and excludes the serving of snacks. **(Rules and Regulations 100.10(n))**

"ORIGINAL PACKAGE" means any bottle, flask, jug, can, cask, barrel, keg, hogshead or other receptacle or container, whatsoever, used, corked or capped, sealed and labeled by the manufacturer of alcoholic liquor, to contain and to convey any alcoholic liquor. **(235 ILCS 5/1-3.06)**

"PACKAGE LIQUOR STORE" means any public place where packaged liquors are offered for sale in the original, unopened container for consumption away from the premises.

"PARTNER" is any individual who is a member of a co-partnership. "Co-partnership" means an association of **two (2)** or more persons to carry on as co-owners of a business for profit. **(Rules and Regulations 100.10(d)(e))**

"PREMISES/PLACE OF BUSINESS" means the place or location where alcoholic beverages are manufactured, stored, displayed, offered for sale or where drinks containing alcoholic beverages are mixed, concocted and served for consumption. Not included are sidewalks,

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street, parking areas and grounds adjacent to any such place or location. **(Rules and Regulations 100.10(g))**

"PRIVATE FUNCTION" means a prearranged private party, function, or event for a specific social or business occasion, either by invitation or reservation and not open to the general public, where the guests in attendance are served in a room or rooms designated and used exclusively for the private party, function or event.

"PUBLIC PLACE" means any premises enclosed or unenclosed or partly enclosed and partly unenclosed wherein any service or goods, chattels or merchandise are offered for sale to the public or any such premises used as a clubhouse, club room or meeting place. The terms **"public place"** and **"public premises"** shall be interchangeable for the purposes of this Chapter.

"RESIDENT" means any person (other than a corporation) who has resided and maintained a bona fide residence in the State of Illinois for at least **one (1) year** and in the city, village and county in which the premises covered by the license are located for at least **ninety (90) days** prior to making application for such license and is a registered voter. **(Rule 100.10(a))**

"RESTAURANT" means any public place kept, used, maintained, advertised, and held out to the public as a place where meals are served, and where meals actually are served and regularly served, without sleeping accommodations, such space being provided with adequate and sanitary kitchen and dining room equipment and capacity and having employed therein a sufficient number and kind of employees to prepare, cook and serve suitable food for its guests. **(235 ILCS 5/1-3.23)**

"RETAILER" means a person who sells or offers for sale alcoholic liquor for use or consumption and not for resale in any form. **(235 ILCS 5/1-3.17)**

"SALE" means any transfer, exchange or barter in any manner or by any means whatsoever for a consideration, and includes and means all sales made by any person, whether principal, proprietor, agent, servant or employee. **(235 ILCS 5/1-3.21)**

"SELL AT RETAIL" and "SALE OF RETAIL" refer to any mean sales for use or consumption and not for resale in any form. **(235 ILCS 5/1-3.18)**

"SPECIAL EVENT" means an event conducted by an educational, fraternal, political, civic, religious or non-profit organization. **(235 ILCS 5/1-3.30)**

"SPECIAL EVENTS RETAILER" means an educational, fraternal, political, civic, religious, or non-profit organization which sells or offers for sale beer or wine, or both, only for consumption at the location and on the dates designated by a special event retail license. **(235 ILCS 5/1-3.17.1)**

"SPIRITS" means any beverage which contains alcohol obtained by distillation, mixed with water or other substance in solution, and includes brandy, rum, whiskey, gin or other spirituous liquors and such liquors when rectified, blended or otherwise mixed with alcohol or other substances. **(235 ILCS 5/1-3.02)**

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"TO SELL" includes to keep or expose for sale and to keep with intent to sell. (235 ILCS 5/1-3.22)

"WINE" means any alcoholic beverage obtained by the fermentation of the natural contents of fruits or vegetables containing sugar, including such beverages when fortified by the addition of alcohol or spirits as above defined. (235 ILCS 5/1-3.03)

[All references to "Rules" refer to Illinois Liquor Control Commission Rules located in Title 11; Subtitle A; Chapter 1; Part 1; Section 100.5 et seq. of the Illinois Administration Code.]

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21-2-1 LICENSE REQUIRED. No person shall sell, keep or offer for sale at retail, or conduct any place for the sale at retail of alcoholic liquor within the limits and territory of this municipality without having a license to do so, issued by the Mayor of this municipality in the manner hereinafter provided, and a valid license for such purpose issued by the **Illinois Liquor Control Commissioner of the State of Illinois**.

A similar valid license issued by the Mayor of this municipality is hereby required for and with respect to each building, location and premises, within the aforesaid territory of this municipality, at or upon which alcoholic liquor is to be sold or kept or offered for sale at retail. **(235 ILCS 5/4-1) (Sec. 115.15)**

21-2-2 APPLICATIONS. The Mayor is authorized to grant and issue licenses to individuals, firms, and corporations to sell at retail and to keep and offer for sale at retail alcoholic liquors within the limits and territory of this municipality upon the conditions and in the manner provided by this Chapter and by the **Act of the General Assembly of Illinois**, and not otherwise. Such license shall be in writing, signed by the Mayor and attested by the Municipal Clerk, with the seal of his office affixed thereto.

Prior to issuance of a license, the applicant must submit to the Mayor an application in triplicate, in writing and under oath, stating the following:

(A) The name, age, and address of the applicant in the case of an individual; in the case of a co-partnership, the persons entitled to share in the profits thereof, and in the case of a corporation for profit or a club, the date of incorporation, the object for which it was organized, the names and addresses of the officers, directors and the name of the person who will be managing the establishment for which the license is sought, and if a majority in interest of the stock of such corporation is owned by one person or his nominee, the address and name of such person.

(B) The citizenship of the applicant, his place of birth and if a naturalized citizen, the time and place of his naturalization.

(C) The character of business of the applicant, and in the case of a corporation, the objects for which it was formed.

(D) The length of time that the applicant has been engaged in the business of that character or in the case of a corporation, the date on which its charter was issued.

(E) The location and description of the premises or place of business which is to be operated under such license.

(F) Whether applicant has made similar application for a similar other license on premises other than described in the application and the disposition of such application.

(G) That applicant has never been convicted of a felony and is not disqualified to receive a license by reason of any matter or thing contained in the aforesaid **Act of the General Assembly** or in this Chapter or resolution and amendments thereto.

(H) Whether a previous license issued to the applicant by any state, or subdivision thereof, or by the federal government has been revoked and the reasons therefor.

(I) That he will not violate any of the laws of the State of Illinois or of the United States, or any of the provisions of this Chapter or resolution and amendments thereto in the conduct of his place of business.

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In the case of a partnership or corporation, the information and statements required by this Section shall be furnished as to each partner, and with respect to a corporation, the information and statements required by this Section shall be furnished as to the president of the corporation, the secretary of the corporation, the directors of the corporation, and with respect to the person who is to manage the establishment for which a license is sought.

If the application is made on behalf of a partnership, firm, association, club or corporation, then the same shall be signed and sworn to by at least **two (2) members** of such partnership, firm, association or club, or by the president and secretary of such corporation.

One (1) copy of the application shall be retained by the Mayor, **one (1) copy** given to the Chief of Police; the Chief of Police shall endorse on the copies his approval or disapproval of the application and may make further comments regarding that application. The copies shall be returned to the Mayor and the endorsement and comment of the Chief of Police shall be considered by him as an aid in deciding whether the license should be issued or refused. **(235 ILCS 5/7-1) (Sec. 115.16)**

21-2-3 EXAMINATION OF APPLICANT. The Mayor shall have the right to examine or cause to be examined, under oath, any applicant for a local license or for renewal thereof, or any licensee upon whom notice of revocation or suspension has been served in the manner hereinafter provided, and to examine or cause to be examined, the books and records of any such applicant or licensee; to hear testimony and take proof for his information in the performance of his duties, and for such purpose to issue subpoenas which shall be effective in any part of this State. For the purpose of obtaining any of the information desired by the Mayor under this Section, he may authorize his agent to act on his behalf. **(235 ILCS 5/4-5) (Sec. 115.17)**

21-2-4 PROHIBITED LICENSEES. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (U) of this Section, no license of any kind shall be issued by the Mayor to the following:

- (A) A person who is not a resident of this municipality;
- (B) A person who is not of good character and reputation in the community in which he resides;
- (C) A person who is not **twenty-one (21) years** of age;
- (D) A person who has been convicted of a felony under any Federal or State law, unless the Commission determines that such person has been sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant the public trust after considering matters set forth in such person's application and the Commission's investigation. The burden of proof of sufficient rehabilitation shall be on the applicant;
- (E) A person who has been convicted of being the keeper of or is keeping a house of ill-fame;
- (F) A person who has been convicted of pandering or other crime or misdemeanor opposed to decency or morality;
- (G) A person whose license issued under this Act has been revoked for cause;
- (H) A person who, at the time of the application for renewal of any license issued hereunder, would not be eligible for such license upon first application;
- (I) A co-partnership, if any general partnership thereof, or any limited partnership thereof, owning more than **five percent (5%)** of the aggregate limited partner interest in such co-partnership would not be eligible to receive a license hereunder for any

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reason other than residence within the political subdivision, unless residency is required by local ordinance;

(J) A corporation, if any officer, manager or director thereof, or any stockholder or stockholders owning in the aggregate more than **five percent (5%)** of the stock of such corporation, would not be eligible to receive a license hereunder for any reason other than citizenship and residence within the political subdivision;

(K) A corporation unless it is incorporated in Illinois, or unless it is a foreign corporation which is qualified under the "**Business Corporation Act of 1983**" to transact business in Illinois;

(L) A person whose place of business is conducted by a manager or agent unless the manager or agent possesses the same qualifications required by the licensee;

(M) A person who has been convicted of a violation of any Federal or State law concerning the manufacture, possession or sale of alcoholic liquor, subsequent to the passage of this Act or has forfeited his bond to appear in court to answer charges for any such violation;

(N) A person who does not beneficially own the premises for which a license is sought, or does not have a lease thereon for the full period for which the license is to be issued;

(O) Any law enforcing public official, including members of local liquor control commissions, any mayor, village trustee, and no such official shall be interested directly in the manufacture, sale, or distribution of alcoholic liquor, except that a license may be granted to such official in relation to premises that are not located within the territory subject to the jurisdiction of that official if the issuance of such license is approved by the State Liquor Control Commission and except that a license may be granted, in a city with a population of **fifty thousand (50,000)** or less, to any alderman, member of a city council, in relation to premises that are located within the territory subject to the jurisdiction of that official if (i) the sale of alcoholic liquor pursuant to the license is incidental to the selling of food, (ii) the issuance of the license is approved by the State Commission, (iii) the issuance of the license is in accordance with all applicable local ordinances in effect where the premises are located, and (iv) the official granted a license does not vote on alcoholic liquor issues pending before the board or council to which the license holder is elected;

(P) A person who is not a beneficial owner of the business to be operated by the licensee;

(Q) A person who has been convicted of a gambling offense as prescribed by any of subsections (a)(3) through (a)(11) of Section 28-1 of, or as proscribed by Section 28-1.1 or 28-3 of, the Criminal Code of 1961, or as prescribed by a statute replaced by any of the aforesaid statutory provisions;

(R) A person or entity to whom a federal wagering stamp has been issued by the federal government, unless the person or entity is eligible to be issued a license under the Raffles Act or the Illinois Pull Tabs and Jar Games Act;

(S) A person who intends to sell alcoholic liquors for use or consumption on his or her licensed retail premises who does not have liquor liability insurance coverage for that premises in an amount that is at least equal to the maximum liability amounts set out in Section 5/6-21 of Chapter 235 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes;

(T) A person who is delinquent in the payment of any indebtedness or obligation to the City;

(U) A criminal conviction of a corporation is not grounds for the denial, suspension, or revocation of a license applied for or held by the corporation if the criminal conviction was not the result of a violation of any federal or state law concerning the

manufacture, possession or sale of alcoholic liquor, the offense that led to the conviction did not result in any financial gain to the corporation and the corporation has terminated its relationship with each director, officer, employee, or controlling shareholder whose actions directly contributed to the conviction of the corporation. The Mayor shall determine if all provisions of this paragraph (U) have been met before any action on the corporation's license is initiated;

(V) A co-partnership to which a federal wagering stamp has been issued by the federal government for the current tax period, or if any of the partners have been issued a federal gaming device stamps or federal wagering stamp by the federal government for the current tax period;

(W) A corporation, if any officer, manager or director thereof, or any stockholder owning in the aggregate more than **twenty percent (20%)** of the stock of such corporation has been issued a federal wagering stamp for the current tax period. **(235 ILCS 5/6-2)**
(Sec. 115.18)

21-2-5 TERM; FEE SUBMITTED IN ADVANCE. Retail liquor licenses issued under this Chapter shall be valid for a **twelve (12) month period** upon the payment of the license fee as hereinafter set forth unless sooner revoked or suspended. The **twelve (12) month period** shall be from **January 1st to December 31st** of the same year.

The license fee shall be payable in advance by the applicant for a license at the time the application for a license is submitted to the Mayor as hereinbefore provided. In the event the license is denied, the license fee shall be returned to the applicant. The fees shall be deposited in the Municipal General Fund. The application for a license shall be filed with the Municipal Clerk.

Licenses shall state thereon the names of the licensees and the address and description of the premises for which they are granted and the dates of their issuance and expiration.

With respect to a corporation operating an establishment for which a liquor license has been issued, should the manager of said establishment change after the issuance of said liquor license, the corporation **must submit** the new manager's name and shall be submitted within **thirty (30) days**. Continuation of the license will be contingent upon a background check of the new manager as set out in this Chapter, and all fees shall be waived should the license be changed only as a result of a change of managers. If, for some reason, the manager is not acceptable, the licensee shall have **thirty (30) days** to submit a new name before revocation. Failure to provide new information shall be grounds for suspension or revocation of said license. **(235 ILCS 5/4-1) (Sec. 115.19)**

21-2-6 CLASSIFICATION - FEE - LIMITATION. Every person engaged in the retail sale of alcoholic liquor in the Village shall pay an annual license fee. Such licenses shall be divided into the following classes:

(A) **Class "A" – Taverns.** Class "A" licenses shall authorize the retail sale on the premises specified for alcoholic liquor for consumption on the premises, as well as other retail sales of such liquor. The annual license fee for such license shall be **Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00)**. No more than **ten (10) licenses** shall be issued at any one time.

(B) **Class "B" – Restaurants.** Class "B" licenses shall authorize the retail sale on the premises specified for alcoholic liquor for consumption on the premises. To qualify as a restaurant, a licensee must have **fifty percent (50%)** or more of its business derived

from the sale of food as defined by this Code. The annual fee for such license shall be **Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00)**, and there is no limit on the number of licenses that may be issued under this classification.

(C) **Class "C" – Liquor Stores and Supermarkets.** Class "C" licenses shall permit only the retail sale of alcoholic liquor in sealed packages, but not for consumption on the premises where sold. The annual license fee for such license shall be **Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00)**. There is no limit upon the number of Class "C" licenses that may be issued.

(D) **Class "D" – Clubs.** Class "D" licenses shall authorize the sale of alcoholic liquor by clubs for consumption on the premises where sold and shall be issued only to those not-for-profit organizations which qualify under the term "club" as defined in this Chapter. The annual license fee shall be **Forty Dollars (\$40.00)** per club. Dancing and live music is permitted for Class "D" licenses. There shall be no limit on the number of licenses issued hereunder.

(E) **Class "E" – License by the Day; Civic Organizations.** Upon application by the civic organization, the Mayor is authorized to issue a license to any civic, religious or charitable, not-for-profit organization who keeps or desires to keep any place selling or offering for sale, or in any manner, dealing in any alcoholic liquors. The following provisions shall govern the issuance of a Class "E" license.

- (1) The fee for such license shall be the sum of **Ten Dollars (\$10.00)** per day.
- (2) Such organization shall provide evidence of dramshop insurance as required by law and this Chapter governing the sale or giving away of alcoholic liquors.
- (3) No such license shall be transferable. The Mayor shall have and is given the same right to revoke and/or suspend any license issued hereunder as he or she now or hereafter may have in the matter of other licenses for the sale of alcoholic liquors.

(F) **Class "F" – Outdoor Sports/Recreation Areas.** Class "F" licenses shall authorize the retail sale on the premises specified of beer and wine. Class "F" licenses may be issued to the owners or operators of any outdoor sports or recreation area or complex, exclusive of village owned property. The annual license fee shall be **One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)**. No more than **four (4)** Class "F" licenses shall be issued at any one time. **(Ord. No. 913; 04-06-98) (Sec. 115.20) (235 ILCS 5/4-1)**

21-2-7 NATURE OF LICENSE. A license issued under this Chapter shall be purely a personal privilege, good for not to exceed **one (1) year** after issued unless sooner revoked as in this Chapter authorized and provided, and shall not constitute property nor shall it be subject to attachment, garnishment or execution; nor shall it be alienable or transferable, voluntarily or involuntarily, or subject to being encumbered or hypothecated. Such license shall not descend by the laws of testate or intestate devolution, but it shall cease upon the death of the licensee, provided that executors and administrators of any estate of the deceased licensee and the trustees of any insolvent or bankrupt licensee, when such estate consists in part of alcoholic liquor, may continue the business of the sale of alcoholic liquor under the order of the court having jurisdiction of such estate and may exercise the privileges of such deceased, insolvent, or bankrupt licensee after the death of such decedent or such insolvency or bankruptcy until the expiration of such license, but not longer than **six (6) months** after the death, bankruptcy or insolvency of such licensee. **(235 ILCS 5/6-1) (See Attorney General's Report No. 703; 01-08-48) (Sec. 115.21)**

21-2-8 LIMITATION OF LICENSES.

(A) **Annexing License Holders.** The restrictions contained in this Chapter shall in no way affect taverns and other business(es) holding retail liquor licenses, duly licensed by the County, which are located in the territory annexed to the municipality. Licenses may be issued to them or renewed by the duly constituted authorities upon annexation; provided that thereafter, all of the restrictions and contingencies contained herein shall apply.

(B) **Destroyed or Damaged Business.** No license shall be held in existence by the mere payment of fees by any person, firm or corporation for a period longer than **ninety (90) days** without a tavern or liquor business for the same being in complete and full operation. However, if a tavern or liquor business has been destroyed or damaged by fire or act of God and cannot be rebuilt or repaired within the **ninety (90) day period**, then, in that event, the Mayor shall extend the period of time for which a liquor license may be held by the mere payment of fees without the tavern or liquor business being in full and complete operation for an additional **ninety (90) days**.

If either of the above stated periods of time passes without the particular tavern or liquor business returning to complete and full operation, the license for that particular business shall expire and not be subject to renewal, unless all other requirements of this Chapter shall have been met. **(235 ILCS 5/4-1) (Sec. 115.22)**

21-2-9 DRAMSHOP INSURANCE. No license shall be issued hereunder unless the applicant shall file with the application a certificate by an insurance company authorized to do business in the State of Illinois, certifying that the applicant has the following coverages up to the full amount of potential liability as established by the Illinois Compiled Statutes from time to time. **(235 ILCS 5/6-21)**

21-2-10 DISPLAY OF LICENSE. Every licensee under this Chapter shall cause his license to be framed and hung in plain view in a conspicuous place on the licensed premises. **(235 ILCS 5/6-24) (Sec. 115.24)**

21-2-11 RECORD OF LICENSES. The Mayor shall keep a complete record of all licenses issued by him and shall supply the Clerk, Treasurer and Chief of Police a copy of the same. Upon issuance or revocation of a license, the Mayor shall give written notice to these same officers within **forty-eight (48) hours**. **(235 ILCS 5/4-1) (Sec. 115.25)**

21-2-12 EDUCATION FOR LICENSEES AND EMPLOYEES.

(A) All original or renewal applications for all classes of liquor licenses shall be accompanied with proof of completion of an Illinois Liquor Control Commission (ILCC) approved beverage alcohol sellers and servers educational training (BASSET) program. Verification of training shall be in the form of an affidavit which will be accompanied by a list of employees with specific certification information for each trained employee.

(B) Employee Education Required: all licensees and all of their employees who serve alcoholic beverages or otherwise come into contact with patrons of their establishment shall attend and complete an ILCC approved BASSET program. For Class C licenses, all licensees and all of their employees who serve or distribute alcoholic beverages shall attend and complete an ILCC approved BASSET program. All sales of alcoholic beverages in Class C licensed establishments must be rung up at a register operated by a person of the age of twenty-one (21) years or older, who has completed an ILCC and BASSET program. **(Ord. 1596; 6-6-16)**

ARTICLE III - REGULATIONS

21-3-1 HOURS.

(A) A retail liquor license shall entitle the licensee to sell at retail alcoholic liquor and beverages and to operate and keep open between the hours of **6:00 a.m.** and **1:00 a.m.** on the succeeding day Sunday through Thursday and 6:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m. on the succeeding day on Friday and Saturday.

(B) It shall be unlawful to keep open for business or to admit the public to, or permit the public to remain within, or to permit the consumption of alcoholic liquor in or upon any premises in or on which alcoholic liquor is sold at retail during the hours within which the sale of alcoholic liquor is prohibited except as follows:

(1) In the case of restaurants, clubs, and hotels, such establishments may be kept open for business during times when food is dispensed upon the premises in that portion of the building used for the storage and/or sale of food for human consumption provided that no licensee, officer, associate, representative, agent, or employee of such licensee shall sell, give, or deliver alcoholic liquor to any person during the hours within which the sale of alcoholic liquor is prohibited.

(2) In the case of liquor stores holding a valid Class "C" license, such establishments may be kept open for business during the hours within which the sale of alcoholic liquor is prohibited provided that no licensee, officer, associate, representative, agent, or employee of such licensee shall sell, give, or deliver alcoholic liquor to any person during the hours within which the sale of alcoholic liquor is prohibited. **(Ord. No. 1443; 12-15-12)**

(C) No alcoholic liquor shall be sold and all licensed premises must remain closed at all other times other than those above specified. Any holder of a retail liquor license or his or her agent or employee who violates the provisions of this Chapter in regulating the legal hours of operation shall, upon conviction, of the first offense, be fined not more than **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)** and suffer the revocation of such retail liquor license. The times referred to above shall mean Daylight Savings Time when the same is in effect in the Village, and upon the cessation of Daylight Savings Time, shall mean Central Standard Time.

(D) On Thanksgiving Eve and New Year's Eve, the Liquor Commissioner may grant a 2:00 a.m. closing.

(Ord. No. 918; 08-03-98) (Sec. 115.35) (235 ILCS 5/4-1)

(E) Repealed.

(Ord. No. 1543; 04-06-15)

(Ord. No. 1554; 10-29-15)

21-3-2 HAPPY HOUR RESTRICTIONS.

(A) All retail licensees shall maintain a schedule of the prices charged for all drinks of alcoholic liquor to be served and consumed on the licensed premises or in any room or part thereof. Whenever a hotel or multiuse establishment which holds a valid retailer's license operates on its premises more than one establishment at which drinks of alcoholic liquor are sold at retail, the hotel or multi-use establishment shall maintain at each such establishment a separate schedule of the prices charged for such drinks at the establishment.

- (B) No retail licensee or employee or agent of such licensee shall:
- (1) sell more than one drink of alcoholic liquor for the price of one drink of alcoholic liquor;
 - (2) sell, offer to sell or serve to any person an unlimited number of drinks of alcoholic liquor during any set period of time or a fixed price, except at private functions not open to the general public or as provided in subsection (C) of this Section;
 - (3) increase the volume of alcoholic liquor contained in a drink, or the size of a drink of alcoholic liquor, without increasing proportionately the price regularly charged for the drink on that day;
 - (4) encourage or permit, on the licensed premises, any game or contest which involves drinking alcoholic liquor or the awarding of drinks of alcoholic liquor as prizes for such game or contest on the licensed premises; or
 - (5) advertise or promote in any way, whether on or off the licensed premises, any of the practices prohibited under subsections (B)(1) through (5).

(C) A retail licensee may:

- (1) offer free food or entertainment at any time;
- (2) include drinks of alcoholic liquor as part of a meal package;
- (3) sell or offer for sale a party package only if the retail licensee:
 - (A) offers food in the dedicated event space;
 - (B) limits the party package to no more than 3 hours;
 - (C) distributes wristbands, lanyards, shirts or any other such wearable items to identify party package attendees so the attendees may be granted access to the dedicated event space; and
 - (D) excludes individuals not participating in the party package from the dedicated event space;
 - (E) notifies the Village of Freeburg Administrative Office by either written or electronic communication at least 7 days prior to the specified time of the time and place of the event and provide a list of invited guests and the number of persons expected to attend.
- (4) include drinks of alcoholic liquor as part of a hotel package;
- (5) negotiate drinks of alcoholic liquor as part of a hotel package;
- (6) provide room service to persons renting rooms at a hotel;
- (7) sell pitchers (or the equivalent, including, but not limited to, buckets of bottled beer), carafes, or bottles of alcoholic liquor which are customarily sold in such manner, or sell bottles of

- spirits;
- (8) advertise events permitted under this Section;
 - (9) discount any drink of alcoholic liquor during a specified time period only if:
 - (A) the price of the drink of alcoholic liquor is not changed during the time that it is discounted;
 - (B) the period of time during which any drink of alcoholic liquor is discounted does not exceed 4 hours per day and 15 hours per week; however, this period of time is not required to be consecutive and may be divided by the licensee in any manner;
 - (C) the drink of alcoholic is not discounted between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and the licensed premises' closing hour; and
 - (D) notice of the discount of the drink of alcoholic liquor during a specified time is provided by either written or electronic communication to the Village of Freeburg Administrative Office and posted on the licensed premises or on the Licensee's publicly available website at least 7 days prior to the specified time.

(D) A violation of this Act shall be grounds for suspension or revocation of the retailer's license as provided by **Article IV** of this Chapter.
(235 ILCS 5/6-28) (Ord. 1596; 6-6-16)

21-3-3 PROHIBITED LOCATIONS. No license shall be issued for the sale of any alcoholic liquor at retail within **one hundred (100) feet** of any church, school (other than an institution of higher learning), hospital, home for the aged or indigent persons, or for veterans, their spouses or children or any military or naval station; provided, that this prohibition shall not apply to hotels offering restaurant service, regularly organized clubs or to restaurants, food shops, or other places where the sale of alcoholic liquors is not the principal business carried on, or if such place of business so exempted shall have been established for such purposes prior to the taking effect of this Chapter; nor to the renewal of a license for the sale at retail of alcoholic liquor on the premises within **one hundred (100) feet** of any church or school where such church or school has been established within such **one hundred (100) feet** since the issuance of the original license. In the case of a church, the distance of **one hundred (100) feet** shall be measured to the nearest part of any building used for worship services or educational programs and not to property boundaries.

Nothing in this Section shall prohibit the issuance of a license to a church or private school to sell at retail alcoholic liquor if any such sales are limited to periods when groups are assembled on the premises solely for the promotion of some common object other than the sale or consumption of alcoholic liquors. **(235 ILCS 5/6-11) (Sec. 115.37)**

21-3-4 CHANGE OF LOCATION. A retail liquor dealer's license shall permit the sale of alcoholic liquor only on the premises described in the application and license. Such location may be changed only upon the written permit to make such change issued by the Mayor. No change of location shall be permitted unless the proposed new location is a proper one for the retail sale of alcoholic liquor under the law of this State and the Code of this Municipality. **(235 ILCS 5/7-14) (Sec. 115.38)**

21-3-5 **STORES SELLING SCHOOL SUPPLIES, LUNCHES, ETC.** No license shall be issued to any person for the sale at retail of any alcoholic liquor at any store or other place of business where the majority of customers are minors of school age or where the principal business transacted consists of school books, school supplies, food, lunches, or drinks for such minors. **(235 ILCS 5/6-12) (Sec. 115.39)**

21-3-6 **TRANSPORTING, ETC., IN MOTOR VEHICLES.** No person shall, within this municipality, transport, carry, possess, or have any alcoholic liquor in, upon, or about any motor vehicle in or on any public street, alley or place, except in the original package and with the seal unbroken. **(Sec. 115.40(A))**

21-3-7 **OPEN LIQUOR - CUP-TO-GO PROHIBITED.** The licensee shall not knowingly permit any person to leave his premises with open liquor or in a "cup-to-go". **(Sec. 115.40(B))**

21-3-8 **LIQUOR IN VEHICLES; UNDERAGE.** The presence in a vehicle other than a public vehicle of any alcoholic liquor shall be prima facie evidence that it is in the possession of and is being carried by all persons occupying such vehicle at the time of which such alcoholic liquor is found, except under the following circumstances:

- (A) If such liquor is found on the person of one of the occupants therein; or
- (B) If such vehicle contains at least one occupant over **twenty-one (21)** years of age.

(Sec. 115.41)

21-3-9 **RESTRICTED RESIDENTIAL AREAS.** It shall be unlawful to establish a retail liquor business within the municipality in violation of the restrictions of the Zoning Code. **(See Chapter 40 of the Revised Code) (Sec. 115.42)**

21-3-10 **ELECTION DAYS.** All such licensees may sell alcoholic liquor at retail, by the drink or in the original package for consumption either on or off the premises licensed on the day of any national, state, county or municipal election, including primary elections during the hours the polls are open within the political area in which such election is being held and on Sundays; subject to all the remaining terms, conditions and opening hours and closing hours as set forth in this Chapter. **(Sec. 115.43)**

21-3-11 **UNLAWFUL ACTS.** It shall be unlawful for any person to do or commit any of the following acts within the Village, to-wit:

(A) Drink any alcoholic liquors on any public street, alley, sidewalk, or other public way without special permission granted by the Mayor.

(B) Drink any alcoholic liquors in any public park, except with the permission of the Mayor.

(C) Drink any alcoholic liquors on any private property without permission of an owner thereof.

(D) Appear on or in any public street, alley, sidewalk or other public place, including parks and recreation areas, in an intoxicated condition.

(Sec. 115.44 in part)

21-3-12 **UNLAWFUL ENTERTAINMENT.** No licensee, his agent, servant or employee shall permit or allow any lewd or lascivious act or any topless and/or bottomless employee and/or employees [**topless being defined as naked and substantially without clothing or covering of the body from the waist to the neckline and bottomless being defined as naked and substantially without clothing or covering of the body from the waist downward**], or entertainment to be performed within the licensed premises by an entertainer employed therein, or by any employee or guest.

Nor shall any licensee, his agent, servant or employee permit or allow any employee or guest or any other person whomever to solicit or encourage the purchasing of any alcoholic liquor or beverage of any description, or the giving of any gratuity or gift by any patron or guest to or for the benefit of such employee or guest.

The following kinds of conduct on premises in this municipality licensed to sell alcoholic liquor are prohibited:

(A) The performance of acts or simulated acts of sexual intercourse, masturbation, sodomy, bestiality, oral copulation, flagellation or any sexual acts;

(B) The actual or simulated exhibition, touching, caressing, or fondling of the breasts, buttocks, pubic hair, anus, vulva, or genitals;

(C) The actual or simulated displaying of the breasts, buttocks, pubic hair, anus, vulva, or genitals;

(D) The permitting by a licensee of any person to remain in or upon the licensed premises who exposes to view any portion of his or her breasts, buttocks, genitals, vulva, or anus;

(E) The displaying of films or pictures depicting acts, a live performance of which are prohibited by the regulations quoted above.

(Sec. 115.45)

21-3-13 SANITARY CONDITIONS. All premises used for the retail sale of alcoholic liquor or for the storage of such liquor for such sale shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition, and shall be kept in full compliance with the codes regulating the condition of the premises used for the storage or sale of food for human consumption. **(410 ILCS 650/1, et seq.) (Sec. 115.47)**

21-3-14 DISEASED EMPLOYEES. It shall be unlawful to employ in any premises used for the retail sale of alcoholic liquor, any person who is afflicted with or who is a carrier of any contagious disease, infectious or venereal disease; and it shall be unlawful for any person who is afflicted with or a carrier of any such disease to work in or about any premises or to engage in any way in the handling, preparation or distribution of such liquor. **(410 ILCS 650/10) (Sec. 115.48)**

21-3-15 HEALTH PERMIT. Every licensee shall have, at all times, a valid operating permit from the St. Clair County Health Department which regulates health standards. **(Sec. 115.49)**

21-3-16 PEDDLING. It shall be unlawful to peddle alcoholic liquor in this municipality. **(235 ILCS 5/4-1) (Sec. 115.50)**

21-3-17 GAMBLING. It is unlawful to keep, place, maintain or operate any gambling device or instrument in and upon the premises used or occupied as a place where alcoholic liquor is sold or given away, except in the following instances:

(A) **Bingo.** When conducting or participating in the game commonly known as Bingo, when conducted in accordance with the Bingo License and Tax Act **(230 ILCS 25/1 et seq.);**

(B) **Video Poker.** Video Gaming Terminal games at a licensed establishment, licensed fraternal organization, or licensed veteran's establishment, when conducted in accordance with the Video Gaming Act. **(230 ILCS 40/1 et seq.) (Ord. No. 1426; 06-18-12)**

21-3-18 DISORDERLY HOUSE. Any person licensed under this Chapter shall not suffer or permit any disorder, drunkenness, quarreling, fighting, unlawful games, or riotous or disorderly conduct in any house or premises kept or occupied by him for the sale of liquor. **(235 ILCS 5/4-1) (Sec. 115.52)**

21-3-19 PROHIBITED SALES - GENERALLY. No licensee, nor any officer, associate, member, representative, agent or employee of such licensee shall sell, give or deliver alcoholic liquor to any person under the age of **twenty-one (21) years**, or to any intoxicated person or to any person known by him to be a habitual drunkard, spendthrift, insane, or mentally ill, mentally deficient or in need of mental treatment. No person, after purchasing or otherwise obtaining alcoholic liquor shall sell, give or deliver such alcoholic liquor to another person under the age of **twenty-one (21) years**, except in the performance of a religious ceremony or service. **(235 ILCS 5/6-16) (Sec. 115.53)**

21-3-20 PERSONS SELLING LIQUOR. It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of **eighteen (18) years** to attend any bar or to sell, draw, pour or mix any alcoholic liquor in any licensed retail premises. **(235 ILCS 5/4-1) (Sec. 115.54)**

21-3-21 UNDERAGED; ENTRY ON LICENSED PREMISES. It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of **twenty-one (21) years** to enter upon premises where alcoholic liquors, spirits, beer or wine are sold by the holder of a Class "A" license unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. No holder of a Class "A" license, nor any officer, associate, member, representative, agent or employee of such licensee shall permit any person under the age of **twenty-one (21) years** not accompanied by a parent or legal guardian to enter the licensed premises. For the purpose of preventing the violation of this Section, any holder of a Class "A" license, or his agent or employee, may refuse to permit entry onto the licensed premises of any person under the age of **twenty-one (21) years** who is unable to produce adequate written evidence of the fact that the person accompanying such person under the age of **twenty-one (21) years** is that person's parent or legal guardian. **(235 ILCS 5/4-1)**

21-3-22 UNLAWFUL PURCHASE OF LIQUOR. Any person to whom the sale, gift or delivery of any alcoholic liquor is prohibited because of age shall not purchase or accept a gift of such alcoholic liquor or have such alcoholic liquor in his possession. **(235 ILCS 5/6-20) (Sec. 115.55)**

21-3-23 IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED. If a licensee or his agents or employees believe or have reason to believe that a sale or delivery of any alcoholic liquor is prohibited because of the age of the prospective recipient, he shall, before making such sale or delivery, demand presentation of some form of positive identification, containing proof of age, issued by a public officer in the performance of his official duties.

Proof that the defendant/licensee or his employees or agent demanded, was shown, and reasonably relied upon such written evidence in any transaction forbidden by this Section is competent evidence and may be considered in any criminal prosecution therefor or in any proceedings for the suspension or revocation of any license based thereon. **(235 ILCS 5/6-20) (Sec. 115.56)**

21-3-24 TRANSFER OF IDENTIFICATION CARD. No person shall transfer, alter or deface such an identification card; use the identification card of another; carry or use a false or forged identification card; or obtain an identification card by means of false information. No person shall purchase, accept delivery, or have possession of alcoholic liquor in violation of this Chapter.

The consumption of alcoholic liquor by any person under the age of **twenty-one (21) years** is forbidden. **(235 ILCS 5/6-20) (Sec. 115.57)**

21-3-25 POSTING WARNING. In every licensed business where alcoholic liquor is sold, there shall be displayed at all times in a prominent place, a printed card which shall be supplied by the Municipal Clerk, and which shall read as follows:

UNDERAGE LIQUOR WARNING

**"YOU ARE SUBJECT TO A FINE UP TO \$750 UNDER THE ORDINANCES OF THIS MUNICIPALITY IF YOU PURCHASE ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR OR MISREPRESENT YOUR AGE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING OR OBTAINING ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR."
(Sec. 115.59)**

21-3-26 RESTRICTION OF SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL.

(A) No Class "A", Class "B", or Class "D" licensee shall sell, give, deliver, or allow to be consumed alcoholic liquor on the premises set forth in the application and license issued to, except within the building or structure located on the premises. No person shall leave the licensee's building structure with open liquor.

(B) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to prohibit the consumption of alcoholic beverages with meals in outdoor dining areas on the premises of a Class "B" (Restaurant) licensee provided that such outdoor dining area is attached to the main building and is sufficiently enclosed to prevent access except from within the main building.

(C) No Class "B" licensee shall sell, give, deliver, or allow to be consumed alcoholic liquor on the premises set forth in the application and license issued to, except during such times when the kitchen is in full operation and meals are being served.

(Ord. No. 1443; 12-17-12)

21-3-27 EXCLUSIONARY PROVISION. The possession and dispensing or consumption by an underaged person of alcoholic liquor in the performance of a religious service or ceremony, or the consumption by an underaged person under the direct supervision and approval of the parent or parents of such underaged person in the privacy of a home is not prohibited by this Chapter. **(235 ILCS 5/6-20) (Sec. 155.46)**

21-3-28 INSPECTIONS. It shall be unlawful to refuse to grant admittance to the premises for which a license has been issued at any time upon the verbal request of the Chief of Police, any police officer, or the Liquor Commissioner for the purpose of making an inspection of such premises or any part thereof. **(235 ILCS 5/4-4) (Sec. 115.61)**

21-3-29 BOOKS AND RECORDS---AVAILABLE UPON REASONABLE NOTICE AND MAINTAINED IN STATE RECORDS. It shall be the duty of every retail licensee to make books and records available upon reasonable notice for the purpose of investigation and control by the Mayor having jurisdiction over the licensee. Such books and records need not be maintained on the licensed premises, but must be maintained in the State of Illinois. **(235 ILCS 5/6-10)**

21-3-30 RESTRICTIONS ON LICENSEE. In addition to the restrictions on licensing, the holder of a license is subject to the following restrictions:

(A) It is unlawful for any licensee to accept, receive or borrow money or anything of value directly or indirectly from any manufacturer or distributor of alcoholic liquor. **(235 ILCS 5/6-5)**

(B) No licensee licensed under the provisions of this Code shall deny or permit his agents or employees to deny any person the full and equal enjoyment of the accommodations, advantages, facilities and privileges of any premises in which alcoholic liquors are authorized to be sold subject only to the conditions and limitations established by law and applicable alike to all citizens. **(235 ILCS 5/6-17)**

(C) No licensee shall sell liquor to any persons on credit, or in payment for services rendered but this does not apply to clubs and hotels and liquor purchased for consumption off the premises. **(235 ILCS 5/6-19)**

(D) No licensee shall fill or refill in whole or in part any original package of alcohol with the same or other liquor and no liquor shall be sold except in original packages. **(235 ILCS 5/6-22)**

(E) No alcoholic liquor shall be sold or delivered in any building belonging to or under the control of a municipality except in connection with the operation of an established food service facility or at a site specifically provided for in the Act and where dram shop insurance coverage is provided. **(235 ILCS 5/6-15)**

(F) An established place of business is a prerequisite to the issuance of a license. Revocation of a license when a licensee ceases to operate the business before the license expires is within the authority of the commissioner on the grounds of nonuse. **(See Goode V. Thomas 31 Ill. App. 3d 674, 1975)**

21-3-31 SELLING FALSE IDENTIFICATION. Any person who sells, gives, or furnishes to any person under the age of **twenty-one (21) years** any false or fraudulent written, printed, or photostatic evidence of the age and identity of such person or who sells, gives or furnishes to any person under the age of **twenty-one (21) years** evidence of age and identification of any other person is guilty of violating this Code. **(235 ILCS 5/6-16)**

21-3-32 FALSE IDENTIFICATION. Any person under the age of **twenty-one (21) years** who presents or offers to any licensee, his agent or employee, any written, printed or photostatic evidence of age and identity which is false, fraudulent, or not actually his own for the purpose of ordering, purchasing, attempting to purchase or otherwise procuring or attempting to procure, the serving of any alcoholic beverage, or who has in his possession any false or fraudulent, written, printed, or photostatic evidence of age and identity, is guilty of violating this Code. **(235 ILCS 5/6-16)**

21-3-33 UNDERAGED DRINKING ON STREETS. Any person under the age of **twenty-one (21) years** who has any alcoholic beverage in his possession on any street or highway or in any public place, or in any place open to the public is guilty of violating this Code. This section does not apply to possession by a person under the age of **twenty-one (21) years** making a delivery of an alcoholic beverage in pursuance of the order of his or her parent or in pursuance of his or her employment. **(235 ILCS 5/6-16)**

21-3-34 RESIDENTIAL DRINKING. Any person shall be guilty of a violation of this Code where he or she knowingly permits a gathering at a residence which he or she occupies of **two (2) or more persons** where any one or more of the persons is under **twenty-one (21) years** of age and the following factors also apply:

- (A) the person occupying the residence knows that any such person under the age of **twenty-one (21)** is in possession of or is consuming any alcoholic beverage; and
- (B) the possession or consumption of the alcohol by the person under **twenty-one (21)** is not otherwise permitted by this Code and
- (C) the person occupying the residence knows that the person under the age of **twenty-one (21)** leaves the residence in an intoxicated condition.

For the purposes of this section where the residence has an owner and a tenant or lessee, there is a rebuttable presumption that the residence is occupied only by the tenant or lessee. **(235 ILCS 5/6-16)**

21-3-35 RENTING HOTEL ROOMS FOR DRINKING. Any person who rents a hotel or motel room from the proprietor or agent thereof for the purpose of or with the knowledge that such room shall be used for the consumption of alcoholic liquor by persons under the age of **twenty-one (21) years** shall be guilty of violating this Code. **(235 ILCS 5/6-16)**

ARTICLE IV - VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

21-4-1 OWNER OF PREMISES PERMITTING VIOLATION. If the owner of the licensed premises or any person from whom the licensee derives the right to possession of such premises, or the agent of such owner or person shall knowingly permit the licensee to use said licensed premises in violation of the terms of this Code, said owner, agent or other person shall be deemed guilty of a violation of this Code to the same extent as said licensee and be subject to the same punishment. **(235 ILCS 5/10-2) (Sec. 115.75)**

21-4-2 ACTS OF AGENT OR EMPLOYEE - LIABILITY; KNOWLEDGE. Every act or omission of whatsoever nature constituting a violation of any of the provisions of this Code by any officer, director, manager or other agent or employee of any licensee shall be deemed and held to be the act of such employer or licensee, and said employer or licensee shall be punishable in the same manner as if said act or omission had been done or omitted by him personally. **(235 ILCS 5/10-3) (Sec. 115.76)**

21-4-3 REVOCAION OF LICENSE AFTER CONVICTION. Whenever any licensee shall be convicted of any violation of this Code, the license of said licensee may, in the discretion of the Mayor, be revoked and forfeited and all fees paid thereon shall be forfeited, and it shall thereafter be unlawful and shall constitute a further violation of this Code for said licensee to continue to operate under such license. **(235 ILCS 5/10-4) (Sec. 115.77)**

21-4-4 REVOCAION OF LICENSE WHEN EMPLOYEE CONVICTED. Whenever any officer, director, manager, or other employee in a position of authority of any licensee under this Code shall be convicted of any violation of this Code while engaged in the course of his employment or while upon the premises described by the license, the license shall be revoked and the fees paid thereon forfeited, both as to the holder of the license and as to the premises, as if said licensee had himself been convicted. **(235 ILCS 5/10-5) (Sec. 115.78)**

21-4-5 MISBRANDING. Any person who shall knowingly possess, sell or in any way dispose of any alcoholic liquor under any other than the proper name or brand known to the trade as designating the kind and quality of the contents of the package or other containers of the alcoholic liquor, or who shall cause any such act to be done, shall forfeit the alcoholic liquor and the packages and containers to the State and shall be subject to the punishment and penalties provided for violation of this Code. **(235 ILCS 5/10-6) (Sec. 115.79)**

21-4-6 ABATEMENT OF PLACE USED IN VIOLATION. Every lot, parcel or tract of land, and every building, structure, tent, railroad car, boat, wagon, vehicle, establishment or place whatsoever, together with all furniture, fixtures, ornaments and machinery located thereon, wherein there shall be conducted any unlawful sale of any alcoholic liquor, or whereon or wherein there shall be kept, stored, concealed or allowed any alcoholic liquor intended for illegal sale or to be sold, disposed of or in any other manner used in

violation of any of the provisions of this Code, is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and shall be abated as provided by the laws of this State for the abatement of public nuisances. **(235 ILCS 5/10-7) (Sec. 115.80)**

21-4-7 **USE OF PREMISES FOR ONE YEAR AFTER REVOCATION.** When any license has been revoked for any cause, no license shall be granted for the same premises for a period of **one (1) year** thereafter. **(235 ILCS 5/7-13)**

21-4-8 **REVOCATION OF LICENSES.** The Local Liquor Control Commissioner shall have the following powers, functions and duties with respect to licenses granted under this Code.

(A) In addition to and not limited by the specific penalties set out for violations of specific articles of this Code, the Local Liquor Control Commissioner may suspend for **thirty (30) days** or revoke any liquor license issued under this Code for violation of any state law pertaining to the sale of alcoholic liquors by any licensee, his agent, servant or employee.

(B) To suspend or revoke any liquor license if the licensee makes any false statement or misrepresentation in the application for a license.

(C) To enter or to authorize any law enforcing officer to enter at any time upon any premises licensed hereunder to determine whether any of the provisions of this Code or any rules or regulations adopted by him or by the State Commission have been or are being violated, and at such time to examine said premises of said licensee in connection therewith;

(D) To notify the Secretary of State where a club incorporated under the General Not for Profit Corporation Act or a foreign corporation functioning as a club in this State under a certificate of authority issued under that Act has violated this Code by selling or offering for sale at retail alcoholic liquors without a retailer's license;

(E) To receive complaint from any citizen within his jurisdiction that any of the provisions of this Act, or any rules or regulations adopted pursuant hereto, have been or are being violated and to act upon such complaints in the manner hereinafter provided;

(F) The Local Liquor Control Commissioner shall also have the power to levy fines in accordance with **Section 21-4-10** of this Code. **(235 ILCS 5/4-4) (Sec. 115.81)**

21-4-9 **COMPLAINT BY RESIDENTS.** Any **five (5) residents** of the municipality shall have the right to file a complaint with the Liquor Commissioner, stating that a licensee under this Code has been or is violating the provisions of this Code or any amendments hereto, or of any of the statutes of this State of Illinois, enacted with reference to the control of liquor. Such complaint shall be made in writing and shall be signed and sworn to by the parties complaining.

The complaint shall state the particular provision, rule or regulation believed to have been violated and the facts in detail upon which such belief is based. If the Liquor Commissioner is satisfied that the complaint substantially charges a violation, and that from the facts alleged, there is reasonable cause for such belief, he shall set the matter for hearing, and shall serve notice upon the licensee of the time and place of such hearing and of the particular charges in the complaint. **(235 ILCS 5/7-7) (Sec. 115.81)**

21-4-10 **REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF LOCAL LICENSE; - NOTICE AND HEARING.** The Liquor Commissioner may revoke or suspend any license issued by him if he determines that the licensee has violated any of the provisions of the **Illinois Liquor Act**, any valid ordinance adopted by the municipality, any applicable rule or regulation established by the Liquor Commissioner or the State Commission which is not inconsistent with law.

(A) **Fine as Opposed to Suspension or Revocation.** In addition to the suspension, the Local Liquor Control Commissioner in any county or municipality may levy a fine on the licensee for such violations. The fine imposed shall not exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for a first violation within a twelve (12) month period, One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) for a second violation within a twelve (12) month period, and Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) for a third or subsequent violation within a twelve (12) month period. Each day on which a violation continues shall constitute a separate violation. Not more than Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) in fines under this Section may be imposed against any licensee during the period of his license. Proceeds from such fines shall be paid into the general corporate fund of the municipal treasury. (See P.A. 89-0063)

(B) **Revocation and Suspension: Notice.** However, no such license shall be so revoked or suspended and no licensee shall be fined except after a public hearing by the Local Liquor Control Commissioner with a **three (3) day** written notice to the licensee affording the licensee an opportunity to appear and defend. All such hearings shall be open to the public and the Liquor Commissioner shall reduce all evidence to writing and shall maintain an official record of the proceedings. If the Liquor Commissioner has reason to believe that any continued operation of a particular licensed premises will immediately threaten the welfare of the community he may, upon the issuance of a written order stating the reason for such conclusion and without notice or hearing order the licensed premises closed for not more than **seven (7) days**, giving the licensee an opportunity to be heard during that period, except that if such licensee shall also be engaged in the conduct of another business or businesses on the licensed premises such order shall not be applicable to such other business or businesses.

(C) **Hearing.** The Liquor Commissioner shall, within **five (5) days** after such hearing, if he determines after such hearing that the license should be revoked or suspended, state the reason or reasons for such determination in a written order of revocation or suspension and shall serve a copy of such order within the **five (5) days** upon the license. The findings of the Commissioner shall be predicted upon competent evidence. (**235 ILCS 5/7-5**)

21-4-11 **APPEALS FROM ORDER OF LIQUOR COMMISSIONER.** Except as provided in this section, any order or action of a Local Liquor Control Commissioner levying a fine or refusing to levy a fine on a licensee, granting or refusing to grant a license, revoking or suspending or refusing to revoke or suspend a license or refusing for more than **thirty (30) days** to grant a hearing upon a complaint to revoke or suspend a license may within **twenty (20) days** after notice of such order or action be appealed by any resident of the municipality under the jurisdiction of the Liquor Commissioner or any person interested, to the State Commission.

In any case where a licensee appeals to the State Commission from an order or action of the Liquor Commissioner having the effect of suspending or revoking a license, denying a renewal application, or refusing to grant a license, the licensee shall resume the operation of the licensed business pending the decision of the State Commission and the expiration of the

time allowed for an application for rehearing. If an application for rehearing is filed, the licensee shall continue the operation of the licensed business until the denial of the application or, if the rehearing is granted, until the decision on rehearing. **(235 ILCS 5/7-9)**

21-4-12 **SUBSEQUENT VIOLATIONS IN A YEAR.** In any case in which a licensee appeals to the State Commission a suspension or revocation by a Local Liquor Control Commissioner that is the second or subsequent such suspension or revocation placed on that licensee within the preceding **twelve (12) month period**, the licensee shall consider the suspension or revocation to be in effect until a reversal of the Liquor Commissioner's action has been issued by the State Commission and shall cease all activity otherwise authorized by the license. The State Commission shall expedite, to the greatest extent possible, its consideration of any appeal that is an appeal of a second or subsequent suspension or revocation within the past **twelve (12) month period.** **(235 ILCS 5/7-9)**

21-4-13 **APPEAL LIMITATIONS FOR SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION.** Any appeal of the decision and findings of the Liquor Commissioner in **Section 21-4-12** shall be limited to a review of the official record of the proceedings of said Liquor Commissioner. The official record shall be a "certified official record" of the proceedings taken and prepared by a certified court reporter or certified shorthand reporter. A copy of this record shall be filed by the Liquor Commissioner within **five (5) days** after notice of the filing of such appeal is received by the municipality from State Commission. **(235 ILCS 5/7-9)**