

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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 5/1-3.01)**

"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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 5/1-3.04)**

"BREW PUB" means a person who manufactures beer only at a designated premise to make sales to importing distributors, distributors, and to non-licensees for use and consumption only, who stores beer at the designated premises, and who is allowed to sell at retail from the licensed premises provided that a new brew pub licensee shall not sell for off-premises consumption more than **fifty thousand (50,000) gallons** per year. A person who holds a brew pub license may simultaneously hold a craft brewer license if he or she otherwise qualifies for the craft brewer license and the craft brewer license is for a location separate from the brew pub's licensed premises. **(Ord. No. 1672; 04-02-18)**

"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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 5/1-3.34)**

"CITY" means the City of Chester, Illinois.

"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 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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 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 Mayor of the City of Chester, Illinois, who shall be 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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 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, 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. **(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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 5/1-3.18)**

"SPECIAL EVENT" means an event conducted by an educational, fraternal, political, civic, religious or non-profit organization. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 5/1-3.02)**

"TO SELL" includes to keep or expose for sale and to keep with intent to sell. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 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.]

ARTICLE II LICENSES

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 the City of Chester without having a license to do so, issued by the Mayor of the City of Chester 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 the City of Chester 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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 5/4-1)**

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 City Clerk, with the seal of his/her 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.

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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 5/7-1)**

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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 5/4-5)**

21-2-4 **PROHIBITED LICENSEES.** No retail license 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 twenty-one (21) years** of age;

(C) A person who has been convicted of a felony under any federal or state law if the Mayor determines, after investigation, that such person has not been sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant the public trust;

(D) A person who has been convicted of being the keeper of or is keeping a house of ill-fame;

(E) A person who has been convicted of pandering or other crime or misdemeanor opposed to decency or morality;

(F) A person whose license has previously been revoked for cause;

(G) A person who, at the time of the application for renewal for any license issued hereunder, would not be eligible for such license upon first application;

(H) 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 reason;

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

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

(K) 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;

(L) Any person, association, or corporation not eligible for a state retail liquor license;

(M) A person who is not of good character and reputation in the community in which he resides;

(N) 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 Code or has forfeited his bond to appear in court to answer charges for any such violation;

(O) A person who does not own or have a beneficial interest in the premises for which a license is sought, or does not rent nor have a lease thereon for the full period for which the license is to be issued;

(P) Any law enforcing public official, including members of local liquor control commissions, any mayor, alderman, or member of a city council or commission, any president of a village board of trustees, any member of a village board of trustees, or any president or member of a county board; and no such official shall be interested directly in the manufacture, sale or distribution of alcoholic liquor, except that license may be granted to such official in relation to premises

which 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 the Mayor.

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

(R) A person who has been convicted of a gambling offense as prescribed by any of **subsections (a)(3) through (a)(11) of Section 28-1.1 of, or as proscribed by Section 28-3 of the "Criminal Code of 1961", approved July 28, 1961**, as heretofore or hereafter amended, or as proscribed by a statute replaced by any of the aforesaid statutory provisions;

(S) A person to whom a federal wagering stamp has been issued by the federal government for the current tax period; except those persons who are eligible to receive a license under the Raffles Act or the Illinois Pull Tabs and Jar Games Act;

(T) 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 stamp or federal wagering stamp by the federal government for the current tax period;

(U) 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;

(V) Any premises for which a federal wagering stamp has been issued by the federal government for the current tax period 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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 5/6-2)**

2125 TERM; FEE SUBMITTED IN ADVANCE. Retail liquor licenses issued under this Chapter shall be valid for a **twelve (12) month period** from **May 1** to the following **April 30** upon the payment of the license fee as hereinafter set forth unless sooner revoked or suspended. Each such license shall terminate on **April 30th** next following its issuance. The fee to be paid shall be reduced in proportion to the full calendar months which have expired in the year prior to the issuance of the license.

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 Local Liquor Control Commissioner 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 City General Fund. The application for a license shall be filed with the City 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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 5/4-1)**

21-2-6 LICENSE CLASSIFICATION. There shall be **five (5) classes** of licenses that shall be referred to as:

(A) **Class "A" Licenses** shall authorize retail sale on the premises specified of alcoholic liquor for consumption on the premises as well as other retail sales of such liquor. The annual fee for such license shall be **Four Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$475.00)**.

(B) **Class "B" Licenses** shall authorize the retail sale of alcoholic liquor, but not for consumption on the premises where sold. The annual fee for such license shall be **Five Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$525.00)**.

(C) **Class "C" Licenses** may be issued to a Club, which shall authorize the retail sale on the premises specified as alcoholic liquor for consumption on the premises, as well as other retail sales of such liquor; said liquor sales to be made to club members only. The annual fee for such licenses shall be **Four Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$475.00)**.

(D) **Class "D" - Special Event License.** A license may be obtained for the sale of alcoholic liquors in case of any special function or at any function in the City Park. Application therefor must be submitted to the Mayor and approved by the City Council. The number of nights or days for which the applicant desires the license, shall be stated in the application and there shall accompany the application the sum of **One Dollar (\$1.00)** for each day or night that the applicant operates under the license.

(E) **Class "E" Licenses – Brew Pubs.** There is hereby created a Class "E" license which shall authorize the manufacture of beer on the premises, the sale of beer on and off premises as permitted by Illinois law and sale of alcoholic liquor from the licensed premises. The annual fee for such license shall be **Four Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$475.00)**.

(Ord. No. 1672; 04-02-18)

21-2-7 NUMBER OF LICENSES. There shall be issued in the City no more than **thirteen (13)** Class "A" liquor licenses; no more than **three (3)** Class "B" liquor licenses; no more than **six (6)** "Club" licenses; and no more than **one (1)** Class "E" liquor license, to be in effect at any time within the City. Licenses in the aggregate to be in effect at any time, including Class "A", Class "B", "Club" and Class "E" licenses shall not exceed a total of **twenty-three (23)** in number. **(Ord. No. 1778; 08-02-22)**

21-2-8 **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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 5/6-1) (See Attorney General's Report No. 703; 01-08-48)**

21-2-9 **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 shall remain effective until their expiration; 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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 5/4-1)**

21-2-10 **DRAMSHOP INSURANCE.** Prior to the issuance of a liquor license, the applicant shall provide to the Mayor evidence that the applicant has obtained Dramshop Insurance for at least the term of the license and for the amounts set forth in **235 ILCS 5/6-21**.

21-2-11 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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 5/6-24)**

21-2-12 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.** **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 5/4-1)**

ARTICLE III REGULATIONS

2131 CLOSING HOURS. It shall be unlawful to sell or offer for sale at retail any alcoholic liquor in the City between the hours of **1:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M.** in the morning of any day or before **12:00 Noon** on Sunday, except as provided in **Section 2132** of this Chapter, provided that upon written application to the Mayor by a licensee authorized to sell alcoholic liquor for consumption on the premises, the Mayor may grant to said licensee permission to sell alcoholic liquor for consumption on the premises for an extended hour until **2:00 A.M.** on Thanksgiving Day and/or **2:00 A.M.** on New Year's Day; and

Further excepting that the holder of any Class "B" license shall be authorized to sell at retail alcoholic liquor, but not for consumption on the premises where sold in the City, and in addition to the aforesaid hours shall have the authority to sell such liquor from **6:00 A.M.** each Sunday morning; therefore, Class "B" license holder shall have authority to sell liquor at any time on any day of the week, except for any time between the hours of **1:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M.**

It shall be unlawful to keep open for business or to admit the public to any premises in or which alcoholic liquor is sold at retail during the hours within which the sale of alcoholic liquor is prohibited.

(Ord. No. 1661; 11-20-17)

2132 SPECIAL PERMIT FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR IN THE CITY ON SUNDAYS BY CLUB LICENSEES. It shall be unlawful for a club liquor licensee to sell at retail any alcoholic liquor in the City between the hours of **1:00 A.M. and 12:00 Noon on Sunday** unless any such licensee has been issued a special event permit by the Local Liquor Control Commissioner of the City.

Any club licensee must first make application for a special event permit on a form to be furnished to the applicant by the City Clerk. The application must be verified by oath or affidavit, and shall contain the following information and statements:

(A) Name of the notforprofit corporation, address, where the event will be held, when the event will be held, and such application shall be made and signed by at least **two (2) officers** of the applicant. The application shall also state the nature and purpose of the special event.

(B) Nothing herein shall be construed to permit any licensee to sell alcohol at retail prior to **12:00 Noon on Sundays** without first having the special license permit.

(C) The Local Liquor Control Commissioner of the City shall have the sole and absolute discretion in determining the issuance of the permits provided for herein.

21-3-3 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 multi-use 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) Serve **two (2)** or more drinks of alcoholic liquor at one time to one person for consumption by that one person, except conducting product sampling pursuant to paragraphs (A) and (B) below or selling or delivering wine by the bottle or carafe;
- (2) Sell, offer to sell or serve to any person an unlimited number of drinks of alcoholic liquor during any set period of time for a fixed price, except at private functions not open to the general public;
- (3) Sell, offer to sell or serve any drink of alcoholic liquor to any person on any one date at a reduced price other than that charged other purchasers of drinks on that day where such reduced price is a promotion to encourage consumption of alcoholic liquor, except as authorized in subsection C(7) of this Section.
- (4) 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;
- (5) 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
- (6) Advertise or promote in any way, whether on or off the licensed premises, any of the practices prohibited under paragraphs (1) through (5).

(C) Nothing in subsection B shall be construed to prohibit a licensee from:

- (1) Offering free food or entertainment at any time;
- (2) Including drinks of alcoholic liquor as part of a meal package;
- (3) Including drinks of alcoholic liquor as part of a hotel package;
- (4) Negotiating drinks of alcoholic liquor as part of a contract between a hotel or multi-use establishment and another group for the holding of any function, meeting, convention or trade show;
- (5) Providing room service to persons renting rooms at a hotel;

- (6) Selling pitchers (or the equivalent, including but not limited to buckets), carafes, or bottles of alcoholic liquor which are customarily sold in such manner and delivered to **two (2)** or more persons at one time; or
- (7) Increasing prices of drinks of alcoholic liquor in lieu of, in whole, or in part, a cover charge to offset the cost of special entertainment not regularly scheduled.

(D) A violation of this Section shall be grounds for suspension or revocation of the retailer's license as provided by Article IV of this Code. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 5/6-28)**

21-3-4 PROHIBITED LOCATIONS. No license shall be issued for the sale at retail of any alcoholic liquor 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; 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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 5/6-11) (Ord. No. 1520; 09-19-11)**

21-3-5 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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec- 5/7-14)**

21-3-6 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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 5/6-12)**

21-3-7 DRINKING ON PUBLIC WAYS. It shall be unlawful to drink any alcoholic liquor on any public streets, alleys, sidewalks and other public ways in the City unless authorized by the Mayor and City Council at a regular or special meeting of the corporate authorities. **(235 ILCS 5/6-16)**

21-3-8 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.

21-3-9 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".

21-3-10 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.**

21-3-11 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)**

21-3-12 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.

21-3-13 UNLAWFUL ACTS. It shall be unlawful for any person to do or commit any of the following acts within the Municipality, to-wit:

(A) Drink any alcoholic liquors on any public street, alley, sidewalk, or other public way without special permission granted pursuant to **Section 21-3-7.**

(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.

21-3-14 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.

21-3-15 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. **(See 410 ILCS Sec. 650/1, et seq.)**

21-3-16 **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. **(See 410 ILCS 650/10)**

21-3-17 **HEALTH PERMIT.** Every licensee shall have, at all times, a valid operating permit from the County Health Department which regulates health standards.

21-3-18 **PEDDLING.** It shall be unlawful to peddle alcoholic liquor in this municipality. **(See 235 ILCS 5/4-1)**

21-3-19 **GAMBLING ACTS PROHIBITED.**

(A) **Gambling Prohibited.** No person shall play for money, or other valuable thing or equivalent, any game with cards, dice, checks, billiards, or any device, instrument or machine whatsoever, which may be used for the purpose of playing a game of chance, betting or winning or losing money or any other thing or article of value nor shall any person bet on any game of any type involving gambling unless such gambling is allowed pursuant to the laws or the Statutes of Illinois and any all licenses required are obtained for such game of chance.

(B) **Possession of Unlawful Gaming Device.** No person shall possess any gambling device or paraphernalia, as defined under and prohibited under the laws or the Statutes of Illinois, with the intent to use the same for any unlawful purpose, and any such device or paraphernalia kept with such intent may be confiscated by the City Police Department.

(C) **Gambling Establishment Prohibition.** No person shall keep a common gaming house; or in any building, yard, garden or booth, by him or his agent used and occupied, procure or permit any person or persons to frequent, or come together to play for money or other valuable thing, at any game; or keep or suffer to be kept any tables or other apparatus for the purpose or intent of playing any game, for money or any other valuable thing; or knowingly rent any such place for such purposes, except those establishments or acts which are authorized and legal under the laws and Statutes of Illinois.

(D) **Gambling Advertisement Prohibition.** It is unlawful to advertise any illegal gambling house or illegal gambling resort, as defined under and prohibited under the laws or the Statutes of Illinois, in any street, alley or public place within the City.

(E) **Authorized Gambling.** Nothing in this Section shall prohibit the authorized, legal wagering, or gambling or any acts, that are allowed by the laws or the Statutes of Illinois. Video Gaming and Video Gaming Terminals are permitted when licensed by the Illinois Gaming Board pursuant to the Illinois Video Gaming Act **(230 ILCS 40/1 et seq.)** and operated in accordance with the Video Gaming Act.

(F) **General Licensing and Fees.** Gambling of any type may be allowed within the City so long as the same is legal within the State of Illinois and as long as the operator of said gambling or games of chance or any machinery or devices associated therewith has obtained any and all licenses or permits required by the State of Illinois and required by the City. Effective **May 1, 2022**, each operator of a Video Gaming Terminal shall pay to the City a license fee of **Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00)** per year for each Video Gaming Terminal within their establishment for the privilege of operating such terminal. Upon payment of the license fee to the City, a license shall be issued by the City to the operator for the operation of Video Gaming Terminals within their establishment. No Video Gaming Terminals may be operated within an establishment until the operator obtains all licenses and permits required by the State of Illinois, and the operator pays the fee required by the City and obtains the license from the City. The **Two Hundred Fifty Dollar (\$250.00)** fee shall be paid annually in advance on the **first (1st) day of May** of each year, and the license from the City shall expire on **April 30th** of each year unless sooner terminated or surrendered. There shall be no more than **twelve (12)** establishments with Video Gaming Terminals and no more than **seventy-two (72)** Video Gaming Terminals within the City. **(Ord. No. 1768; 02-07-22)**

(G) **Penalties for Violation.** Any person, firm or corporation violating any provision of this Section shall be fined no more than **Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00)** for each offense, and a separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues. **(Ord. No. 1543; 06-18-12)**

21-3-20 **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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 5/4-1)**

21-3-21 **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, mentally ill or 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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec- 5/6-16)**

21-3-22 **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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 5/4-1)**

21-3-23 **UNDERAGED; ENTRY ON LICENSED PREMISES.** It shall be unlawful for any holder of a retail liquor dealers license or his agent or employee to suffer or permit any minor to be or remain in any room or compartment adjoining or adjacent to or situated in the room or place where such licensed premises are located, provided that this paragraph shall not apply to any minor who is employed by the establishment or who is accompanied by his parent or guardian, or who has the specific permission of his parent or guardian, or any licensed premises which derives its principle business from the sale of services or other commodities other than alcoholic liquor. **(See 235 ILCS Sec- 5/4-1)**

21-3-3 **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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 5/6-20)**

21-3-25 **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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 5/6-20)**

21-3-26 **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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 5/6-20)**

21-3-27 **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 \$75 - \$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.”

21-3-28 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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 5/6-20)**

21-3-29 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, the Zoning Administrator or the Liquor Commissioner or any member of the corporate authorities, for the purpose of making an inspection of such premises or any part thereof. **(See 235 ILCS Sec- 5/4-4)**

21-3-30 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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 5/6-10)**

21-3-31 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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 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.

(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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 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)**

21-3-32 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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 5/6-16)**

21-3-33 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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 5/6-16)**

21-3-34 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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 5/6-16)**

21-3-35 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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 5/6-16)**

21-3-36 **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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 5/10-2)**

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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 5/10-3)**

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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 5/10-4)**

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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 5/10-5)**

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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 5/10-6)**

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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 5/10-7)**

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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 5/7-13)**

21-4-8 **SUSPENSION/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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 5/4-4)**

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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 5/7-7)**

21-4-10 REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF LOCAL LICENSE; - NOTICE AND HEARING. The Liquor Commissioner may fine any licensee and may revoke or suspend any license issued by him if he determines that the licensee , licensee's agent, service or employee 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.

The service of such notice may be made by delivering said notice to the licensee personally or by leaving a copy of such notice at the place of business of such licensee with some person over the age of **eighteen (18) years**, and informing such person of the contents of such notice. The return of the person making service as to the manner of service shall be sufficient. On the day set for hearing, if such licensee does not appear at the time and place designated in such notice, the Local Liquor Control Commissioner may proceed to hear said case the same as if said licensee was present and may render a decision on the merits of the case.

(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 and state the amount of the fine, the period of suspension, or that the license has been revoked and/or that the licensee should be fined, 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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 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. (See 235 ILCS Sec. 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. **(See 235 ILCS Sec. 5/7-9)**

21-4-14 FINES. Except for the fines otherwise specifically provided for herein, anyone found to have violated any provisions of this Chapter/ordinance in addition to any revocations or suspensions provided for herein may be fined up to **Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00)** for such violation.