

## Article - Alcoholic Beverages

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- (a) There is a nonprofit beer festival permit.
- (b)
  - (1) An applicant for a nonprofit beer festival permit shall be a nonprofit organization, as defined by § 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code.
  - (2) A local licensing board may issue the permit to a nonprofit organization that meets the requirements of this section.
  - (3) A permit authorizes the permit holder to conduct a nonprofit beer festival for at least 1 day and not more than 3 consecutive days.
- (c)
  - (1) The permit holder may purchase beer at wholesale to:
    - (i) Provide to a consumer a sample that may not exceed 1 fluid ounce for each brand; and
    - (ii) Sell to a consumer beer for on- and off-premises consumption.
  - (2) The permit holder shall provide space at a nonprofit beer festival for holders of brewing company off-site permits.
  - (3) A holder of a brewing company off-site permit that attends a nonprofit beer festival may provide beer to a consumer in the same manner as the holder of the nonprofit beer festival permit.
  - (4) The permit holder may provide or sell at the nonprofit beer festival only alcoholic beverages provided by the permit holder or a holder of a brewing company off-site permit that is in attendance.
- (d) At all times during the nonprofit beer festival, the permit holder shall have present at least two agents, one of whom may be the permit holder, who are certified by an approved alcohol awareness program.
- (e) An applicant for a nonprofit beer festival permit shall:
  - (1) No less than 30 days before the proposed event, submit to the local licensing board a completed application on a form that the Office of the Comptroller provides that:
    - (i) States that the primary purpose of the nonprofit beer festival is to promote Maryland beer;
    - (ii) Provides details of the nonprofit beer festival, including the

location, dates, and times of operation; and

(iii) Includes appropriate evidence that the owner of the property in which the nonprofit beer festival may be held has given permission to the applicant to have the nonprofit beer festival on its premises; and

(2) Pay a fee of \$100 for the nonprofit beer festival permit to the local licensing board.

(f) No less than 15 days before the nonprofit beer festival, the permit holder shall provide the local licensing board with a list of brewing company off-site permit holders that will attend.

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