

## Article - Alcoholic Beverages

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§8-222.1.

- (a) (1) (i) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
  - (ii) “Board” means the Washington County Board of License Commissioners.
  - (iii) “Class B (on-sale) license of any type” means:
    - 1. A Class B (on-sale) beer license;
    - 2. A Class B (on-sale) beer and light wine license; or
    - 3. A Class B (on-sale) beer, wine and liquor license.
- (2) This section applies only in Washington County.
- (b) (1) A Class B (on-sale) license of any type:
  - (i) May be issued countywide by the Board; and
  - (ii) Is not subject to the population ratio quota requirements under § 9-222 of this article.
- (2) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, the Board may issue a Class B (on-sale) license of any type if the establishment for which the license is issued is a restaurant that:
  - (i) Is located in a permanent building with ample space and accommodations;
  - (ii) Commonly offers hot and cold meals that are prepared, sold, and served to the public during regular business hours;
  - (iii) Has a dining area with regular seating capacity at tables, chairs, and booths, that, excluding seats at bars or counters, can accommodate at least 50 patrons; and
  - (iv) Is equipped with sufficient kitchen and dining facilities for regularly preparing and serving meals to the public;
  - (v) Maintains a menu that advertises a variety of food that the establishment serves;
  - (vi) Serves food at all times whenever alcoholic beverages are being served or consumed; and

(vii) Has, on an annual basis, gross sales of food and nonalcoholic beverages that exceed its gross sales of alcoholic beverages.

(c) (1) A Class B beer (on-sale) license authorizes the holder to sell beer for on-premises consumption.

(2) A Class B beer and light wine (on-sale) license authorizes the holder to sell beer and light wine for on-premises consumption.

(3) A Class B beer, wine and liquor (on-sale) license authorizes the holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption.

(d) The term of a Class B (on-sale) license of any type is 1 year and begins on May 1 of each year.

(e) (1) (i) Once per licensing cycle, a license holder shall comply with a request from the Board to submit a Food Alcohol Ration Report covering 2 preceding quarters that the Board selects to demonstrate compliance with the annual gross sales requirement under subsection (b) of this section.

(ii) To enforce this paragraph, the Board may:

1. Request that a license holder provide supporting data or additional information;

2. Issue a fine; or

3. Suspend a license.

(2) As a prerequisite for the renewal of a license under this subsection, an applicant for a Class B (on-sale) license of any type shall have demonstrated compliance with the annual gross sales requirement under subsection (b) of this section.

(3) When submitting a Food Alcohol Ration Report, the applicant shall include a current menu and information on hours of operation and sales amounts and percentages for the specified quarters for food, nonalcoholic beverages, and alcoholic beverages.

(4) The applicant or the applicant's accountant shall complete, sign, and provide for the notarization of the Food Alcohol Ration Report.

(f) The annual license fee:

(1) For a Class B (on-sale) beer license is set out in § 3-201(w) of this article;

(2) For a Class B (on-sale) beer and light wine license is set out in § 5-201(w) of this article;

(3) For a Class B (on-sale) beer, wine and liquor license is set out in § 6-201(w) of this article; and

(4) For a Special Sunday (on-sale) license is \$250.

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