

Remember Daylight Savings Time Begins on April 3rd - Spring clocks ahead!

**Tastings Permit Applications Now Available**



# Grapevine



**DUE TO RENEW** - Renewals are due to this office **45 days prior**

Last summer, the Colorado General Assembly passed House Bill 04-1021 which included a provision to allow a local government to adopt an ordinance allowing alcohol beverage sampling (tastings) to be conducted in retail liquor stores and liquor-licensed drugstores.

On February 2, 2005, as a result of a request from a retail liquor store, the City Council did adopt an ordinance that will allow such sampling but would restrict it to beer and wine. The ordinance took effect on March 13, 2005. Application forms are now available in the City Clerk's Office. The State and the City have enacted the following provisions relative to tastings:

- No more than four individual samples of up to one ounce of beer or wine may be provided to a customer. The individual samples must be free of charge.
- Tastings shall not exceed 5 consecutive hours per day.
- Tastings shall be conducted during the licensee's operating hours and in any event no earlier than 1 p.m. or later than 7 p.m.
- The establishment must not allow a patron to leave the licensed premise with an unconsumed sample.
- The licensee shall not serve a person who is under 21 years of age or who is visibly intoxicated.
- Tastings may occur on no more than three of the six days (Monday through Saturday) that the licensee may be open for business and shall not exceed 104 days per year.
- Tastings shall be conducted only by a person who has completed a server training program that meet the standards established by the State Liquor Enforcement Division and is an owner or employee of the licensed premises.
- Samples to be tasted shall be served only in single use, disposable cups or containers of a size that contains a one ounce serving.

There are other provisions in the law that any licensee considering applying for a tasting permit should be aware of.

A retail liquor store may apply for a tastings permit at any time during the year but the permit will run concurrently with their retail liquor store license. This means that the tastings permit must be renewed at the same time a license is renewed and there is no prorating of the \$100 permit fee.

The application form includes a requirement that the applicant submit a written control plan, a list of employees who will be involved in the tastings, documentation that they have attended the specified training and a schedule of the tastings proposed. The application, control plan and other documentation will be reviewed by the Hearing Officer at one of the City's regularly scheduled hearings.

If you have any questions regarding the tastings provisions, please call the City Clerk at 244-1511 or the City Attorney's office at 244-1503.

West. CO Center for the Arts	6/01
Earl's House of Spirits	6/02
Horizon Drive Shell	6/02
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Red Robin America's Gourmet Burgers	6/04
Cruisers SW Grill	6/05
Rite Aide #6258	6/09
Brass Rail Lounge	6/11
Sam's Club #6360	6/15
Blue Moon Bar & Grille	6/22
Hilltop Liquor Store	6/23
Chupiro's Place	6/27
Flyn Roosters	7/06
Coco's Bakery Rest.	7/06
Redlands Liquor	7/10
Good Pastures	7/14
The Bottle Shop	7/22
Loco Food Store #15	7/22
Tequila's	7/26
Eastgate Liquors	7/27
El Tapatio	8/01
Doriro's on Horizon	8/02
Bear Rock Cafe	8/03
Outback Steakhouse	8/04
Avalon Theater	8/04
Last Chance Liquor	8/04
Safeway Stoare #2625	8/06
Cottonwood Liquors	8/07
Genghis Grill	8/10
Golf Course at Redlands Mesa	8/14
Stop N Save #4	8/14
Mesa Theater & Club	8/16
Chuck E. Cheese's	8/18
Rockslide Brew Pub	8/18
C&F Food Stores No., 1,3, and 4	8/24
Nancy's Pizzeria	8/24
Rite Aid #6367	8/26
Texas Roadhouse	8/26

***Congratulations  
on Transfer of Ownerships***

***12/15/04—Mesa Café (formerly  
Coffee Time)***

***2/4/05—Fiesta Cuadalajara-6J***

**FYI** - It has been brought to our attention that some Italian Restaurants are re-corking a certain bottle of wine that is blue in color and has corking on the bottom and this bottle is 1 liter, not 750 ml. Which is the maximum allowed by the recorking law. Please be award of this. Any questions, give us a call.

**Upcoming Holidays and Events**

**April 1**  
**April 3**  
**April 5**  
**April 27**  
**April 29**  
**May 8**  
**May 20**  
**May 28**  
**May 30**  
**June 10**  
**June 18**  
**June 19**  
**June 21**  
**June 23**

**April Fool's Day**  
**Day Light Savings Time Begins**  
**City Election—Don't Forget to Vote**  
**Administrative Professionals Day**  
**10th Annual Fruita Fat Tire Festival**  
**Mother's Day**  
**Mike the Headless Chicken Days**  
**JUCO Begins**  
**Memorial Day (City Offices Closed)**  
**Wells Fargo Arts & Jazz Festival**  
**Ride the Rockies**  
**Father's Day**  
**Summer Begins**  
**Country Jam Begins**

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATES...**

From the legislative session, there are a few bills that might be of interest to you that were introduced this session regarding the sale of alcohol products. By the time this issue is printed some of these probably will have changed.

SB-034 Outlaws Alcohol Without Liquor (AWOL) - Has passed the senate and the house as of March 25th.

SB-058 Expands the types of alcohol beverage licensees that may allow a customer to reseal and remove one partially consumed bottle of vinous liquor from the premises of the licensee - Has passed the senate; 3rd reading in the house.

SB-077 Would permit "opt in" cities in counties less than 100k in population for liquor stores to be open on Sundays. Referred to committee.

SB-095 Would change regulations regarding what constitutes vinous liquors - February 25 passed the senate on third reading, February 28 introduced in the house and assigned to Business Affairs and Labor.

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at [www.gjcity.org](http://www.gjcity.org) for**

**Upcoming Trainings  
held in the City Hall**

**Auditorium**

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