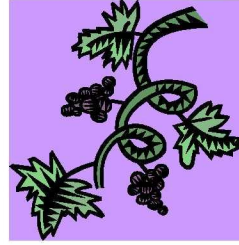


Grapevine






2011 Regular Legislative Session Concerning Alcoholic Beverages!



There were three bills that the Governor signed during this year's legislative session that concerns alcoholic beverages.



1. Senate Bill 11-060 authorizes Liquor Licensee's who holds a license to sell beer, wine, or liquor for on-premises consumption to also sell low-alcohol "3.2% beer" without having to acquire and hold a separate license. This bill becomes effective immediately. 
2. Senate Bill 11-066 allows a Local Licensing Authority to effect sole authority to approve or deny applications for special event permits and remove the State Licensing Authority from its current obligation of reviewing and promptly acting on the issuance of State permits for those jurisdictions. The bill also increases the maximum number of event days per calendar year from ten (10) days to fifteen (15) days. This bill becomes effective August 10, 2011. 
3. Senate Bill 11-273 allows Local Authorities to create entertainment districts. A promotional association may create a festival area within a district. Within festival areas, a person may buy an alcohol beverages from an attached vendor and consume the alcohol within the area. A festival area must have a qualified promotional association that represents the vendors, and vendors must be approved to be attached. Standards are set for approving both the promotional association and the vendors. The Local Authority may impose procedures and fees for approval and withdraw the authorization if violations occur. This bill becomes effective August 10, 2011. 

AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR EMPLOYEES OF LIQUOR LICENSED ESTABLISHMENTS

3.2% Beer Licenses:

A person who is 18 years of age, and is employed by a 3.2% beer licensed establishment, is allowed to handle, stock, sell, serve, or dispense 3.2% beer in that establishment. A person under 18 years of age is permitted to "handle" or "stock" 3.2% beer if employed by a 3.2% beer licensee and under the on-premises supervision of a person who is at least 18 years of age. A person must be 21 years of age to possess, purchase, or consume 3.2% beer.

On-premises Liquor Licenses:

Malt, vinous, and spirituous liquor may be handled, dispensed, or sold (this includes wait staff and bartenders) by anyone who is at least 18 years of age and under the on-premises supervision of a person who is at least 21 years of age with the following **EXCEPTIONS:** In Taverns which do not regularly serve meals, malt, vinous, and spirituous liquor may only be sold by persons who are at least 21 years of age. A person of any age may bus tables or handle empty alcohol beverage containers. A person must be 21 years of age to possess, purchase, or consume beer, wine, or spirits.

Off-premises Liquor Licenses:

Employees of retail liquor stores and liquor licensed drug stores must be at least 21 years of age to sell or distribute beer, wine, or spirits.



Liquor License Renewals



State Law (C.R.S. Section 12-47-301) requires that Liquor License Renewal applications be filed with your Local Authority (City of Grand Junction)

The State of Colorado will mail the renewal application to the licensee between 90 and 120 days prior to the expiration date. **Remember:** the **renewal** application **must** be filed with the City of Grand Junction **not less than 45 days prior to the expiration date**. The Grand Junction City Clerk's office will send a reminder letter as a courtesy before the renewal is due. If filed less than 45 days prior to expiration, a letter explaining why it is being filed late must accompany the renewal application. A \$500 late fee must be assessed if the application is not filed by the expiration date.

Some helpful reminders:

- ◆ The application must be completed in full.
- ◆ If there were not any changes, the "no changes" box must be checked.
- ◆ If there were any changes from the last application the "Yes" box must be checked and appropriate paperwork must be filed with the application
- ◆ Don't forget the Authorized Signature, Title, Date, Business Phone, and your State Sales Tax Number
- ◆ Trade Name of Establishment and State License Number
- ◆ Operating Manager, Home Address and Date of Birth
- ◆ Remember all applicable questions on page 2 must be answered
- ◆ Signature on page 2 if sole proprietorship

Don't forget to include:

- ◆ State fee payable to the Colorado Department of Revenue
- ◆ City fee payable to the City of Grand Junction

If any information listed on the application is not current or correct, the application cannot be processed.

If you do not receive your renewal application, a new application form must be used.

Remember to make sure that your correct mailing address and contact information is on file with the City and State licensing departments.



2011 "FREE" Training Schedule

The City of Grand Junction along with the Police Department offers a fun and informative method of educating anyone who dispenses alcohol and how they can protect themselves and the establishment.

The remaining dates (subject to change) for 2011 are:

Wednesday, August 31, 2011, 8 a.m. to noon

Monday, October 24, 2011, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Thursday, December 8, 2011, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

All trainings are held in the City Hall Auditorium, 250 N. 5th Street.

Flyers will be sent out electronically approximately a month in advance, but you can register anytime by calling 244-1510 or emailing debrak@gjcity.org.



Why should you take Alcohol Server Responsibility Training?

The City of Grand Junction encourages all liquor licensees to incorporate training into their business practices. To assist the licensees, the City provides free Alcohol Server Responsibility Training for local servers and sellers. The training is intended to assist in the prevention of intoxication, drunk driving, and underage drinking. Employees can learn strategies for serving alcohol responsibly while providing the best customer service.

Attendees are educated about the physical effects of alcohol, sales to minors, liquor liability, recognition, prevention of sales to visibly intoxicated persons, and other key State and Local laws and rules affecting owners, managers, sellers, and servers. Training is conducted by a State approved trainer employed by the City of Grand Junction Police Department. At the beginning and conclusion of the training, participants will complete a multiple-choice exam. Participants who complete both exams will receive a certificate.



REQUIRED POSTINGS (Signs and Licenses)



State and Local Licenses

After your liquor license renewal has been processed and approved by both the City and State, the City Clerk's office will mail the renewal licenses to your establishment's mailing address. Please post both original State and Local liquor licenses in a visible location within your establishment (See section 12-47-301(4)(a) C.R.S.).

Other Licenses and Permits

Liquor and Beer Licensees must also have current valid State and City sales tax licenses, a City of Grand Junction Occupational Tax License, a Mesa County food service license, and a Federal Tax Stamp posted conspicuously on the premises so that the general public may see them. **A wise Licensee will check all of their license expiration dates to ensure that they do not forget to file for license renewal.**

Minor Warning Signs

You must post a sign on your licensed premises, warning underage persons that it is illegal to attempt to purchase alcohol beverages. These signs are available free of charge from the State Liquor Enforcement Division (248-7133), the City Clerk's Office (244-1510), or by contacting Lisa Maestas, Liquor Enforcement/Investigations, Grand Junction Police Department (244-3612).



Numbers

City Clerk's Office
244-1510

Division of Liquor Enforcement
(303) 205-2300

Local State Liquor Enforcement
Investigators
Brian Turner and Shanna Frank
(970) 248-7133

City of Grand Junction Liquor
Enforcement
PST Lisa Maestas
(970) 244-3612

City Sales Tax
(970) 244-1521

“There are two types of people who will tell you that you cannot make a difference in this world: Those who are afraid to try and those who are afraid you will succeed.”

Ray Goforth

Liquor and Beer Meetings are held the first and third Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in the Municipal Court Room, 250 N. 5th Street, Grand Junction, CO



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