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Recap of 1999

Congratulations! We made it through the Y2K panic and are now headed into the 2nd millennium. 1999 was a very busy year in liquor licensing – 148 applications were approved locally and sent to the state for processing. There were: 13 new, 7 transfers of ownership, 14 report of change in corporate structure, 5 modification of premises, 7 special event permits, 1 change of location and 1 register manager; 96 licenses renewed, and of these 6 were late renewals. Of the 13 new applications, 6 utilized the option of a concurrent review.

Also in '99, three Liquor Awareness Training sessions were held with representatives from 30 establishments with a total of 72 attendees. The Liquor Awareness Training program, developed and conducted in Grand Junction, has been included as part of a state wide standard for liquor training.

There were changes in the state statutes as well that impacted several of you. These included the multiple ownership of tavern liquor licenses (3 allowed with separate managers), the elimination of the requirement to perform background investigations on all officers or directors of a club license (a background check still needs to be done on the president and the manager), and extending the time frame for licensees to turn over confiscated I.D.'s to local or state law enforcement to within 72 hours. (You can access these changes through the state website:http://www.state.co.us./govdir/revenue_dir/liq_uor_dir/liquor.html.)

We are always looking for ways to refine and update our ability to service our licensees. If you have any concerns or suggestions, please contact us at 244-1509 and let us know.

Opening up communication between the licensing entity and the licensees will benefit the community overall.

Due to Renew

The following licenses are due to renew before June 30, 2000:

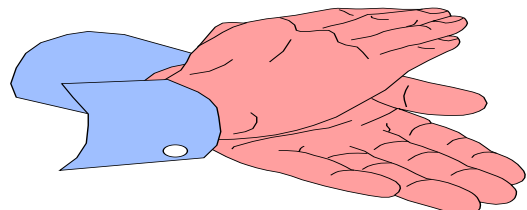
Peachtree Inn	5/5
Earl's House of Spirits	6/2
Gladstones	6/2
Racquet Club Pub	6/4
Rite Aid #6258	6/9
Silver House	6/10
Cruisers	6/15
Sam's Club	6/15
Blue Moon	6/22
Horizon Drive Texaco	6/22
Chupiro's Place	6/27

Welcome to New Licensees

The City of Grand Junction and the Local Licensing Authority welcome the addition of the following NEW licensees:

Coffee Time LLC, 2828 Walker Field Dr, Beer/Wine
Capers on Colorado, 359 Colorado, Hotel/Restaurant
7th Street Café, 504 Main Street, Beer/Wine
Greenfields, 118 S. 7th Street, Tavern
Fairground Wine & Liquor, 2771 B¹/₂ Rd, Retail Lq Store
Paradise, 1310 Ute Avenue, Hotel/Restaurant

CONGRATULATIONS!



Upcoming Special Days

Mark your calendars!

St. Patrick's Day	March 17
Daylight savings time begins on April 2	
Set your clocks AHEAD 1 hour!	
Palm Sunday	April 16
Good Friday	April 21
Easter Sunday	April 23
Professional Secretary's Day	April 26
Mother's Day	May 14
Memorial Day	May 29
Flag Day	June 14
Father's Day	June 18

FYI

RE: Individual History Form

By Stephanie Rubinstein, Staff Attorney

An individual history record must be completed for every applicant for a liquor license including new, transfer of ownership and change in corporate structure. This would be every general and over 10% limited partner of a partnership; every officer, director and over 10% stockholder of a public corporation; and the designated manager of the liquor establishment.

One question that has caused some concern is: "Have you ever been convicted of a crime, fined, imprisoned, placed on probation, received a suspended sentence or forfeited bail for any offense in criminal or military court?" The only crimes that are not to be listed are traffic violations, unless they "resulted in suspension or revocation of your driver's license, or you were convicted of driving under the influence of alcoholic beverages."

Note that the question asks if you have EVER been convicted of ANY crime. There are not time limitations listed. Please answer this and all questions completely, honestly and encourage others who are filling out this form for your license to do the same.

When you sign this document, you are taking an oath under penalty of perjury that all of the information is true, correct and complete to the best of your knowledge. If you leave off a part of your criminal history, not only could there be implications to your liquor license, but you may also face further criminal prosecution!

Protecting Your License

From The Colorado Liquor Enforcement Division

This should be an important consideration for every licensee. Two of the most critical areas that can lead to a loss or suspension of a liquor license are sales to minors and to intoxicated persons. Preventing sales to these two groups is critical in protecting your license! The following is a list that can help in this regard:

1. Hire employees who feel responsible for protecting your liquor license. Don't put your liquor license privileges into the hands of someone who doesn't care.
2. Train your employees. Teach them the tools and techniques necessary to detect and stop sales to minors and intoxicated persons. Training will also be in your favor if an employee does make a mistake and sells liquor to a minor. (See Regulation 47-604).
3. Utilize purchase logs or incident logs to document the activities that occur in your establishment. Detail attempts by minors and intoxicated persons to purchase, persons being cut off and other critical incidents. These logs go a long way in documenting to enforcement authorities that you are operating your establishment in a responsible manner.
4. Get to know your state and local enforcement authorities. Invite them in for compliance inspections. This will also impress upon your employees that law compliance is an expected business standard.
5. Utilize electronic surveillance to record business activities or to aid in the detection of false identification. These devices may seem expensive, but they provide excellent recordkeeping and detection capabilities. Minors are less likely to attempt to purchase alcohol with false identification when they know their ID will be both scanned and visibly checked.
6. Play an active role in managing your establishment's business. Leadership by example is an important factor in preventing liquor law violations.

If you don't care for your business, who will?

City Clerk's Office
244-1509

Important Telephone Numbers
State Liquor Enforcement
(303) 205-2300

City Sales Tax
244-1521