



Grand Junction Grapevine

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Congratulations! Everyone seems to have made it through the past year and what a busy year it was! In liquor licensing there were 212 applications approved locally and sent to the State for processing. Of these, 140 were renewals, 15 new, 9 transfers of ownership, 29 change in corporate structure, 6 modification of premises, 4 change in trade name, 2 change of location, and 7 manager registrations. Of the 15 new applicants, 11 utilized the option of a concurrent review.

Four Liquor Awareness Trainings were held - 2 Police sessions and 2 Administrative/Legal sessions with a total attendance of 112 people representing 53 establishments. Several of these were from out of town. It is very encouraging to see our commitment to a more responsible approach to the sale and service of alcohol having an impact on other communities as well. The Grand Junction Police Department reports that DUI's are down 34.19% and liquor violations are down 11.08% from 1999. This is great news!

We also hosted a Special Events Training session for our non-profit organizations to provide information as to procedures and filing requirements for a Special Events Permit. As the response was good, we have decided to make this a yearly event.

There were no major changes to the Liquor Code that impacted licensees last year. As changes in the Liquor Code happen, we will keep you informed.

Thank you for your participation in the responsible handling of the selling and service of alcohol in Grand Junction. We can all enjoy a safer community!



Congratulations!

Changing or Modifying the Licensed Premises

A licensee needs prior approval from the state and local licensing authorities to change or modify the licensed premises, in any substantial manner, from the original plans submitted when the licensee first applied for the liquor license. Changes which require prior approval include: increasing or decreasing the size of the licensed premises; adding, sealing, or relocating doorways; substantial enlargement of a bar, addition of a separate bar or relocation of a bar;



and material changes to the interior that affect its basic character. Changes such as painting, replacing plumbing or electrical equipment, lowering of ceilings, or replacement of furniture, or carpet does not require prior

approval.

Example, a licensee licensed for the inside of a building wishes to expand the alcohol service to a patio/outdoor area. The licensee must **first** apply to the local licensing authority for approval. The licensee should also inquire as to local codes which may prevent them from the expansion of their premises. Without prior approval, the licensee may not sell, serve or permit consumption on or in this area.



Important Contact Numbers---City Clerk, 255-1509; City Sales Tax, 244-1521; State Liquor Enforcement, (303) 205-2300

The best rule for licensees to follow is simply to call the City Clerk's office in advance as to whether a particular modification will require state and local approval. In this manner unauthorized construction, and an inadvertent violation of the Liquor Code, can be avoided!

Welcome to New Licensees

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

- Shake, Rattle & Roll Diner, 2747 Crossroads Blvd, Hotel and Restaurant*
- Pablo's Pizza, 319 Main Street, Beer and Wine*
- Ric's Grill, 546 Main Street, Beer and Wine*
- Ying Thai Restaurant, 757 Hwy 50, Beer and Wine*

Due To Renew	
The Pour House	2/3
BG's	2/23
Bennett's Bar B Que	2/24
Red Lobster	3/7
Lincoln Park Golf Course	3/10
Horizon Liquor	3/13
Crystal Cafe	3/21
Station 234	3/23
Two Rivers Convention Ctr	3/20
Total #4115	3/31
Surplus City	4/4
Super Mart (5 locations)	4/7
Holiday Inn	4/9

News from State Liquor Enforcement

The Colorado Secretary of State has recently enhanced the services they provide through an imaging and automation system that allows on-line access to various business records. This site, www.sos.state.co.us, allows users to search a database of business records maintained by that office and download images of business documents on file. **The searching, viewing and printing of the documents on file is free.**

Many of these records provide the foundation for entity determination in connection with license applications filed with this office. Articles of Incorporation and various Certificates of Good Standing or Designation, along with any other document

on file, may be extracted and incorporated into an application. The format of many of these documents may be downloaded in differs from what we are used to. For example, the non-profit corporation that doesn't have a Certificate of Good Standing to submit in support of its Special Events Permit, may go on-line, determine its standing and print a summary of its standing to submit with its license application. Even though these reports look different from the usual and customary format, this office **will accept** copies of them.

The Division's web page also allows a user to download copies of the Statutes and Regulations as well as various position statements and informational materials issued by the Division. The web page is located at:

www.state.co.us/gov_dir/revenue_dir/liquor_dir/liquor.html

Colorado Liquor & Tobacco Enforcement Division

Tired of those darn kids with false identification trying to purchase alcohol or tobacco products from your business?



The purpose of this program is to promote a cooperative effort between licensees and investigators in an effort to deter minor's procurement of beverage alcohol.

This program is conducted within a retail licensed premises in which an investigator poses as an employee or customer in order to contact underage customers who attempt to purchase alcohol beverages.

The goal of the program is to provide visible enforcement activity, reduce the number of minors in possession of alcohol which should reduce alcohol related traffic accidents and other criminal arrests of minors related to alcohol consumption.

The objectives are to incorporate a cooperative effort between enforcement and the alcohol industry and to proactively detect and prosecute minors attempting to purchase and adults who purchase for and provide liquor to minors.

Want to do something about it?

Call your area State Liquor or Tobacco Enforcement Investigator and ask about our **"Cops in Shops"** program!
Western Colorado 248-7133