

GRAND JUNCTION GRAPEVINE

A Quarterly Newsletter to all Grand Junction Liquor Licensees

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Compliance Inspections

As a liquor licensee, you may be subject to a Compliance Inspection. These are conducted by state and/or local enforcement officers, and are done for both regulatory and educational reasons. These inspections have been found to help educate licensees on basic liquor code compliance, which in turn helps them avoid violating Colorado alcohol beverage laws.

Regulation 47-700 states, "the licensed premises, including any places where alcohol beverages are stored or dispensed, shall be subject to inspection by the State or Local Licensing Authorities and their investigators, or peace officers, during all business hours and all other times of apparent activity, for the purpose of inspection or investigation.

The following may be a part of the inspection process: Licenses/Permits posted; minor warning sign posted; compliance with meal or snack requirements; cleanliness is adequate; books & invoices available; beer, wine & liquor stock acceptable; alcohol purchased from permitted sources; compliance with gambling restrictions; manager registered with Authorities; licensee in possession/control of premises; trade name properly registered; compliance with intoxicated sale restrictions; compliance with sale to minor provisions; acceptable dispensing systems; off premises storage licensed (if applicable); and, only permitted items sold.

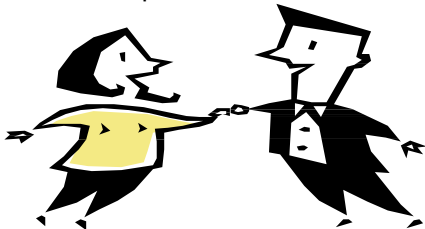


Upcoming Special Days

Mother's Day	5/9/99
Armed Forces Day	5/15/99
Memorial Day	5/30/99
CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY	5/31/99
Flag Day	6/14/99
Father's Day	6/20/99
Independence Day	7/4/99

Welcome to New Licensees!

The City of Grand Junction and the Local Licensing Authority welcome the addition of **Fiesta Guadalajara** located at 710 North Avenue as a new hotel-restaurant liquor licensee.



We would also like to welcome **Station 234** located at 234 Main Street (formerly The Chameleon Club) as a tavern liquor licensee.

Congratulations!

Concurrent Review

The option of a concurrent application review allows a Local Licensing Authority or a license applicant to request the State licensing Authority conduct a simultaneous review of a new license application prior to the Local Licensing Authority's final approval of the application.

Concurrent review *does not* take away from the Local Authority's independent review for the purpose of establishing the reasonable requirements of the neighborhood, the suitability of the character, record, and reputation of the applicant and its principals, and the fitness of the applicant's premises for occupancy.

Concurrent review does save time for the applicant. Upon Local Authority approval, the State Licensing Authority will issue the applicant's state liquor license that day. The cost is an additional \$100 to the State fees.

City Clerk's Office
244-1509

Important Telephone Numbers
State Liquor Enforcement
(303) 250-2300

City Sales Tax
244-1521

Due to Renew

The following licenses are due for renewal before 8/1/99:

	Expiration Date
Grd Jct Athletic Club	5/24/99
Racquet Club Pub	6/4/99
Junction Diner	6/8/99
Cruizers Southwestern Cafe	4/15/99
Chupiro's Place	4/27/99
La Bamba Mexican Dining	7/7/99
Good Pastures	7/14/99

Renewal Filing

State Statute requires all renewal applications be submitted to the City Clerk's Office no less than **45 days before** the expiration date!!!

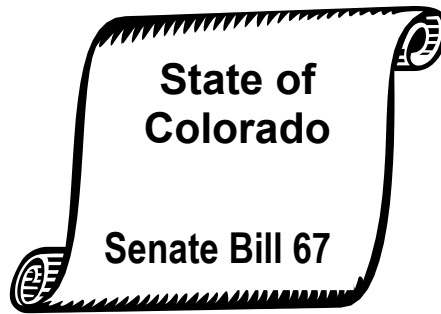
ID Checking Guide

If you are concerned with under age sales, there is a booklet that you will find very helpful. It is called the I.D. Checking Guide. It is published specifically to help in the training of retail liquor sales.

All valid licenses are show in the Guide. Physical characteristics, including the issuing agency's policy on laminations, specific state seals and identifying techniques are included.

If you are interested in purchasing a Guide, they have a toll-free number: 1-800-227-8827; Fax number: 1-650-364-8740.

This is a reliable source of good information to protect yourself and your business against a possible liquor violation!



This law took effect on March 24, 1998, and provides for ownership of up to three (3) Tavern liquor licenses. This new law modified the previous restriction that allowed ownership interest in only one (1) Tavern license.

Provisions of this new law:

- ⇒ Prohibits a person with an interest in a Tavern license to have any ownership interest in any other class of liquor license, except for an Airline Public Transportation system license or an Arts license.
- ⇒ Requires a Tavern license holder to individually manage his/her licensed premise or register a separate manager. No person can be registered to manage more than one licensed premise.
- ⇒ Requires when a person ceases to be a registered manager, the licensee notify the local licensing authority within **five (5) days** of such change and, within **thirty (30) days** designate and register a new manager for that location.
- ⇒ The fee for each manager's registration is \$75 payable to both the local licensing authority and the Colorado Department of Revenue.

F.Y.I.

Did you know it is unlawful to bring alcohol beverages into any place that is **licensed** to sell or serve alcohol beverages, i.e. restaurants, sports stadiums? It is also unlawful to bring alcohol beverages into an **unlicensed** public business (restaurant) for consumption due to the restriction on public consumption!

Retail Liquor Stores

Retail liquor stores are licensed to sell malt, vinous, and spirituous liquors in sealed containers not to be consumed at the place where sold.

In addition, retail liquor stores may sell NONFOOD items related to the consumption of liquor such as liquor-filled candy, and food items approved by the state licensing authority that are prepackaged, labeled, and directly related to the consumption of liquor and are sold solely for the purpose of cocktail garnish in containers up to sixteen (16) ounces. **RETAIL LIQUOR STORES ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO SELL FOOD ITEMS THAT WOULD CONSTITUTE A SNACK, A MEAL, OR PORTION OF A MEAL!** C.R.S. 12-47-407 and Regulation 47-416

For a list of these nonfood items, contact the City Clerk's Office at 515 28 Road or call 244-1509.



Division Web Page

The State Liquor Enforcement Division has an informational web site that includes copies of all Division publications, informational pamphlets, the Colorado Liquor and Beer Code Statutes and Regulations, and copies of license and permit applications. This web page can be found at:

http://www.state.co.us\gov_dir/revenue_dir/liquor.html