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Checking Identification: State Liquor Code Requirements

Checking identification is entirely voluntary. Under the state liquor laws, there is no legal requirement that retail licensees check identification. However, licensees who do not ask for identification, or who rely on unacceptable identification, are clearly risking their liquor licenses. Why check identification? It is the best and most reliable way to prevent sales to minors. Sales to minors (persons under 21) can lead to loss of a liquor license.

There are five types of acceptable IDs. All must be current and valid. They are:

1. Operator's, chauffeur's or similar type driver's license containing a picture issued by any state (this does not include foreign driver's licenses);
2. State identification card with a picture issued by any state;
3. Military identification (this does not include foreign military identification);
4. Passport (valid foreign passports are acceptable);
5. Alien registration card (this form of ID must also have a picture).

Licensees can never be too careful when checking IDs. Knowing what to look for is essential, and sometimes asking for two or three pieces of identification is necessary. Persons checking IDs, especially at night, should have a flashlight handy to shine through an ID. This helps spot alterations. Also, asking the customer his or her astrological sign may help a licensee identify a minor. Persons using phony IDs often do not know the astrological sign of the date of birth on the phony ID. The licensee can clip a horoscope chart out of the newspaper so the persons checking will know the astrological signs, which correspond to various dates of birth.

Finally, licensees who are unsure whether an ID is real or valid can always refuse to sell alcohol beverages. It is difficult to imagine that a licensee will get into trouble by refusing a sale. On the other hand, selling to minors is a sure way to lose a liquor license.

In certain situations, licensees may legally confiscate false IDs from persons using them to attempt to purchase alcohol beverages. Only licensees and their employees may confiscate what appear to be false IDs. No IDs should be taken from a person unless the licensee or employee has reasonable cause to believe that: the person is under 21 years of age, and the person is exhibiting false IDs to obtain alcohol beverages. Any licensee or employee confiscating false IDs must turn them over to a law enforcement agency within 72 hours.

One final requirement must be met before any licensee or employee may confiscate false IDs. The licensee must display a printed poster that contains notice of the above requirements. The printed poster with the required language on it, called a Minor Warning Sign, is available from the City Clerk's Office.

Upcoming Special Days

Columbus Day	October 11
Halloween	October 31

**Daylight savings time ends on 10/31
SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR!**

Election Day	November 2
Veterans Day	November 11
Thanksgiving Day	November 25
Christmas Day	December 25

Due to Renew

The following licenses are due to renew before December 31, 1999:

	Expiration Date
La Mexicana	11/29
Il Bistro Italiano	12/1
Pancho's Villa	12/2
Wrigley Field	12/4
Suehiro's Japanese	12/5
Orchard Mesa Lanes	12/7
Sports Page	12/12
West Side Delicatessen	12/18
C & F Food Store #9	12/20
BPO Elks No. 575	12/31
Bookcliff Country Club	12/31
Far East Restaurant	12/31
Fraternal Order of Eagles	12/31
The Winery	12/31
VFW Post 1247	12/31

Occupational Tax

On January 1 your occupation tax will be due once again. You will receive in the mail a notification of the fee and the due date by the middle of December. Mark your calendars so you will not be caught off guard!

WELCOME TO NEW LICENSEE

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

- Tequila's, 2560 North Avenue, Hotel-Restaurant
- Rite Aid #6367, 400 N. 1st Street, 3.2% Beer Off Premise
- Outback Steakhouse, 2428 Hwy 6 & 50, Hotel-Restaurant
- Pinon Grill, 2063 S. Broadway, (2) Optional Premises

CONGRATULATIONS!

Election Day – November 2

November 2 is municipal Election Day. Contrary to an OLD belief, liquor establishments **CAN** serve on Election Day.

FYI

As of July 31, 1999, there have been 326 D.U.I. arrests within Grand Junction. This is down 11.7% from last year!



From the Colorado Liquor Enforcement Division

On the State level during the past fiscal year, 9,800 active liquor licenses; and 1,489 special events permits issued.

There were:

- 92 license suspensions, revocations and denials; and
- 39% of the investigations resulted in criminal charges.

Many of the criminal cases filed by the Division were filed against minors who either attempted to purchase alcohol, used false identification or were in possession of an alcohol beverage. For the most part, Colorado's alcohol beverage industry is a very responsible one. On an annual basis, only 3 to 4% of the industry is found in violation of alcohol beverage laws which result in a license suspension, fine or other sort of sanction.

LIQUOR AWARENESS TRAINING

Liquor Awareness Training has been scheduled for October 18, 1999. It will take place in the Police Department training room located at 625 Ute Avenue from 2 to 4 pm. Watch for the registration form in the mail and send in your registration ASAP. These training sessions fill up fast!

This will be the 4th LAT session. The Police Department segment seems to be the most popular with the licensees. Detective Bob Culver has done an excellent job of putting together a format which is both informative and entertaining. The segments presented by the City Clerk's office and the Legal Department have a lot of pertinent information for the owners and managers of liquor establishments. Since initiating the LAT program, there has been a drop in the amount of DUI arrests as compared to 1998 and a heightened awareness of the requirements and laws governing liquor licensing. The more you are aware of the regulatory aspects of your business, the easier your job is to manage! Having your employees, managers, and yes, you the owner, attend this training is a good investment in protecting your business!

Special Events Permits

A training session on Special Events Permits will be offered in February 2000. Watch for the flyer!

Important Telephone Numbers		
City Clerk's Office	State Liquor Enforcement	City Sales Tax
244-1509	(303) 205-2300	244-1521