

**FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGES AND INTOXICATING LIQUOR**

**SEC. 1 QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS AND PREMISES.**

(a) **Residence Requirements.** A retail Class "A" or Class "B" fermented malt beverage or Class "A" or Class "B" intoxicating liquor license shall be granted only to persons who are citizens of the United States and who have been residents of the State of Wisconsin continuously for at least ninety (90) days prior to the date of the application.

(b) **Applicant to have Malt Beverage License.** No retail "Class B" intoxicating liquor license shall be issued to any person who does not have or to whom is not issued a Class "B" retailer's license to sell fermented malt beverages.

(c) **Right to Premises.** No applicant will be considered unless he has the right to possession of the premises described in the application for the license period, by lease or by deed.

(d) **Age of Applicant.** Licenses related to alcohol beverages shall only be granted to persons who have attained the legal drinking age.

(e) **Corporate Restrictions.**

(1) No license or permit may be issued to any corporation unless the corporation meets the qualifications under Sec. 125.04(a)1 and 4 and (b), Wis. Stats., unless the agent of the corporation appointed under Sec. 125.04(6) and the officers and directors of the corporation meet the qualifications of Sec. 125.04(a) 1 and 3 and (b) and unless the agent of the corporation appointed under Sec. 125.04(6) meets the qualifications under 125.04(a)2. The requirement that the corporation meet the qualifications under Sec. 125.04(a)1 and (b) does not apply if the corporation has terminated its relationship with all of the individuals whose actions directly contributed to the conviction.

(2) Each corporate applicant shall file with its application for such license a statement by its officers showing the names and addresses of the persons who are stockholders together with the amount of stock held by such person or persons. It shall be the duty of each corporate applicant and licensee to file with the Town Clerk-Treasurer a statement of transfers of stock within forty-eight (48) hours after such transfer of stock.

(3) Any license issued to a corporation may be revoked in the manner and under the procedure established in Sec. 125.12, Wis. Stats., when more than fifty percent (50%) of the stock



interest, legal or beneficial, in such corporation is held by any person or persons not eligible for a license under this Chapter or under the state law.

(f) **Sales Tax Qualification.** All applicants for retail licenses shall provide proof, as required by Sec. 77.61(11), Wis. Stats., that they are in good standing for sales tax purposes (i.e., hold a seller's permit) before they may be issued a license.

(g) **Separate License Required for Each Place of Sale.** A separate license shall be required for each stand, place, room or enclosure or for each suite of rooms or enclosures which are in a direct connection or communication where intoxicating liquor or fermented malt beverages are kept, sold or offered for sale; and no license shall be issued to any person, firm, partnership, corporation or association for the purpose of possession, selling or offering for sale any intoxicating liquors or fermented malt beverages in any dwelling house, flat or residential apartment.

## **SEC. 2 INVESTIGATION.**

The Town Clerk-Treasurer shall notify the Florence County Sheriff, Fire Inspector and Building Inspector of each new application, and these officials shall inspect or cause to be inspected each application and the premises, together with such other investigation as shall be necessary to determine whether the applicant and the premises sought to be licensed comply with the regulations, ordinances and laws applicable thereto, including those governing sanitation in restaurants, and whether the applicant is a proper recipient of a license. These officials shall furnish to the Town Clerk-Treasurer in writing, who shall forward to the Town Board, the information derived from such investigation, accompanied by a recommendation as to whether a license should be granted or refused. No license shall be renewed without a re-inspection of the premises and report as originally required.

## **SEC. 3 APPROVAL OF APPLICATION.**

(a) No license shall be granted for operation on any premises or with any equipment for which taxes, assessments, forfeitures or other financial claims of the Town are delinquent and unpaid.

(b) No license shall be issued unless the premises conform to the sanitary, safety and health requirements of the State Building Code, and the regulations of the State Board of Health applicable to restaurants. The premises must be properly lighted and ventilated, must be equipped with separate sanitary toilet and



lavatory facilities equipped with running water for each sex and must conform to all Ordinances of the Town.

(c) Consideration for the granting or denial of a license will be based on:

(1) Arrest and conviction record of the applicant, subject to the limitations imposed by Sec. 111.321, 111.322, and 111.335, Wis. Stats.;

(2) The financial responsibility of the applicant;

(3) The appropriateness of the location and the premises where the licensed business is to be conducted; and

(4) Generally, the applicant's fitness for the trust to be reposed.

(d) An application may be denied based upon the applicant's arrest and conviction record if the applicant has been convicted of a felony (unless duly pardoned) or if the applicant has habitually been a law offender. For purposes of this licensing procedure, "habitually been a law offender" is generally considered to be an arrest or conviction of at least two (2) offenses which are substantially related to the licensed activity within the five (5) years immediately preceding the license application. Because a license is a privilege, the issuance of which is a right granted solely to the Town Board, the Town Board reserves the right to consider the severity, and facts and circumstances of the offense when making the determination to grant, deny or not renew a license. Further, the Town Board, at its discretion, may, based upon an arrest or conviction record of two (2) or more offenses which are substantially related to the licensed activity within the five (5) years immediately preceding, act to suspend such license for a period of one (1) year or more.

#### SEC. 4 GRANTING OF LICENSE.

(a) Opportunity shall be given by the governing body to any person to be heard for or against the granting of any license. Upon the approval of the applicant by the Town Board, the Town Clerk-Treasurer shall issue to the applicant a license, upon payment by the applicant of the license fee to the Town. The full license fee shall be charged for the whole or fraction of any year.

(b) If the Town Board denies the license, the applicant shall be notified in writing, by registered mail or personal service, of the reasons for the denial. The notice shall also inform the applicant of the opportunity to appear before the Town Board and to provide evidence as to why the denial should be



reversed. In addition, the notice shall inform the applicant that the reconsideration of the application shall be held in closed session, pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(b), Wis. Stats., unless the applicant requests such reconsideration be held in open session and the Town Board consents to the request. Such written notice shall be mailed or served upon the applicant at least ten (10) days prior to the Town Board meeting at which the application is to be reconsidered.

## **SEC. 5 REVOCATION AND SUSPENSION OF LICENSES; NON-RENEWAL.**

(a) **PROCEDURE.** Whenever the holder of any license under this Ordinance violates any portion of this Ordinance, proceedings for the revocation of such license may be instituted in the manner and under the procedure established by this Section.

(b) **ABANDONMENT OF PREMISES.** Any licensee holding a license to sell alcohol beverages who abandons such business shall forfeit any right or preference he may have to the holding of or renewal of such license. Abandonment shall be sufficient grounds for revocation of any alcohol beverage license. The losing of the licensed premises for at least six (6) months shall be prima facie evidence of the abandonment, unless extended by the Town Board. All persons issued a license to sell alcohol beverages in the Town of Florence shall cause such business described in such license to be operated on the premises described in such license for at least one hundred (150) days during the term of such license. If such license is issued for a term of less than one hundred eighty (180) days, this Subsection shall not apply.

(c) **LICENSE REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION.** License revocation or suspension procedures shall be as prescribed by Chapter 125, of the Wis. Stats.

## **SEC. 6 NON-ALCOHOL EVENTS FOR UNDERAGE PERSONS ON LICENSED PREMISES.**

The presence of underage persons on a licensed premises as provided under Sec. 125.07(3)(a)10, Wis. Stats., shall be subject to the following:

(a) The licensee or agent of a corporate licensee shall notify the Florence County Sheriff's Department at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the date of any event at which underage persons will be present on the licensed premises. Each such non-alcohol event notice shall specify the date(s) on which the event is to occur and the time(s) of commencement. All notices shall be filed with the Florence County Sheriff's Department during normal working hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday) and shall be given on forms prescribed by the



Florence County Sheriff's Department. After a non-alcohol event notice has been given, the licensee may cancel an event(s) only by giving like notice to the Florence County Sheriff's Department in accordance with the provisions of this Subsection. Regardless of the date given, all notices shall expire and be deemed canceled no later than the date of expiration or revocation of the applicable retail Class "B" or "Class B" license.

(b) During the period of any non-alcohol event a notice card prescribed by the Florence County Sheriff's Department shall be posted at all public entrances to the licensed premises notifying the general public that no alcohol beverages may be consumed, sold or given away on or carried in to the licensed premises during the event. Such notice cards shall be made available by the Florence County Sheriff's Department to a requesting licensee.

## **SEC. 7                      TRANSFER AND LAPSE OF LICENSE.**

(a) In accordance with the provisions of Sec. 125.04(12), Wis. Stats., a license shall be transferable from one premises to another if such transfer is first approved by the Town Board. An application for transfer shall be made on a form furnished by the Town Clerk-Treasurer. Proceedings for such transfer shall be had in the same form and manner as the original application. The fee for such transfer is Ten Dollars (\$10.00). Whenever a license is transferred, the Town Clerk-Treasurer shall forthwith notify the Wisconsin Department of Revenue of such transfer. In the event of the sale of a business or business premises of the licensee, the purchaser of such business or business premises must apply to the Town for reissuance of said license and the Town, as the licensing authority, shall in no way be bound to reissue said license to said subsequent purchaser.

(b) Whenever the agent of a corporate holder of a license is for any reason replaced, the licensee shall give the Town Clerk-Treasurer written notice of said replacement, the reasons therefor and the new appointment. Until the next regular meeting or special meeting to the Town Board, the successor agent shall have the authority to perform the functions and be charged with the duties of the original agent. However, said license shall cease to be in effect upon receipt by the Town Clerk-Treasurer of notice of disapproval of the successor agent by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue or other peace officer of the municipality in which the license was issued. The corporation's license shall not be in force after receipt of such notice or after a regular or special meeting of the Town Board until the successor agent or another qualified agent is appointed and approved by the Town.

All licenses shall be numbered in the order in which they are issued and shall state clearly the specific premises for which granted, the date of issuance, the fee paid and the name of the licensee. The Town Clerk-Treasurer shall affix to the license his affidavit as provided by Sec. 125.04(4) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

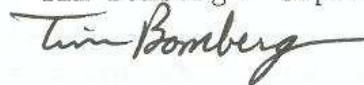
**SEC. 9 POSTING LICENSES; DEFACEMENT.**

(a) Every person licensed in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinance shall immediately post such license and keep the same posted while in force in a place open and conspicuous to the general public within the premises and shall be clearly recognizable and readable at all times.

Ray Steber - Chairman



Tim Bomberg - Supervisor



Bob Grell - Supervisor



Attest: This 10th Day of April, 2000.



Judith Gehlhoff - Clerk/Treasurer