

Liquor Control

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Outdoor refreshment areas

- Allows an F-class liquor permit holder (applies to short-duration, festival-type events) to obtain an outdoor refreshment area designation, allowing its patrons to walk outdoors in the refreshment area without violating the state open container law.
- Requires an F-class permit holder that receives a designation to both:
 - Comply with all laws, rules, and regulations that govern its type of permit, and the public health and safety requirements established for the outdoor refreshment area; and
 - Not block ingress or egress to the outdoor refreshment area or any other liquor permit premises located within the area.
- Disqualifies the following D-class liquor permit holders from obtaining an outdoor refreshment area designation:
 - A D-6 permit holder (allows Sunday sales of beer or intoxicating liquor);
 - A D-8 permit holder (allows sales of growlers of beer or sales of tasting samples).

On-premises consumption sales

- Allows B-class liquor permit holders (wholesale alcohol distributors) to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption at certain events hosted by the distributor.

Park districts – liquor permit advertising

- Authorizes a board of park commissioners to use public funds to advertise or otherwise communicate information regarding activities related to a liquor permit issued to the park district.