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## Quarterly Liquor Licensing Newsletter

Greetings City of Loveland Liquor Licensees!

In the best interests of our stakeholders, we would like to share important updates regarding the liquor licensing process every quarter. While ultimately you are your own best guide, the world of liquor licensing can be complex and ever changing—for the benefit of the community, we would like to send out communications to help keep the licensing process running smoothly in our City.

### This Quarter's News:

- DOR Timelines are currently back on schedule. Please submit your renewal applications at least 45 days before your license expiration date OR by the date printed in your renewal notice.
- You may pay your State renewal fees online at the following link: <https://secure.colorado.gov/payment/liquor> - Online Payment means FASTER processing of applications.
- **Wine in Grocery Stores:** After the passage of Proposition 125, Colorado Fermented Malt Beverage Off-Premise retailers will be known as "Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine Retailers." These licensees can now:
  - Stock beer, wine, cider, and sake on store shelves.
  - Place orders for all qualifying products.
  - Only open locations further than 1500ft from an established retail liquor store.

Please reach out to the City Clerk's Office with all questions related to this change.

**Occupational Tax Reminder:** Please plan on paying this with your renewal fees to avoid delays. The City cannot issue your license without payment, and while you receive a separate bill, you will receive your renewal faster if you submit payment with your renewal application. Late fees may apply if this is paid after your license expiration date.

- Please be on the lookout for the "Local Permit and Report of Changes Guide" - a new checklist and guide to applying for modifications.

### Upcoming Licensing Hearing Deadlines and Dates

Below is the list of upcoming submittal deadlines and dates for modifications, changes of location, transfers of ownership, and other licensing matters:

Filing Date	Hearing Date
March 7, 2023	April 20, 2023
April 4, 2023	May 18, 2023
May 2, 2023	June 15, 2023
June 6, 2023	July 20, 2023

Frequently asked questions:

**Q:** If I am putting in a new bar with additional seating, do I need to file an application?

**A: Yes, except in rare cases.** If you are changing the flow of alcohol in your establishment or increasing the number of patrons you can seat, you will need prior approval before you commit to your modification.

**Q:** My distributor will not make a delivery unless I have a renewed license—what do I do?

**A: If your expiration date has passed , you have sent in your application on time, but still don't have your licenses, contact our office—we can provide you with a letter of good standing to present to any vendors or distributors so you may continue operating while your renewal is in process.**

**Q:** I need to submit my renewal application, but the deadline on the renewal notice said I need to submit it by XX date, and now it's passed.... Is my application late?!

**A: While it is not late, your appearance at a Local Licensing Authority Hearing may be required** in order to explain why your application was not filed with adequate processing time. Due to the difficulties presented during the COVID-19 Pandemic, our offices were lenient with filing deadlines; however, this has added to the DOR's backlog, and we have found that renewal applications are delayed significantly if not filed 45 days in advance. By next year, we will be requesting that renewal applications are submitted according to statutory filing deadlines.

**Q:** Can you take credit card payments online?

**A:** We are working on making this change and will send out an announcement as soon as we have more information available. We do not have a platform yet, but will announce it this year.

**Q: When will the patio program start again?**

**A:** Please keep an eye on your email for a separate announcement. Please be aware that if you want to expand your outdoor patio, you are not limited to any special licensing program—any on-premise liquor license can apply for a temporary modification for the summer into the fall.

## Helpful Links:

[DOR forms & applications](#)

[DOR bulletins & news](#)

[Communal Dining Areas](#)

[State Liquor Code & Liquor Rules](#)

[City of Loveland Liquor Licensing](#)

[TIPS Training at Loveland Police Department \(Next Class: 5/8/2023\)](#)

**\*All classes with fewer than 20 participants will be rescheduled\***

