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Temporary Liquor Permits

Ohio's liquor control laws contain special provisions designed to allow nonprofit organizations to obtain temporary liquor permits to sell or serve alcoholic beverages at special events. There are several different classes of temporary permits available, however, the most widely utilized are the "F" and "F-2" permits.

This brochure is intended as a helpful guide to understanding the laws and rules pertaining to temporary permits. For more complete information regarding temporary permits, see Ohio Revised Code sections 4303.20 through 4303.206.

When is a Permit Needed?

- A permit is required if a qualified organization intends to provide beer, or intoxicating liquor (wine, mixed beverages of spirituous liquor) either for sale by the drink or through the use of an entrance fee, cover charge, etc.

- No permit is required if an individual or organization intends to provide beer, or intoxicating liquor at a private function where access is restricted to invited guests only, such as a wedding reception, for which no admission fee is charged or any alcoholic beverages sold.

What Organizations are Eligible to Obtain a Temporary Permit?

- Any nonprofit organization with 10 or more members may qualify for most temporary permits. Examples are charitable organizations, labor unions and fraternal, educational, cultural and social groups. A permit may be issued for use at a social, recreational, charitable, fraternal, political, patriotic or athletic function.

- NO temporary permit can be issued for the profit or gain of a private individual or to a for-profit organization.

What Kinds of Temporary Permits are Available?

- An **F** permit allows the holder to sell beer by the glass for a period of no longer than five days. The application, including the $40 fee, must be filed 30 days before the date of the function. Only two F permits may be issued for any organization in a 30-day period. (See ORC 4303.20.)

- An **F-2** permit allows a nonprofit organization to sell beer, wine and spirituous liquor by the drink for no longer than four days in an area that has been voted wet through local option for beer and wine. (There are no Sunday local option restrictions if the permit is issued for an event that takes place on other days of the week in addition to Sunday.) Regular permit holders, such as bars and restaurants, may assist an F-2 permit holder by serving alcoholic beverages. An application for such an event must be filed jointly by the organization and the regular permit holder, along with the $160 fee. All documents must include both names. If the event is to be held on the premises of the regular permit holder, an affidavit must be submitted from the regular permit holder stating that their permit privileges will not be utilized during the F -2 event. The application, including the $150 fee ($160 if filed jointly with a D permit holder), must be filed 30 days before the date of the function. Only one F-2 permit may be issued to an organization in any 30 day period. (See ORC 4303.202.)

Additional Temporary Permits:

- **F-1**: Temporary "Special Function" permit for certain nonprofit organizations at a municipal convention center. Fee is $250. (See ORC 4303.201.)

- **F-3**: Beverage alcohol industry education event. Fee is $300. (See ORC 4303.203.)

- **F-4**: Certain nonprofit organizations for an event that includes the introduction, showcasing or promotion of wines produced in Ohio. Allows the furnishing of 2 oz. samples and sale for on-premises consumption and carry out of wine from participating A-2 permit holders. The fee is $60 per day. (See ORC 4303.204.)

- **F-5**: Beer and intoxicating liquor issued to a riverboat at a festival sponsored by a nonprofit organization (6 days - one permit per calendar year). Fee is $180. (See ORC 4303.205.)

- **F-6**: For 501(C)(3) non-profit organizations to sell wine at an event organized by, conducted by, and for the benefit of the nonprofit organization. Fee is $50. (See ORC 4303.206.)

- **F-7**: Beer, wine, mixed beverages, and spirituous liquor issued to a nonprofit organization at a "qualified golf event," meeting certain criteria. (8 days - two permits per calendar year). Fee is $450. (See ORC 4303.207.)

- **F-8**: For a non-profit organization that manages publicly-owned property located in a county with a population exceeding 750,000. Fee is $1,700. (See ORC 4303.208.)

- **F-9**: For a non-profit organization that operates a city or village park located in Franklin County, or a non-profit corporation that provides or manages entertainment programming for a non-profit corporation that operates a city or village park in Franklin County. Fee is $1,700. (See ORC 4303.209.)

- **F-10**: Sales of tasting samples of wine manufactured by an A-2 or S permit holder conducted at a registered farmers market, or in sealed containers for consumption off premises. Fee is $100. (See ORC 4303.2010.)

See temporary permit FAQ chart at: **http://www.com.ohio.gov/documents/liqr_TempFAQChart.pdf**

Purchase of Products to be Sold:

- Beer, wine and mixed beverages must be purchased from a brewery, winery, or wholesale distributor. A temporary permit holder is prohibited from purchasing beer or intoxicating liquor at retail for resale.

- Spirituous liquor must be purchased from a Contract Liquor Agency.

Other Requirements:

- Any temporary permit applicant must notify the Chief Peace Officer of the political subdivision of the date, time, place and duration of the event by use of the form supplied by the Division. In addition, these applicants must submit a form signed by the real property owner(s) where the event is to be held giving consent to the sale of alcoholic beverages at the special function.

- Each application for a temporary permit must include a description, including a drawing, of the area where alcoholic beverages will be consumed. For example, an organization holding a picnic in a park must submit a drawing of the specific location in the park where liquor will be served or consumed, and the type of barriers (e.g. fence, rope, etc.) that will separate the designated permit premises from other areas.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

- All temporary permit holders must cease sales by 1:00 a.m.

- All temporary permit sales are for on-premises consumption unless carryout sales are expressly permitted by law.

- The liquor permit must be posted in a conspicuous place on the premises.

- Alcoholic beverages may not be served at an event until the proper permit has been issued by the Division of Liquor Control.

- No person shall sell beer or intoxicating liquor to an underage person, or buy beer or intoxicating liquor for, or furnish it to, an underage person.

- It is a violation of Ohio liquor law for alcoholic beverage products to be donated to a temporary permit holder unless the donation of the product is expressly permitted by law.

- Temporary liquor permit holders cannot sell or serve an unlimited number of drinks for a one-time admission charge. (See OAC 4301: 1-1-50.)