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## **NOTICE OF RULE MODIFICATION OF A PROPOSED RULE**

AGENCY: Alcohol Beverage Control Commission

RULE TYPE: Legislative

TITLE-SERIES: 175-02

RULE NAME: PRIVATE CLUB

CITE AUTHORITY: W. Va. Code §60-2-16, §60-2-17, and  
§60-7-10.

The above proposed Legislative rules, following review by the Legislative Rule Making Review Committee, is hereby modified as a result of review and comment by the Legislative Rule Making Review Committee. The attached modifications are filed with the Secretary of State.

**BY CHOOSING 'YES', I ATTEST THAT THE PREVIOUS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.**

Yes

**Anoop Bhasin -- By my signature, I certify that I am the person authorized to file legislative rules, in accordance with West Virginia Code §29A-3-11 and §39A-3-2.**

TITLE 175  
LEGISLATIVE RULE  
ALCOHOL BEVERAGE CONTROL ADMINISTRATION

SERIES 2  
PRIVATE CLUB

**§175-2-1. General.**

1.1. Scope. -- This legislative rule specifies the licensure requirements, reasons for denial of a license, reasons for revocation or sanctioning and/or suspending a license, as well as hearing procedures.

1.2. Authority. -- W. Va. Code §60-2-16, §60-2-17, and §60-7-10.

1.3. Filing Date. -- ~~May 2, 2025~~

1.4. Effective Date. -- ~~May 15, 2025~~

1.5. Sunset Date. -- This rule shall terminate and have no further force or effect upon August 1, ~~2035~~ 2031.

**§175-2-2. Definitions.**

As used in this rule and unless the context clearly requires a different meaning, the following terms shall have the meaning ascribed herein, and apply in the singular and in the plural.

2.1 The “ABCA” refers to the West Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Administration or Commission.

2.2. “Alcoholic liquor” means alcohol, beer, including barley beer, wine, including barley wine, distilled spirits, and any liquid or solid capable of being used as an alcoholic beverage, but does not include wine with an alcohol content of 15.5% or less by volume, nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer, or nonintoxicating beverages.

2.3. “Applicant” means a private club applying for a license under the provisions of W. Va. Code §60-7-1 *et seq.*

2.4. “Beer” means any beverage obtained by the fermentation of barley, malt, hops, or any other similar product or substitute, and containing more alcohol than that of nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer and shall be included in the definition of “liquor” and “alcoholic liquor”, as used in W.Va. Code §11-16-1 *et seq.*: *Provided*, That in the Liquor Control Act, “beer” shall not be construed to include or embrace nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer.

2.5. “Code” means the official Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended.

2.6. “Commissioner” or “Alcohol Beverage Control Commissioner” means the Commissioner of the West Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Administration (ABCA or Commission) or his or her delegate.

2.7. Commissioner’s Forms: “ABCA” form designation means documents used by ABCA.

2.8. “Distilled spirits” means ethyl alcohol, ethanol or spirits, or wine, including all dilutions and

mixtures thereof, from whatever source or by whatever process produced, for beverage use including, but not limited to, natural spirits, whiskey, brandy, rum, gin, vodka, cordials, and liqueurs. Any alcoholic beverage containing more than 24% alcohol by volume shall be deemed to be distilled spirits.

2.9. "Fortified wine" means any wine to which brandy or other alcohol has been added where alcohol content by volume does not exceed 24% and includes nonfortified dessert wine where the alcohol content by volume is greater than 17% and does not exceed 24%.

2.10. "Growler" means a container or jug that is made of glass (also a 32 ounce glass container, referred to as a howler), ceramic, metal (also a canned type of metal growler referred to as a crowler) or other material approved by the Commissioner, that may be no larger than 128 fluid ounces in size and must be capable of being securely sealed. The growler is utilized by an authorized licensee for purposes of off-premises sales only of nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer for personal consumption not on a licensed premises and not for resale. A securely sealed growler is not an open container under state and local law. A growler with a broken seal is an open container under state and local law unless it is located in an area of the motor vehicle physically separated from the passenger compartment. The secure sealing of a growler requires the use of a tamper-evident seal, shrink wrap, or other material, as approved by the Commissioner, placed on or over the growler's opening. The seal, shrink wrap, or other material must be clearly marked with the date of the secure sealing by the authorized licensee who is selling the growler. Additional requirements are set forth in W. Va. Code §60-8-1 *et seq.*, for wine growlers, and in W. Va. Code §60-7-1 *et seq.*, and this rule for craft cocktail growlers.

2.11. "Intoxicated" means having one's faculties impaired by alcohol or other drugs to the point where physical or mental control or both are markedly diminished.

2.12. "Nonintoxicating beer" means any beverage, obtained by the fermentation of barley, malt, hops, or similar products or substitute and containing at least one-half of one percent (.5%) alcohol by volume, but not more than 11.9% of alcohol by weight, or 15% by volume, whichever is greater, with no caffeine infusion or any additives masking or altering the alcohol effect. The word "liquor" as used in W. Va. Code §60-1-1 *et seq.*, does not include or embrace nonintoxicating beer nor any of the beverages, products, mixtures, or preparations included within this definition. For the purposes of this definition "infusion" means and includes to artificially add, input, or otherwise deliver caffeine or any other additive, not a true flavoring or coloring, that would mask or alter the alcohol effect in nonintoxicating beer.

2.13. "Nonintoxicating craft beer" means any beverage obtained by the natural fermentation of barley, malt, hops, or any other similar product or substitute and containing not less than 5% percent by volume and not more than 15% alcohol by volume or 11.9% alcohol by weight with no caffeine infusion or any additives masking or altering the alcohol effect. For the purposes of this definition "infusion" means and includes any artificially added, input, or otherwise delivered caffeine or any other additive, not a true flavoring or coloring, that would mask or alter the alcohol effect in nonintoxicating craft beer.

2.14. "Liquor Control Act" means Chapter 60 of the Code.

2.15. "Manager" means an individual who is the applicant's or licensee's on-premises employee, member, partner, shareholder, director, or officer who meets the licensure requirements of W. Va. §60-7-1 *et seq.* and rules promulgated thereunder who actively manages, conducts, and carries on the day-to-day operations of the applicant or licensee with full and apparent authority or actual authority to act on behalf of the applicant or licensee. Such duties include but are not limited to: coordinating staffing; reviewing and approving payroll; ordering and paying for inventory, such as nonintoxicating beer, wine, and liquor, as applicable; and managing security staff, security systems, video, and other security equipment; and any

further acts or actions involved in managing the affairs of the business, on behalf of owners, partners, members, shareholders, officers, or directors.

2.16. "Market zone" means the geographical area designated as such by the Retail Liquor Licensing Board for the purpose of issuing retail liquor outlet licenses.

2.17. "Person" means an individual, firm, partnership, limited partnership, corporation, limited liability company, or voluntary association, and any trust which has disclosed all persons or entities involved in the trust.

2.18. "Public place" means any place, building, or conveyance to which the public has, or is permitted to have access, including, but not limited to establishments that provide lodging, places that sell food, for consumption on or off the premises including, but not limited to, vessels, parks, airports, and any highway, street, lane, park, or place of public resort or amusement: *Provided*, That the term "public place" does not mean or include any of the above-named places or any portion or portions thereof which qualify and are licensed by the Commissioner to sell alcoholic liquors for consumption on the premises, nor shall the term "public place" mean or include any legally demarcated area designated solely for the consumption of beverages and freshly prepared food that directly connects and adjoins any portion or portions of a premises that qualifies and is licensed under the provisions of Chapter 60 of the West Virginia Code to sell alcoholic liquors for consumption thereupon, which may include certain legally demarcated deck areas or other areas that meet the requirements specified in this proviso and further that legal demarcation includes, but is not limited to, ABCA rules; local ordinances; county zoning requirements; Americans with Disabilities Act requirements; State Fire Marshal requirements; any other applicable laws, including, but not limited to, state and federal law; public safety requirements and so forth: *Provided however*, That the term "public place" also does not include a facility constructed primarily for the use of a Division I, II, or III college that is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, or its successor, and used as a football, basketball, baseball, soccer, or other Division I, II, or III sports stadium and also which holds a special license to sell wine pursuant to the provisions of W.Va. Code §60-8-3, in the designated areas of sale and consumption of wine and other restrictions established by that section and the terms of the special license issued thereunder.

2.19. "Private outdoor designated area" or "PODA" means certain public property that is legally demarcated and authorized by a municipality's ordinance pursuant to W. Va Code §8-12-26 for the lawful consumption of liquor, wine, and nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer within the legally demarcated public property that now has a private purpose as part of the PODA for the lawful sale and service of liquor, wine, and nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer by qualified permit holders who are permitted pursuant to W. Va. Code §60-7-8g, and further a PODA may be dual licensed with a ~~private~~ Class S, S1, S2, S3, S4 and S4N fair and festival licensees as a-qualified permit ~~holder~~ holders subject to WVABCA and municipal approval.

2.20. "Private caterer" means a licensed private club restaurant authorized by the Commissioner to cater and serve food and sell and serve alcoholic liquors, or non-intoxicating beer, or non-intoxicating craft beer. A private caterer shall purchase wine sold or served at a catering event from a wine distributor. A private caterer shall purchase nonintoxicating beer and nonintoxicating craft beer sold or served at the catering event from a licensed beer distributor. A private caterer shall purchase liquor from a retail liquor outlet authorized to sell in the market zone, where the catering event is held. The private caterer or the persons or entity holding the catering event shall:

2.20.1. Have at least 10 members and guests attending the catering event;

2.20.2. Have obtained an open container waiver, be conducted inside a person's private home in

accordance with W.Va. Code §60-6-1, or have otherwise been approved by a municipality or county in which the event is being held;

2.20.3. Operate a private club restaurant on a daily operating basis;

2.20.4. Only use its employees, independent contractors, or volunteers to sell and serve alcoholic liquors who have received certified training in verifying the legal identification, the age of a purchasing person, and the signs of visible, noticeable, and physical intoxication;

2.20.5. Provide to the Commissioner, at least 7 days before the event is to take place:

2.20.5.a. The name and business address of the unlicensed private venue where the private caterer is to provide food and alcohol for a catering event, which can be an unlicensed business or a private home;

2.20.5.b. The name of the owner or operator of the unlicensed private venue;

2.20.5.c. A copy of the contract or contracts between the private caterer, the person contracting with the caterer, and the unlicensed private venue;

2.20.5.d. A floorplan of the unlicensed private venue to comprise the private catering premises, which shall only include spaces in buildings or rooms of an unlicensed private venue where the private caterer has control of the space for a set time period where the space safely accounts for the ingress and egress of the stated members and guests who will be attending the private catering event at or on the catering premises. The unlicensed private venue's floorplan during the set time period as stated in the contract shall comprise the private caterer's licensed premises, which is authorized for the lawful sale, service, and consumption of alcoholic liquors, nonintoxicating beer and nonintoxicating craft beer, and wine throughout the licensed private catering premises; *Provided*, that the unlicensed private venue shall:

2.20.5.d.1. Be inside a building or structure;

2.20.5.d.2. Have other facilities to prepare and serve food and alcohol;

2.20.5.d.3. Have adequate restrooms, and sufficient building facilities for the number of members and guests expected to attend the private catering event; and

2.20.5.d.4. Otherwise be in compliance with health, fire, safety, and zoning requirements.

2.20.6. Not hold more than 15 private catering events per calendar year. Upon reaching the 16th event, the unlicensed venue shall obtain its own private club license type;

2.20.7. Submit to the Commissioner, evidence that any noncontiguous area of an unlicensed venue is within 150 feet of the private caterer's submitted floorplan, and may submit a floorplan extension for authorization to permit alcohol and food at an outdoor event;

2.20.8. Meet and be subject to all other private club requirements, as applicable; and

2.20.9. Use an age verification system approved by the Commissioner.

2.21. "Private club" means any corporation, limited liability company, or unincorporated association which either:

2.21.1. Belongs to or is affiliated with a nationally recognized fraternal or veterans organization that is operated exclusively for the benefit of its members and pays no part of its income to its shareholders or individual members; owns or leases a building or other premises such as vessels, parks, and airports; admits only duly elected or approved dues paying members in good standing of such corporation or association and their guests while in the company of a member and does not admit the general public; and maintains in said building or premises a suitable kitchen and dining facility with related equipment for serving food to members and their guests; or

2.21.2. Is a nonprofit social club operated exclusively for the benefit of its members; pays no part of its income to its shareholders or individual members; owns or leases a building or other premises; grants admission to only duly elected or approved dues paying members in good standing of such corporation or association and their guests while in the company of a member and does not allow admission of the general public; and maintains in said building or on said premises a suitable kitchen and dining facility with related equipment for serving food to members and their guests; or

2.21.3. Is organized and operated for legitimate purposes and has at least 100 duly elected or approved dues paying members in good standing; owns or leases a building or other premises, including any vessel licensed or approved by any federal agency to carry or accommodate passengers on navigable waters of this State; admits only duly elected or approved dues paying members in good standing of such corporation or association and their guests while in the company of a member and does not admit the general public; maintains in said building or on said premises a suitable kitchen and dining facility with related equipment and employs a sufficient number of persons for serving meals to members and their guests; or

2.21.4. Is organized for legitimate purposes and owns or leases a building or other limited premises in any state, county, or municipal park or at any airport, in which building or premises a club has been established; grants admission to only duly elected and approved dues paying members in good standing and their guests while in the company of a member and does not admit the general public; maintains in connection with said club a suitable kitchen and dining facility and related equipment; and employs a sufficient number of persons for serving meals in said club to their members and guests.

2.22. "Private bakery" means an applicant for a private club or a private club licensee that has a primary function of operating a food preparation business that produces baked goods, including brownies, cookies, cupcakes, confections, muffins, breads, cakes, wedding cakes, and other baked goods where the applicant or licensee desires to sell baked goods infused with liquor, wine, or nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer, included: (A) In the icing, syrup, drizzle, or some other topping; (B) as an infusion where the alcohol is not processed or cooked out of the baked goods; or (C) from an infusion packet containing alcohol no greater than 10 milliliters where the purchaser adds the alcohol. This applicant or licensee may not sell liquor, wine, or nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer for on-premises or off-premises consumption. The applicant or licensee may sell the baked goods with alcohol added as authorized for on-premises and off-premises consumption to members and guests, and meets the following criteria:

2.22.1. Has at least 50 members;

2.22.2. Operates a kitchen that produces baked goods, as specified in this subdivision, including at least:

2.22.2.a A baking oven and a four-burner range or hot plate;

2.22.2.b. A sink with hot and cold running water;

2.22.2.c. A 17 cubic foot refrigerator or freezer, or some combination of a refrigerator and freezer which is not used for alcohol cold storage;

2.22.2.d. Baking utensils and pans, kitchen utensils, and other food consumption apparatus as determined by the commissioner; and

2.22.2.e. Food fit for human consumption available to be served during all hours of operation on the licensed premises;

2.22.3. Maintains, at any one time, a food inventory capable of being prepared in the private bakery's kitchen. In calculating the food inventory, the commissioner shall include television dinners, bags of chips or similar products, microwavable food or meals, frozen meals, pre-packaged foods, baking items such as flour, sugar, icing, and other confectionary items, or canned prepared foods;

2.22.4. Uses an age verification system approved by the commissioner for the purpose of verifying that persons under the age of 21 who are in the private bakery are not sold items containing alcoholic liquors, nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer, or wine. A person under 21 years of age may enter the shop and purchase other items not containing alcoholic liquors; and

2.22.5. Meets and is subject to all other private club requirements.

2.23. "Private cigar shop" means an applicant for a private club or a private club licensee that has a primary function of operating a cigar shop for sales of premium cigars for consumption on or off the licensed premises. Where permitted by law, indoor on-premises cigar consumption is permitted with a limited food menu, which may be met by using a private caterer, for members and guests while the private club applicant or licensee is selling and serving liquor, wine, or nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer for on-premises consumption, and meets the following criteria:

2.23.1. Has at least 50 members;

2.23.2. Operates a cigar shop and bar with a kitchen, including at least:

2.23.2.a. A two-burner hot plate, air fryer, or microwave oven;

2.23.2.b. A sink with hot and cold running water;

2.23.2.c. A 17 cubic foot refrigerator or freezer, or some combination of a refrigerator and freezer which is not used for alcohol cold storage;

2.23.2.d. Kitchen utensils and other food consumption apparatus as determined by the commissioner; and

2.23.2.e. Food fit for human consumption available to be served during all hours of operation on the licensed premises;

2.23.3. Maintains, at any one time, not less than a food inventory capable of being prepared in the private club bar's kitchen or have on hand at least \$150 in food provided by a private caterer. In calculating the food inventory, the commissioner shall include television dinners, bags of chips or similar products, microwavable food or meals, frozen meals, pre-packaged foods, or canned prepared foods;

2.23.4. Uses an age verification system approved by the commissioner for the purpose of verifying that persons under the age of 21 who are in the private club bar are accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, and if a person under 21 years of age is not accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, that person may not be admitted as a guest; and

2.23.5. Meets and is subject to all other private club requirements.

2.24. "Private club bar" means an applicant for a private club or licensed private club licensee that has a primary function for the use of the licensed premises as a bar for the sale and consumption of alcoholic liquors and nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer when licensed for such sales, while providing a limited food menu for members and guests, and meeting the following criteria which:

2.24.1. Has at least 100 members;

2.24.2. Operates a bar with a kitchen, including at least:

2.24.2.a. A two-burner hot plate, air fryer, or microwave oven;

2.24.2.b. A sink with hot and cold running water;

2.24.2.c. A 17 cubic foot refrigerator or freezer, or some combination of a refrigerator and freezer, which is not used for alcohol cold storage;

2.24.2.d. Kitchen utensils and other food consumption apparatus, as determined by the Commissioner; and

2.24.2.e. Food fit for human consumption available to be served during all hours of operation on the licensed premises;

2.24.3. Maintains, at any one time, food inventory capable of being prepared in the private club bar's kitchen. In calculating the food inventory, the Commissioner shall include television dinners, bags of chips or similar products, microwavable food or meals, frozen meals, prepackaged foods, or canned prepared foods;

2.24.4. Uses an age verification system approved by the Commissioner for the purpose of verifying that persons under the age of 18 who are in the private club bar are accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, and if a person under 18 years of age is not accompanied by a parent or legal guardian that person may not be admitted as a guest; and

2.24.5. Meets and is subject to all other private club requirements.

2.25. "Private club restaurant" means an applicant for a private club or licensed private club licensee that has a primary function of using the licensed premises as a restaurant for serving freshly prepared meals and dining in the restaurant area. The private club restaurant may have a bar area separate from or commingled with the restaurant, however seating requirements for members and guests must be met by the restaurant area. The applicant for a private club restaurant license shall meet the following criteria which:

2.25.1. Has at least 100 members;

2.25.2. Operate a restaurant and full kitchen with at least:

2.25.2.a. Ovens and four-burner ranges;

2.25.2.b. Refrigerators or freezers, or some combination of refrigerators and freezers, greater than 50 cubic feet, or a walk-in refrigerator or freezer;

2.25.2.c. Other kitchen utensils and apparatus, as determined by the Commissioner; and

2.25.2.d. Freshly prepared food fit for human consumption available to be served during all hours of operation on the licensed premises;

2.25.3. Maintains a fresh food inventory capable of being prepared in the private club restaurant's full kitchen; and

2.25.4. Uses an age verification system approved by the Commissioner for the purpose of verifying that persons under 18 years of age who are in the bar area of a private club restaurant are accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. The licensee may not seat a person in the bar area who is under the age of 18 years and who is not accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, but may allow that person, as a guest, to dine for food and nonalcoholic beverage purposes in the restaurant area of a private club restaurant;

2.25.5. Corkage Fee:

2.25.5.a. May uncork and serve members and guests up to two bottles of wine that a member purchased elsewhere when the purchase is for personal use and, not for resale.

2.25.5.b. May charge a corkage fee of up to \$10 dollars per bottle.

2.25.5.c. May not permit a member or a group of members and guests to exceed up to two sealed bottles or containers of wine to carry onto the licensed premises for uncorking and serving by the private club restaurant and for personal consumption by the member and guests.

2.25.5.d. May cork and reseal any unconsumed wine bottles as provided in W. Va. Code §60-8-3(j) and the legislative rules, for carrying unconsumed wine off the licensed premises.

2.25.6. Must have at least two restrooms for members and their guests: *Provided*, that this requirement may be waived by the local health department upon supplying a written waiver of the requirement to the Commissioner: *Provided*, however, that the requirement may also be waived for a historic building by written waiver supplied to Commissioner of the requirement from the historic association or district with jurisdiction over a historic building: *Provided*, further that in no event shall a private club restaurant have less than one restroom; and

2.25.7. Shall meet and be subject to all other private club requirements.

2.26. "Private farmers market" means an applicant for a private club or licensed private club licensee that operates as an association of bars, restaurants, and retailers who sell West Virginia made products among other products, and other stores who open primarily during daytime hours of 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., but may operate in the day or evenings for special events where the sale of food and alcoholic liquors and nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer may occur for on-premises consumption, such as reserved weddings, reserved dinners, pairing events, tasting events, reunions, conferences, meetings, or other special events and does not maintain daily or regular operating hours as a bar or

restaurant, and all business that are members of the association have agreed in writing to be liable and responsible for all sales, service, furnishing, tendering, and consumption of alcoholic liquors and nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer occurring on the entire licensed premises of the private farmer's market, including indoor and outdoor bounded areas, and further the applicant shall:

2.26.1. Have at least 100 members;

2.26.2. Have one or more members operating a private club restaurant and full kitchen with ovens, four-burner ranges, a refrigerator, or freezer (or some combination of the two), and other kitchen utensils and apparatus as determined by the Commissioner on the licensed premises and serves freshly prepared food at least 15 hours per week;

2.26.3. Have one or more members operating who maintains a fresh food inventory capable of being prepared for events conducted at the private farmers market in the private club restaurant's full kitchen;

2.26.4. Have an association that owns or leases, controls, operates, and uses acreage amounting to more than one acre, which is contiguous acreage of bounded or fenced real property which would be listed on the licensee's floorplan and would be used for large contracted for reserved weddings, reserved dinners, pairing events, tasting events, reunions, conferences, meetings, or other special events;

2.26.5. Have an association that lists in the application for licensure the entire property and all adjoining buildings and structures on the private farmers market's floorplan which would comprise the licensed premises, which would be authorized for the lawful sales, service, and consumption of alcoholic liquors and nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer throughout the licensed premises whether these activities were conducted in a building or structure or outdoors while on the private farmers market's licensed premises and as noted on the private farmers market's floorplan;

2.26.6. Have an identified person, persons, or entity that has right, title, and ownership or lease interest in the real property buildings and structures located on the proposed licensed premises;

2.26.7. Have at least two separate and unrelated vendors applying for the license and certifying that all vendors in the association have agreed to the liability, and responsibility associated with a private farmers market license;

2.26.8. Only use its employees, independent contractors, or volunteers to purchase, sell, furnish, or serve liquor, wine, or nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer;

2.26.9. Provide adequate restroom facilities, whether permanent or portable, to serve the stated members and guests who will be attending the private farmers market;

~~2.26.10. Provide a copy of a written agreement between all the vendors of the association that is executed by all vendors stating that each vendor is jointly and severally liable for any violations of this chapter committed during the event;~~

~~2.26.11. Provide a security plan indicating all vendor points of service, entrances, and exits in order to verify members, patrons, and guests ages, whether a member, patron, or guest is intoxicated and to provide for the public health and safety of members, patrons, and guests;~~

~~2.26.12.~~ 2.26.11. Use an age verification system approved by the Commissioner; and

~~2.26.13.~~ 2.26.12. Meet and be subject to all other private club requirements.

2.27. "Private fair and festival" means an applicant for a private club or a licensed private club meeting the requirements of W. Va. Code §60-7-8a for a temporary private club event or Class S2 license, and the criteria set forth in this subsection which:

2.27.1. Has at least 100 members;

2.27.2. Has been sponsored, endorsed, or approved, in writing, by the governing body (or its duly elected or appointed officers) of either the municipality or of the county wherein the festival, fair, or other event is to be conducted;

2.27.3. Shall prepare, provide, or engage a food caterer to provide adequate freshly prepared food or meals to serve its stated members and guests who will be attending the temporary festival, fair, or other event, and further shall provide any documentation or agreements of such to the Commissioner prior to approval;

2.27.4. Shall not use third-party entities or individuals to purchase, sell, furnish, or serve alcoholic liquors (liquor and wine), nonintoxicating beer, or nonintoxicating craft beer;

2.27.5. Shall provide adequate restroom facilities, whether permanent or portable, to serve the stated members and guests who will be attending the festival, fair, or other event;

2.27.6. Shall provide a floorplan for the proposed premises with a defined and bounded area to safely account for the ingress and egress of stated members and guests who will be attending the festival, fair, or other event; and

2.27.7. Utilizes an age verification system approved by the Commissioner.

2.28. "Private food court" means an applicant who qualifies for a private club restaurant or a private club restaurant licensee that operates in a facility within a licensed premises with one licensed floorplan that includes an association of other inter-connected licensed private club restaurants or unlicensed restaurants that operate legally without alcohol sales, where all businesses that are licensed members of the association have agreed in writing to be liable and responsible for all sales, service, furnishing, tendering, and consumption of alcoholic liquors and nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer occurring on the entire licensed premises of the private food court, and the applicant meets the following criteria:

2.28.1. Has at least 100 members;

2.28.2. Has at least one member of its association who qualifies for a private club restaurant containing a full kitchen with ovens, four-burner ranges, a refrigerator or freezer or some combination of a refrigerator and freezer, and other kitchen utensils and apparatus as determined by the commissioner on the licensed premises and be capable of serving freshly prepared food at least 15 hours per week in the private food court;

2.28.3. Has at least one member of its association who qualifies for a private club restaurant who maintains, at any one time, fresh food capable of being prepared in the private club restaurant's full kitchen, and in calculating the food inventory the commissioner may not include television dinners, bags of chips or similar products, microwavable meals, frozen meals, pre-packaged foods, or canned prepared foods;

2.28.4. Has an association that owns or leases, controls, operates, and uses a facility that meets requirements of this article, and the entire facility is listed on the licensee's floorplan as its licensed premises;

2.28.5. Has an association that lists in the application for licensure the entire facility and any inter-connected and adjoining structures on the private food court's floorplan which would compromise the licensed premises, and which would be authorized for the lawful sales, service, and consumption of alcoholic liquors and nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer throughout the licensed premises whether these activities were conducted in a building or structure while on the private food court's licensed premises and as noted on the private food court's licensed floorplan;

2.28.6. Has identified a person, persons, or entity that has right, title, and ownership or lease interest in the real property buildings and structures located on the proposed licensed premises;

2.28.7. Has at least one separate and unrelated business applying for the license and certifying that all licensed businesses in the association have agreed to the liability and responsibility associated with a private food court license;

2.28.8. Only use its employees, independent contractors, or volunteers to purchase, sell, furnish, or serve liquor, wine, or nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer;

2.28.9. Provides adequate restroom facilities, whether permanent or portable, to serve the stated members and guests who will be attending the private food court;

~~2.28.10. Provides a copy of a written agreement between all the vendors of the association that is executed by all businesses stating that each licensed vendor is jointly and severally liable for any violations of this chapter committed on the licensed premises;~~

~~2.28.11. Provides a security plan indicating all businesses who will be selling and serving alcoholic liquors and nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer, list non-licensees who will be selling and serving food, list all entrances, and list all exits, provide a plan to verify the ages of members, patrons, and guests, a plan to verify whether a member, patron, or guest is intoxicated, and a plan to provide for the public health and safety of members, patrons, and guests;~~

~~2.28.12.~~ 2.28.11. Uses an age verification system approved by the commissioner; and

~~2.28.13.~~ 2.28.12. Meet and be subject to all other private club requirements.

2.29. "Private food truck" means an applicant for a private club, private club licensee, or private manufacturer's club licensee that has a primary function of operating a food preparation business using an industrial truck, van, or trailer to prepare food and meals for sale at various locations within the state while using a propane or electric generator powered kitchen. The private food truck applicant shall obtain county or municipal approval to operate for food and liquor, wine, hard cider, and nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer sales and service, while providing a food menu for members and guests, and shall meet the following criteria:

2.29.1. Has at least 10 members;

2.29.2. Operates with a kitchen, including at least:

2.29.2.a. A two-burner hot plate, air fryer, or microwave oven;

2.29.2.b. A sink with hot and cold running water;

2.29.2.c. At least a 10 cubic foot refrigerator or freezer, or some combination of a refrigerator and freezer which is not used for alcohol cold storage; and

2.29.2.d. Plastic or metal kitchen utensils and other food consumption apparatus as determined by the Commissioner;

2.29.3. Maintains, at any one time, not less than \$200 of food inventory that is fit for human consumption and capable of being prepared and served from the private food truck's kitchen during all hours of operation;

2.29.4. Is sponsored, endorsed, or approved by the governing body or its designee of the county or municipality in which the private food truck is to be located and operated. Each location shall have a bounded and defined area and set hours for private food truck operations, sales, and consumption of alcohol that are not greater than a private club's hours of operation;

2.29.5. Provides the commissioner with a list of all locations, including a main business location, where the private food truck operates, and is approved for sales pursuant to paragraph 2.29.4., and immediately update the commissioner when new locations are approved by a county or municipality;

2.29.6. Requires all nonintoxicating beer and nonintoxicating craft beer sold, furnished, tendered, or served pursuant to the license created by this section to be purchased from the licensed distributor where the private food truck has its home location or from a resident brewer acting in a limited capacity as a distributor, all in accordance with §11-16-1 et seq. of this code;

2.29.7. Requires wine or hard cider sold, furnished, tendered, or served pursuant to the license created by this section to be purchased from a licensed distributor, winery, or farm winery in accordance with §60-8-1 et seq. of this code;

2.29.8. Requires liquor sold, furnished, tendered, or served pursuant to the license created by this section shall be purchased from a licensed retail liquor outlet in the market zone or contiguous market zone where the private food truck has its main business location, all in accordance with §60-3A-1 et seq. of this code;

2.29.9. Uses bona fide employees to sell, furnish, tender, or serve the nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer, wine, or liquor;

2.29.10. A brewer, resident brewer, winery, farm winery, distillery, mini-distillery, or micro-distillery may obtain a private food truck license;

2.29.11. Licensed representatives of a brewer, resident brewer, beer distributor, wine distributor, wine supplier, winery, farm winery, distillery, mini-distillery, micro-distillery, and liquor broker representatives may attend a location where a private food truck is located and discuss their respective products but may not engage in the selling, furnishing, tendering, or serving of any nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer, wine, or liquor.

2.29.12. Uses an age verification system approved by the commissioner for the purpose of verifying that persons under the age of 21 who are in the private club bar are not permitted to be served

any alcoholic liquors, nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer, or wine but may be permitted to purchase food or other items;

2.29.13. Obtains all permits required by §60-6-12 of this code; and

2.29.14. Meets and is subject to all other applicable private club requirements.

2.30. "Private hotel" means an applicant for a private club or licensed private club licensee which:

2.30.1. Has at least 2,000 members;

2.30.2. Offers short-term, daily rate accommodations or lodging for members and their guests amounting to at least 30 separate bedrooms, and also offers a conference center for meetings;

2.30.3. Operates a restaurant and full kitchen with ovens, four-burner ranges, walk-in freezers, and other kitchen utensils and apparatus, as determined by the Commissioner, on the licensed premises and serves freshly prepared food at least 20 hours per week;

2.30.4. Maintains, at any one time, fresh food inventory capable of being prepared in the private hotel's full kitchen, and in calculating the food inventory the Commissioner may not include microwavable, frozen, or canned foods;

2.30.5. Owns or leases, controls, operates, and uses acreage amounting to more than one acre but fewer than three acres, which are contiguous acres of bounded or fenced real property which would be listed on the licensee's floorplan and would be used for hotel and conferences and large contracted for group-type events such as weddings, reunions, conferences, meetings, and sporting or recreational events;

2.30.6. Lists in the application the acreage referenced in subsection 2.30.5. and the entire property and all adjoining buildings and structures on the private hotel's floorplan which would comprise the licensed premises, which would be authorized for the lawful sales, service, and consumption of alcoholic liquors throughout the licensed premises whether these activities were conducted in a building or structure or outdoors while on the private hotel's licensed premises and as noted on the private hotel's floorplan;

2.30.7. Has an identified person, persons, or entity that has right, title and ownership or lease interest in the real property buildings and structures located on the proposed licensed premises; and

2.30.8. Utilizes an age verification system approved by the Commissioner.

2.30.9. May provide members and guests who are verified by proper form of identification to be 21 years of age or older to have access via key or key card to an in-room mini-bar, a small refrigerator not in excess of 3.2 cubic feet, for the sale of nonintoxicating beer, nonintoxicating craft beer, wine, hard cider, and liquor sold from the original sealed container. The refrigerator may contain: any combination of: (i) 12 fluid ounce cans or bottles not exceeding 144 fluid ounces of nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer; (ii) cans or bottles of wine or hard cider not exceeding one and a half liters of wine or hard cider; (iii) liquor in bottles sized from 50 ml, 100 ml, 200 ml, and 375 ml with such liquor bottles not exceeding one and a half liters; and (iv) canned or packaged food valued at least \$50, all to be stored in the refrigerator. All markups, fees, and taxes shall be charged on the sale of alcohol and food from the mini-bar. All nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer available for sale shall be purchased from the licensed distributor in the area where licensed. All wine or hard cider available for sale shall be purchased from a licensed wine distributor or authorized farm winery. All liquor available for sale shall be purchased from the licensed retail liquor outlet in the market zone of the licensed

premises. The mini-bar shall be checked daily by the licensee and replenished as needed.

2.31. "Private resort hotel" means an applicant for a private club or licensed private club licensee which:

2.31.1. Has at least 5,000 members;

2.31.2. Offers short-term, daily rate accommodations or lodging for members and their guests amounting to at least 50 separate bedrooms;

2.31.3. Operates a restaurant and full kitchen with ovens, six-burner ranges, walk-in freezers, and other kitchen utensils and apparatus, as determined by the Commissioner, on the licensed premises and serves freshly prepared food at least 25 hours per week;

2.31.4. Maintains, at any one time, fresh food inventory capable of being prepared in the private resort hotel's full kitchen, and in calculating the food inventory the Commissioner may not include microwavable, frozen, or canned foods;

2.31.5. Owns or leases, controls, operates, and uses acreage amounting to at least 10 contiguous acres of bounded or fenced real property which would be listed on the licensee's floorplan and would be used for destination, resort, and large contracted for group-type events such as weddings, reunions, conferences, meetings, and sporting or recreational events;

2.31.6. Lists the entire property from subsection 2.31.5 and all adjoining buildings and structures on the private resort hotel's floorplan which would comprise the licensed premises, which would be authorized for the lawful sales, service, and consumption of alcoholic liquors throughout the licensed premises whether these activities were conducted in a building or structure or outdoors while on the private resort hotel's licensed premises and as noted on the private resort hotel's floorplan;

2.31.7. Has an identified person or persons or entity that has right, title, and ownership or lease interest in the real property buildings and structures located on the proposed licensed premises;

2.31.8. Utilizes an age verification system approved by the Commissioner; and

2.31.9. May have a separately licensed resident brewer with a brewpub license inner-connected via a walkway, doorway, or entryway, all as determined and approved by the Commissioner, for limited access during permitted hours of operation for tours and complimentary samples at the resident brewery.

2.31.10. May provide members and guests who are verified by proper form of identification to be 21 years of age or older to have access via key or key card to an in-room mini-bar, a small refrigerator not in excess of 3.2 cubic feet, for the sale of nonintoxicating beer, nonintoxicating craft beer, wine, hard cider, and liquor sold from the original sealed container. The refrigerator may contain: Any combination of: (i) 12 fluid ounce cans or bottles not exceeding 144 fluid ounces of nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer; (ii) cans or bottles of wine or hard cider not exceeding one and a half liters of wine or hard cider; (iii) liquor in bottles sized from 50 ml, 100 ml, 200 ml, and 375 ml with such liquor bottles not exceeding one and a half liters; and (iv) canned or packaged food ~~valued at least \$100~~, all to be stored in the refrigerator. All markups, fees, and taxes shall be charged on the sale of alcohol and food from the mini-bar. All nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer available for sale shall be purchased from the licensed distributor in the area where licensed. All wine or hard cider available for sale shall be purchased from a licensed wine distributor or authorized farm winery. All liquor available for sale shall be purchased from the licensed retail liquor outlet in the market zone of the licensed

premises. The mini-bar shall be checked daily by the licensee and replenished as needed.

2.32. "Private golf club" means an applicant for a private club or licensed private club licensee which:

2.32.1. Has at least 100 members;

2.32.2. Maintains at least one 18-hole golf course with separate and distinct golf playing holes, not reusing nine golf playing holes to comprise the 18 golf playing holes, and a clubhouse;

2.32.3. Operates a restaurant and full kitchen with ovens, as determined by the Commissioner, on the licensed premises and serves freshly prepared food at least 15 hours per week;

2.32.4. Owns or leases, controls, operates, and uses acreage amounting to at least 80 contiguous acres of bounded or fenced real property which would be listed on the private golf club's floorplan and could be used for golfing events and large contracted for group-type events such as weddings, reunions, conferences, meetings, and sporting or recreational events;

2.32.5. Lists the entire property from subsection 2.32.4. and all adjoining buildings and structures on the private golf club's floorplan which would comprise the licensed premises, which would be authorized for the lawful sales, service, and consumption of alcoholic liquors throughout the licensed premises whether these activities were conducted in a building or structure or outdoors while on the private golf club's licensed premises and as noted on the private golf club's floorplan;

2.32.6. Has an identified person or persons or entity that has right, title, and ownership interest in the real property buildings and structures located on the proposed licensed premises; and

2.32.7. Utilizes an age verification system approved by the Commissioner.

2.33. "Private manufacturer club" means an applicant for a private club or licensed private club licensee which is also licensed as a distillery, mini-distillery, micro-distillery, winery, farm winery, brewery, or resident brewery that manufactures liquor, wine, or nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer, which may be sold, served, and furnished to members and guests for on-premises consumption at the licensee's licensed premises and in the area or areas denoted on the licensee's floorplan, and which meets the following criteria which:

2.33.1. Has at least 100 members;

2.33.2. Offers tours, may offer complimentary samples, and may offer space as a conference center or for meetings;

2.33.3. Operates a restaurant and full kitchen with ovens, four-burner ranges, a refrigerator, freezer, or some combination of a refrigerator and freezer, and other kitchen utensils and apparatus as determined by the Commissioner on the licensed premises and serves freshly prepared food at least 15 hours per week;

2.33.4. Maintains, at any one time, a fresh food inventory capable of being prepared in the private manufacturer club's full kitchen;

2.33.5. Owns or leases, controls, operates, and uses acreage amounting to at least one acre which is contiguous bounded or fenced real property that would be listed on the licensee's floorplan and may be used for large events such as weddings, reunions, conferences, meetings, and sporting or recreational

events;

2.33.6. Lists the entire property from subsection 2.33.5., and all adjoining buildings and structures on the private manufacturer club's floorplan that would comprise the licensed premises, which would be authorized for the lawful sale, service, and consumption of alcoholic liquors, nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer, and wine throughout the licensed premises, whether these activities were conducted in a building or structure or outdoors while on the private manufacturer club's licensed premises, and as noted on the private manufacturer club's floorplan;

2.33.7. Identifies a person, persons, an entity, or entities who or which has right, title, and ownership or lease interest in the real property, buildings, and structures located on the proposed licensed premises;

2.33.8. Uses an age verification system approved by the Commissioner; and

2.33.9. Meets and is subject to all other private club requirements.

2.34. "Private multi-sport complex" means an applicant for a private club or licensed private club licensee that is open for multiple sports events to be played at the complex facilities, reserved weddings, concerts, reunions, conferences, meetings, or other special events, and which:

2.34.1. Has at least 100 members;

2.34.2. Maintains an open air multi-sport complex primarily for use for sporting events, such as baseball, soccer, basketball, tennis, frisbee, quidditch, curling, or other sports, but may also conduct weddings, concerts, reunions, conferences, meetings, or other events where parties must reserve the parts of the sports complex in advance of the sporting or other event;

2.34.3. Operates a restaurant and full kitchen with ovens in the licensee's main facility, as determined by the Commissioner, on the licensed premises and capable of serving freshly prepared food, or meals to serve its stated members, guests, and patrons who will be attending the event at the private multi-sport complex. A licensee may contract with temporary food vendors or food trucks for food sales only, but not on a permanent basis, in areas of the multi-sport complex not readily accessible by the main facility, such food vendor or food truck contracts must be approved by the Commissioner;

2.34.4. Maintains, at any one time, fresh food inventory capable of being prepared in the private multi-sport complex's full kitchen. In calculating the food inventory, the Commissioner may not include television dinners, bags of chips, or similar products, microwavable meals, frozen meals, prepackaged foods, or canned prepared foods;

2.34.5. Owns or leases, controls, operates, and uses acreage amounting to at least 50 contiguous acres of bounded or fenced real property, as determined by the Commissioner, which would be listed on the private multi-sport complex's floorplan and could be used for contracted for sporting events, group-type weddings, concerts, reunions, conferences, meetings, or other events;

2.34.6. Lists the entire property from subsection ~~2.29.52.34.5.~~ 2.34.5., and all adjoining buildings and structures on the private multi-sport complex's floorplan which would comprise the licensed premises, which would be authorized for the lawful sales, service, and consumption of alcoholic liquors throughout the licensed premises whether these activities were conducted in a building or structure or outdoors while on the private multi-sport complex's licensed premises and as noted on the private multi-sport complex's floorplan. The licensee may sell alcoholic liquors from a golf cart or food truck owned or leased by the

licensee and also operated by the licensee when the golf cart or food truck is located on the private multi-sport complex's licensed premises;

2.34.7. Has an identified person, persons, or entity that has right, title, and ownership interest in the real property buildings and structures located on the proposed licensed premises;

2.34.8. Meets and is subject to all other private club requirements; and

2.34.9. Uses an age verification system approved by the Commissioner.

2.35. "Multi-vendor private fair and festival" means a special license designated Class S3 private multivendor fair and festival license for the retail sale of liquor, wine, and nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer for on-premises consumption at an event where multiple vendors shall share liability and responsibility, and apply for this license. Each vendor may temporarily purchase, sell, furnish, or serve liquor, wine, and nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer as provided in this section.

2.35.1. To be eligible for the private multivendor fair and festival or other event shall:

2.35.1.a. Have at least two separate and unrelated vendors applying for the license and certifying that at least 100 members will be in attendance;

2.35.1.b. Provide freshly prepared and provide food or meals, or engage a food vendor to prepare and provide adequate freshly prepared food or meals to serve its stated members and guests who will be attending the temporary festival, fair, or other event, and provide any written documentation or agreements of the food caterer to the Commissioner prior to approval of the license;

2.35.1.c. Only use its employees, independent contractors, or volunteers to purchase, sell, furnish, or serve liquor, wine, and nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer;

2.35.1.d. Provide adequate restroom facilities, whether permanent or portable, to serve the stated members and guests who will be attending the private multi-vendor festival, fair, or other event;

~~2.35.1.e. Require all vendors to be jointly and severally liable for any improper acts or conduct committed during the multi-vendor festival or fair event;~~

~~2.35.1.f. Provide a security plan indicating all vendor points of service, entrances, and exits in order to verify members', patrons', and guests' ages, and whether a member, patron, or guest is intoxicated, to provide for the public health and safety of members, patrons, and guests;~~

~~2.35.1.g.~~ 2.35.1.f. Provide a floorplan for the proposed premises with one defined and bounded indoor and/or outdoor area to safely account for the ingress and egress of stated members, patrons, and guests who will be attending the festival, fair, or other event, and the floorplan that would comprise the licensed premises, which would be authorized for the lawful sales, service, and consumption of liquor, wine, and nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer throughout the licensed premises whether these activities were conducted in a building or structure, or outdoors while on the licensed premises and as noted on the floorplan;

~~2.35.1.h.~~ 2.35.1.g. Meet and be subject to all other private club requirements; and

~~2.35.1.i.~~ 2.35.1.h. Use an age verification system approved by the Commissioner.

2.36. "Private nine-hole golf course" means an applicant for a private club or licensed private club licensee meeting the criteria set forth in this subsection which:

2.36.1. Has at least 50 members;

2.36.2. Maintains at least one nine-hole golf course with separate and distinct golf playing holes;

2.36.3. Operates a restaurant and full kitchen with ovens, as determined by the Commissioner, on the licensed premises and serves freshly prepared food at least 15 hours per week;

2.36.4. Owns or leases, controls, operates, and uses acreage amounting to at least 30 contiguous acres of bounded or fenced real property which would be listed on the private nine-hole golf course's floorplan and could be used for golfing events and large contracted for group-type events such as weddings, reunions, conferences, meetings, and sporting or recreational events;

2.36.5. Lists the entire property from subsection 2.36.4. and all adjoining buildings and structures on the private nine-hole golf course's floorplan which would comprise the licensed premises, which would be authorized for the lawful sales, service, and consumption of alcoholic liquors throughout the licensed premises whether these activities were conducted in a building or structure or outdoors while on the private nine-hole golf course's licensed premises and as noted on the private nine-hole golf course's floorplan;

2.36.6. Has an identified person, persons, or entity that has right, title, and ownership interest in the real property buildings and structures located on the proposed licensed premises; and

2.36.7. Utilizes an age verification system approved by the Commissioner.

2.37. "Private coliseum or center" means an applicant for a private club or private club licensee that is open for various events including, but not limited to, musical concerts, bands, sporting events, monster trucks, sports entertainment events, circuses, expos, hobby events, tradeshow, health events, reserved weddings, reunions, retreats, conventions, conferences, meetings, or other special events. The licensee may not sell alcoholic liquors, wine, or nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer when conducting or hosting events focused on patrons who are less than 21 years of age, and further the applicant meets the following criteria:

2.37.1 Has at least 5,000 members;

2.37.2. Maintains an enclosed coliseum or center venue with at least 80,000 square feet of event space primarily used for events where parties reserve the coliseum or center venue in advance of the event;

2.37.3. Operates a restaurant and full kitchen with ovens, as determined by the commissioner, on the licensed premises and be capable of serving freshly prepared food or meals to its stated members, guests, and patrons who will be attending events at the private coliseum or center;

2.37.4. Owns or leases, control, operates, and uses acreage amounting to at least two contiguous acres of bounded or fenced real property, as determined by the commissioner, which would be listed on the private coliseum or center's floorplan and could be used for contracted-for events, or a private fair and festival, as authorized by the commissioner per dual licensing requirements as set forth in W. Va. Code §60-7-2a;

2.37.5. Lists the entire property from section 2.37.4., and all adjoining buildings and structures on the private coliseum or center's floorplan comprising the licensed premises which would be authorized for the lawful sales, service, and consumption of alcoholic liquors and nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer throughout the licensed premises whether these activities were conducted in a building or structure or outdoors while on private coliseum or center's licensed premises;

2.37.6. Has identified a person, persons, or entity that has right, title, and ownership interest in the real property buildings and structures located on the proposed licensed premises;

2.37.7. Meets and is subject to all other private club requirements; and

2.37.8. Uses an age verification system approved by the commissioner.

2.38. "Private college sports stadium" means an applicant for a private club or a private club licensee that operates a college or university stadium or coliseum for Division I, II, or III sports and that involves a college public or private or university that is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, or its successor, and uses the facility for football, basketball, baseball, soccer, or other Division I, II, or III sports, reserved weddings, reunions, conferences, meetings, or other special events and does not maintain daily or regular operating hours as a bar or restaurant. The licensee may sell alcoholic liquors and nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer when conducting or temporarily hosting non-collegiate sporting events. This license may be issued in the name of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I, II, or III college or university or the name of the primary food and beverage vendor under contract with that college or university. All alcohol sales shall take place within the confines of the college or university stadium: Provided, That any outside area approved for alcohol sales and nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer shall be surrounded by a fence or other barrier prohibiting entry except upon the college or university's express permission, and under the conditions and restrictions established by the college or university, so that the alcohol sales area is closed in order to prevent entry and access by the general public, and also meets the following criteria:

2.38.1. Has at least 100 members;

2.38.2. Maintains an open-air or enclosed stadium or coliseum venue primarily used for sporting events, such as football, basketball, baseball, soccer, or other Division I, II, or III sports, and also weddings, reunions, conferences, meetings, or other events where parties shall reserve the college stadium venue in advance of the event;

2.38.3. Operates a restaurant and full kitchen with ovens and equipment that is equivalent or greater than a private club restaurant, as determined by the commissioner, on the licensed premises that is capable of serving freshly prepared food or meals to its stated members, guests, and patrons who will be attending the event at the private college sports stadium;

2.38.4. Owns or leases, controls, operates, and uses acreage amounting to at least two contiguous acres of bounded or fenced real property, as determined by the commissioner, which would be listed on the private college stadium's floorplan and could be used for contracted-for temporary non-collegiate sporting events, group-type weddings, reunions, conferences, meetings, or other events;

2.38.5. Lists the entire property from section 2.38.4., and all adjoining buildings and structures on the private college sports stadium's floorplan which would comprise the licensed premises, which would be authorized for the lawful sales, service, and consumption of alcoholic liquors and nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer throughout the licensed premises whether these activities were conducted in

a building or structure or outdoors while on the private college sports stadium's licensed premises and as noted on the private college sports stadium's floorplan;

2.38.6. Has an identified a person, persons, or entity that has right, title, and ownership interest in the real property buildings and structures located on the proposed licensed premises;

2.38.7. Meets and is subject to all other private club requirements; and

2.38.8. Uses an age verification system approved by the commissioner.

2.39. "Private professional sports stadium" means an applicant for a private club or licensed private club licensee that is only open for professional sporting events when such events are affiliated with or sponsored by a professional sporting association, reserved weddings, reunions, conferences, meetings, or other special events and does not maintain daily or regular operating hours as a bar or restaurant. The licensee may not sell alcoholic liquors when conducting or hosting non-professional sporting events, and further the applicant meets the following criteria:

2.39.1 Has at least 1000 members;

2.39.2. Maintains an open air or closed air stadium venue primarily used for sporting events, such as football, baseball, soccer, auto racing, or other professional sports, and also weddings, reunions, conferences, meetings, or other events where parties must reserve the stadium venue in advance of the event;

2.39.3. Operates a restaurant and full kitchen with ovens, as determined by the Commissioner, on the licensed premises and capable of serving freshly prepared food, or meals to serve its stated members, guests, and patrons who will be attending the event at the private professional sports stadium;

2.39.4. Owns or leases, controls, operates, and uses acreage amounting to at least 3 contiguous acres of bounded or fenced real property, as determined by the Commissioner, which would be listed on the professional sports stadium's floorplan and could be used for contracted for professional sporting events, group-type weddings, reunions, conferences, meetings, or other events;

2.39.5. List the entire property from subsection 2.39.4., and all adjoining buildings and structures on the private professional sports stadium's floorplan which would comprise the licensed premises, which would be authorized for the lawful sales, service, and consumption of alcoholic liquors throughout the licensed premises whether these activities were conducted in a building or structure or outdoors while on the private professional sports stadium's licensed premises and as noted on the private professional sports stadium's floorplan;

2.39.6. Have an identified person, persons, or entity that has right, title, and ownership interest in the real property buildings and structures located on the proposed licensed premises;

2.9.7. Meet and be subject to all other private club requirements; and

2.39.8. Use an age verification system approved by the Commissioner.

2.40. "Private tennis club" means an applicant for a private club or licensed private club licensee meeting the criteria set forth in this subsection which:

2.40.1. Has at least 100 members;

2.40.2. Maintains at least four separate and distinct tennis courts, either indoor or outdoor, and a clubhouse or similar facility;

2.40.3. Has a restaurant and full kitchen with ovens, as determined by the Commissioner, on the licensed premises and is capable of serving freshly prepared food;

2.40.4. Owns or leases, controls, operates, and uses acreage amounting to at least two contiguous acres of bounded or fenced real property which would be listed on the private tennis club's floorplan and could be used for tennis events and large events such as weddings, reunions, conferences, tournaments, meetings, and sporting or recreational events;

2.40.5. Lists the entire property from subsection 2.40.4., and all adjoining buildings and structures on the private tennis club's floorplan that would comprise the licensed premises, which would be authorized for the lawful sales, service, and consumption of alcoholic liquors throughout the licensed premises whether these activities were conducted in a building or structure or outdoors while on the private tennis club's licensed premises and as noted on the private tennis club's floorplan;

2.40.6. Has identified a person, persons, an entity, or entities who or which has right, title, and ownership interest in the real property buildings and structures located on the proposed licensed premises;

2.40.7. Meets and is subject to all other private club requirements; and

2.40.8. Uses an age verification system approved by the Commissioner.

2.41. "Private wedding venue or barn" means an applicant for a private club or licensed private club licensee that is only open for reserved weddings, reunions, conferences, meetings, or other events and does not maintain daily or regular operating hours, and which:

2.41.1. Has at least 25 members;

2.41.2. Maintains a venue, facility, barn, or pavilion primarily used for weddings, reunions, conferences, meetings, or other events where parties must reserve or contract for the venue, facility, barn, or pavilion in advance of the event;

2.41.3. Operates a restaurant and full kitchen with ovens, as determined by the Commissioner, on the licensed premises and is capable of serving freshly prepared food, or may engage a food caterer to provide adequate freshly prepared food or meals to serve its stated members, guests, and patrons who will be attending the event at the private wedding venue or barn. The applicant or licensee shall provide written documentation including a list of food caterers or written agreements regarding any food catering operations to the Commissioner prior to approval of a food catering event;

2.41.4. Owns or leases, controls, operates, and uses acreage amounting to at least two contiguous acres of bounded or fenced real property. The applicant or licensee shall verify that, the property is less than two acres and is remotely located, subject to the Commissioner's approval. The bounded or fenced real property may be listed on the private wedding venue's floorplan and may be used for large events such as weddings, reunions, conferences, meetings, or other events;

2.41.5. Lists the entire property from subsection 2.41.4., and all adjoining buildings and structures on the private wedding venue or barn's floorplan that would comprise the licensed premises, which would be authorized for the lawful sales, service, and consumption of alcoholic liquors throughout the licensed

premises whether these activities were conducted in a building or structure or outdoors while on the private wedding venue or barn's licensed premises and as noted on the private wedding venue or barn's floorplan;

2.41.6. Has an identified person, persons, or entity that has right, title, and ownership interest in the real property buildings and structures located on the proposed licensed premises;

2.41.7. Meets and is subject to all other private club requirements; and

2.41.8. Uses an age verification system approved by the Commissioner.

2.42. "Qualified permit holder" means the holder of a: Class A private club type, Class S3 license (multivendor fair and festival), Class B, or Class S2 license (private fair and festival license) issued under W. Va. Code §60-7-1 *et seq.*; Class A private wine restaurant, private wine bed and breakfast, or private wine spa issued under W. Va. Code §60-8-1 *et seq.*; Class A tavern license or brewpub license or Class S (nonintoxicating beer fair or festival) or S1 license (one day charitable beer license) issued under W. Va. Code §11-16-1 *et seq.*; Class A hard cider license issued under W. Va. Code §60-8A-1 *et seq.*; or a Class S4N permit issued under W. Va. Code §60-7-8h that ~~elects to~~ may operate within a private outdoor designated area and is issued a Class S4 qualified permit to operate in a PODA created pursuant to W. Va. Code §8-12-26 and W. Va. Code §60-7-8g to conduct on-premises sales of liquor, wine, hard cider, nonintoxicating beer, or nonintoxicating craft beer in the PODA. ~~There are no Class B licenses issued pursuant to W. Va. Code §60-7-1 *et seq.*~~

2.43. "Qualified non-profit permit holder" means a non-profit corporate entity organized pursuant to W. Va. Code §31E-1-101 *et seq.* (WV Nonprofit Corporation Act), that elects to operate an event solely within a PODA, and who has applied, paid the annual fee, and been approved for a Class S4N special permit pursuant to W. Va. Code §60-7-1 *et seq.*, to conduct on-premises sales of liquor, wine, hard cider, nonintoxicating beer, or nonintoxicating craft beer in the PODA subject to a municipality's approval with other Class S4 qualified permit holders.

2.44. "Record" means any manner of recording from which a transcript can be made.

~~2.44.~~ 2.45. "Retail liquor outlet" means the establishment where the private club is authorized to purchase alcoholic liquors. Such retail liquor outlet must be licensed to sell alcoholic liquors in the original package for consumption off the premises, to the public in West Virginia by the Commissioner as authorized by either W. Va. Code §60-3-1 *et seq.* or W. Va. Code §60-3A-1 *et seq.*

~~2.45.~~ 2.46. "Sale" means any transfer or exchange of goods or services, in exchange for money, currency, checks, credit cards, or barter in any manner or by any means, for a consideration, and shall include all sales made by principal, proprietor, agent, or employee.

~~2.46.~~ 2.47. "Selling" includes solicitation or receipt of orders, possession for sale, and possession with intent to sell.

~~2.47.~~ 2.48. "Wine" means any beverage obtained by the fermentation of the natural content of fruits, or honey, or other agricultural products, containing sugar to which no alcohol has been added and includes, but is not limited to, table wines, hard cider, nonfortified dessert wine, wine coolers, still wines, champagne, and other sparkling wines, carbonated wines, imitation wines, vermouth, hard cider, perry, sake, or other similar wine-based beverages offered for sale or sold as wines containing not less than 0.5 percent nor more than 24% alcohol by volume (See 175 CSR 4 – Sale of Wine).

**§175-2-3. Licensure.**

3.1. License application. - The application for license to operate any type of private club shall include the following:

3.1.1. The name signatures, citizenship, address, and residence of the applicant and manager.

3.1.2. The place at which such applicant will conduct its operations, whether it is owned or leased by applicant; and if leased, from whom, giving names and addresses of all lessors.

3.1.3. If the applicant is an unincorporated association, the names and addresses of members of its governing board.

3.1.4. If the applicant is a corporation, the names and addresses of its officers and directors. If such person be a limited liability company, the names and addresses of the members and/or managers.

3.1.5. The size and nature of the dining and kitchen facilities operated by applicant and the specific proportions of any structure used in conjunction with other purposes that will constitute the type of private club.

3.1.6. Arrest record, if any, of the applicant and manager, and if the applicant is a corporation, limited liability company, partnership or association the arrest record, if any, of the officers, directors, partners, members, managers, or stewards including disposition of same.

3.1.6.a. The Commissioner shall conduct background investigations for the purpose of determining whether the applicant or the applicant's manager has been charged with, indicted for, or convicted of a crime that may have bearing upon the applicant or the applicant's manager's fitness to hold a private club license. For purposes of this paragraph, "background investigation" means a criminal investigation of an applicant and an applicant's manager who has applied for the issuance or renewal of a private club license pursuant to W. Va. Code §60-7-1 *et seq.* The applicant will submit West Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Administration Release of Information and Waiver of Confidentiality of Records Form on the form provided by the Commissioner. The applicant and applicant's manager will obtain a fingerprinting service code from the ABCA. The applicant and applicant's manager will contact the current background check service provider to schedule fingerprinting for completion of the background check. The current background check service provider will receive the background check results from the West Virginia State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The results will be shared with the ABCA.

3.1.6.b. The Commissioner will conduct background investigations for the purpose of determining whether an applicant and the applicant's manager has been charged with, indicted for, or convicted of a crime that may have bearing upon the applicant's or applicant's manager's fitness to hold a license. For purposes of this paragraph, "background investigation" means a criminal investigation of an applicant and the applicant's manager who has applied for the issuance or renewal of a license. The applicant and the applicant's manager will submit West Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Administration Release of Information and Waiver of Confidentiality of Records Form as provided by the Commissioner. The applicant and the applicant's manager will obtain a fingerprinting service code from the ABCA. The applicant and applicant's manager will contact the current background check service provider to schedule fingerprinting for completion of the background check. The current background check service provider will receive the background check results from the West Virginia State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The results will be shared with the ABCA.

3.1.6.c. The applicant will reimburse the ABCA for all fees or charges that are incurred by the ABCA for the background investigation.

3.1.7. Manager requirement. - No licenses shall be given to any applicant or renewed for any licensee who has not listed a manager on the applicant's license application, or a licensee's renewal application, and further that the manager shall meet all other requirements of licensure, including, but not limited to, United States citizenship or naturalization, passing a background investigation, being at least 21 years of age, not have been convicted of a felony in the previous five years before the date of application, not have been convicted of a crime involving fraud, dishonesty, or deceit in the previous five years before application, and not have been convicted of a felony crime for violating alcohol-related distribution laws in the previous five years, being capable of operating a bona fide private club of good reputation in the community, and other requirements, all as set forth in the code and the legislative rules, in order for the manager to be able to meet and conduct any regulatory matters, including, but not limited to: licensure or enforcement matters related to the applicant or licensee all in the interest of protecting public health and safety and being a suitable applicant or licensee. In order to maintain active licensure, any change by a licensee in any manager listed on a license or renewal application shall be made immediately to the Commissioner, to verify that the new manager meets licensure requirements.

3.1.8. A statement of purpose or purposes for which the club is organized (social, recreation, benevolent, charitable, fraternal or profit).

3.1.9. How long the club has been in existence prior to the date of the application.

3.1.10. What national organization it is affiliated with, if any, and the date of affiliation and nature thereof.

3.1.11. Number of employees.

3.1.12. Number of members of the applicant.

3.1.13. West Virginia consumers sales tax identification number.

3.1.14. West Virginia business franchise tax number.

3.1.15. West Virginia Health Department permit number to operate a restaurant.

3.1.16. Type of license applied for.

3.1.17. Application shall only be made on the form provided by the Commissioner or available on the ABCA website at [www.abca.wv.gov](http://www.abca.wv.gov). This form must be completed in its entirety and failure to complete all questions shall constitute grounds for refusal to grant a license.

3.1.18. Whether the applicant is the holder of a federal gambling stamp.

3.1.19. Whether the applicant is the holder of a retail liquor dealer special tax stamp.

3.2. Refusal of license.

3.2.1. No license shall be issued by the Commissioner to any private club:

3.2.1.a. That is located on any college campus, state university campus, or branch thereof,

unless it is located in an on-campus structure listed on the National Register of Historic Places located within a designated National Historic Landmark District or such private club type is located upon the premises of a National Collegiate Athletic Association, or its successor, approved Division I, II, or III sports stadium used for revenue generating sports by a college or university on its campus and no classes are held at the sports stadium or at a private college sports stadium.

3.2.1.b. That is the holder of a federal gambling stamp or whose manager or employee is a holder of a federal gambling stamp.

3.2.1.c. That discriminates against any person or group of persons in violation of applicable state or federal law: *Provided*, that a license cannot be refused based on unlawful discrimination.

3.2.1.d. That submits an application for license that contains any false statement, and any statement found to be false after granting of said license shall be grounds for revocation or suspension of said license.

3.2.1.e. That is not a bona fide private club of good reputation in the community in which it operates. For purposes of making such a determination, the Commissioner shall take into consideration whether the ownership and management of the private club will involve persons that have not been convicted of a felony in the previous five years before the date of application, not have been convicted of a crime involving fraud, dishonesty, or deceit in the previous five years before application, and not have been convicted of a felony crime for violating alcohol-related distribution laws in the previous five years and whether the premises to be used by the private club is a suitable place.

3.2.1.f. That fails to have the applicant and manager attest that the information in the application is true and accurate.

3.2.2. The Commissioner may refuse to grant any license if he or she has reasonable cause to believe, as indicated by documented evidence, that the applicant, or any officer, director or manager thereof, or shareholder owning 20% or more of its capital stock, beneficial or otherwise, or other person conducting or managing the affairs of the applicant or of the proposed licensed premises, in whole or part:

3.2.2.a. Has not been convicted of a felony in the previous five years before the date of application, has not been convicted of a crime involving fraud, dishonesty, or deceit in the previous five years before application, and has not been convicted of a felony crime for violating alcohol-related distribution laws in the previous five years;

3.2.2.b. Has maintained a noisy, loud, disorderly, or unsanitary establishment;

3.2.2.c. Has demonstrated, either by his or her police record or by his record as a former licensee under W. Va. Code §11-16-1 *et seq.* or Chapter 60 of the West Virginia Code a lack of respect for law and order, generally, or for the laws and rules governing the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages or nonintoxicating beer;

3.2.2.d. Has misrepresented a material fact in applying to the Commissioner for a license; or

3.2.2.e. Has not listed accurate and complete ownership information.

3.2.3. For purposes of this rule, the Commissioner shall refuse to grant any license if he or she has reasonable cause to believe, as indicated by documented evidence that the applicant, or any officer, director or manager thereof, or shareholder owning 20% or more of its capital stock, beneficial or

otherwise, or other person conducting or managing the affairs to the applicant or of the proposed licensed premises, in whole or part:

3.2.3.a. Is not 21 years of age or older;

3.2.3.b. Has been convicted of a felony or other crime involving fraud, dishonesty, or deceit, and upon such conviction the applicant will not be eligible for licensure within five years next preceding successful completion of all conditions of probation, discharge from parole supervision, or expiration of sentence;

3.2.3.c. Has been convicted of violating any alcoholic liquor laws, rules, or regulations, or any beer laws, rules, or regulations of any state or the United States, and upon such conviction the applicant shall not be eligible for licensure within five years next preceding successful completion of all conditions of probation, discharge from parole supervision, or expiration of sentence;

3.2.3.d. Has had any license revoked under the alcoholic liquor laws, rules, or regulations, or the beer laws, rules or regulations of any state or the United States within five years next preceding the filing date of the application;

3.2.3.e. Is not the legitimate owner of the business proposed to be licensed, or other persons have ownership interests in the business, which have not been disclosed;

3.2.3.f. Is a person to whom alcoholic beverages may not be sold under the provisions of Chapter 60 of the West Virginia Code;

3.2.3.g. Has been adjudicated an incompetent;

3.2.3.h. Is an officer or employee of the Alcohol Beverage Control Commissioner of West Virginia; or

3.2.3.i. Is violating or allowing the violation of any provision of Chapter 60 or Chapter 61 of the West Virginia Code or W. Va. Code §11-16-1 *et seq.* in its establishment at the time its application for a license is pending or at any time during either the current licensed period or the immediately preceding licensing period.

3.2.4. No license shall be issued by the Commissioner to any type of private club if the place to be occupied by the applicant:

3.2.4.a. Does not conform to the requirements of applicable laws of the State with respect to sanitation, health, construction, or equipment, or to any similar requirements established by the rules of the Commissioner.

3.2.4.b. Is so located that violations of W. Va. Code §60-1-1 *et seq.*, or of the rules of the Commissioner, or the laws of this State relating to peace and good order would result from the issuance of such license and operation by the applicant.

3.2.4.c. Is so situated with respect to any church, hospital, school, college, or university, public or private playground or other similar recreational facilities, or any state, local, or federal government-operated facility, that operation under the license will adversely affect or interfere with normal, orderly conduct of the affairs of such facilities or institutions.

3.2.4.d. Is so situated with respect to any residence or residential area that its operation will adversely affect real property values or substantially interfere with the usual quietude and tranquility of the residential area.

3.2.5. The Commissioner may refuse to issue a license if he or she has reasonable ground to believe that the number of licenses existent in the locality is such that the issuance of an additional license would be detrimental to the interests, morals, safety, or welfare of the public, and, in reaching his or her conclusion in this respect, the Commissioner may consider the character, population, and number of similar licensees in the particular town, city, or county and the immediate neighborhood concerned, and the effect which a new license may have on such town, city, county, or neighborhood in conforming with the purposes of the Liquor Control Act.

3.2.5.a. Any person applying for a license to operate a private club at any location within a municipality must file a notice of such intention using the zoning form provided by the Commissioner or available on the ABCA website at [www.abca.wv.gov](http://www.abca.wv.gov), with the clerk or recorder of the municipality at least 10 calendar days prior to filing an application for a private club license with the ABCA as required by W. Va. Code §60-7-4a.

3.2.5.b. Any person applying for a license to operate any type of private club that is not within a municipality, must submit a letter from the county commissioner stating that the location of the club is in compliance with zoning ordinances for that county.

3.2.6. In the process of determining whether or not a license should be issued, the Commissioner must investigate the accuracy of all allegations, that could lead to denial of the license. The Commissioner may request such other information as the Commissioner may reasonably require of the applicant and a manager which shall include, but not be limited to, all pecuniary or financial interest in the applicant and the criminal records, if any, of each member of the applicant's governing board.

3.2.7. Upon receipt of a completed application, together with the accompanying fee and bond, the Commissioner shall conduct an investigation to determine the accuracy of the matters contained in such completed application and whether applicant is a bona fide private club of good reputation in the community in which it shall operate. For the purpose of conducting such investigation, the Commissioner may withhold the granting or refusal to grant the license for a period not to exceed 30 calendar days or until the applicant has completed the conditions set forth in the code, all as determined by the Commissioner. The Commissioner may issue a license authorizing the applicant to sell alcoholic liquors if it appears that the applicant is a bona fide private club of good reputation in the community in which it shall operate and that the applicant and the manager listed in the application or renewal application have not made any false statement, material misrepresentation, or omissions; have no hidden ownership or undisclosed pecuniary interests; and have complied with all applicable requirements in the West Virginia Code and Code of State Rules, which are all subject to investigation by the Commissioner and as determined by the Commissioner.

3.3. Type of license. - The Commissioner, upon a decision to grant a license, will issue said license in one of two categories:

Type I. - This is for a private club license issued to a nationally recognized fraternal or veterans organization, and or any other nonprofit social club, all of the same being operated exclusively for the benefit of its members and pays no part of its income to shareholders or individual members, and maintains on its premises a suitable kitchen and dining facility with related equipment for serving food to members and their guests.

Type II. - This is for social organizations or corporations operated for legitimate purposes and for profit, that pays part of its income to shareholders or individual members, and maintains on its premises a suitable kitchen and dining facility with related equipment, and employs a sufficient number of persons for the serving of meals to members and their guests at all times during the hours of operation.

As to each of the categories above, a license will only be granted upon a certification that the general public is not and will not be admitted on the premises, and only duly elected or approved dues paying members in good standing, and their guests, while in the company of a member, are permitted to enter said premises. The membership list requirement may be met through social media members and guests, actual member and guest list, or other lists of members, either electronically or manually, maintained by the licensee. Any type of private club that does not maintain a membership list may not be afforded the rights and protections of the private club privilege.

3.3.1. A private fair and festival, one-day charitable rare, antique, or vintage liquor auction, and a private multi-vendor festival are temporary Type II licenses, and a private club bar, private club restaurant, private manufacturers club, private hotel, private resort hotel, private golf club, private nine-hole golf course, private caterer, private farmers market, private multi-sport complex, private professional sports stadium, private tennis club, and private wedding venue or barn are Type II licenses.

#### 3.4. Fees, additional license types and license services.

3.4.1. The annual fee for licenses issued under the provisions of W. Va. Code §60-7-1 *et seq.* shall be as follows:

3.4.1.a. For a fraternal or veterans organization or a nonprofit social club, \$750.00.

3.4.1.b. For a private club bar or private club restaurant other than a private club of the type specified in subdivision 3.4.1.a. of this subsection, \$1,000.00 if determined by the Commissioner that such private club has less than 1,000 members and \$2,500.00 if such private club bar or private club restaurant has 1,000 or more members. A private club bar or private club restaurant licensee with 1,000 or more members may, in the Commissioner's discretion, operate Class B license for the off-premises sale of nonintoxicating beer and wine in a connected but separately operated area of the private club premises: *Provided*, that each business is licensed separately and operates separate cash registers and maintains separation barriers between the different licensed operations. Failure of a licensee to license two inner-connected businesses shall subject the licensee to the penalties under W.Va. Code §60-7-1 *et seq.* and this rule. The fee for any license issued following the first day of January of any year, to expire on the 30th day of June of each year, will be 1/2 of that previously prescribed. Such fee shall be made payable to the "West Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Administration Commissioner" and paid by certified check, cashier's check, business check, personal check, or money order, or by credit card paid only on the ABCA website at [www.abea.wv.gov](http://www.abea.wv.gov). All payments must accompany or be made simultaneously with the filing of an application.

3.4.1.b.1. For a private hotel, private golf club (18 holes), private coliseum or center, private food court, private nine-hole golf course, private farmers market, private food truck, private college sports stadium, private professional sports stadium, private multi-sport complex, private manufacturer club, or a private tennis club of the type specified in W. Va. Code §60-7-6(b), \$2,000.00.

3.4.1.b.2. For a private resort hotel of the type specified in W. Va. Code §60-7-6(b): with 5 or fewer designated areas, \$7,500.00; with at least 6 but no more than 10 designated areas, \$12,500.00; with at least 11 but no more than 15 designated areas, \$17,500.00; and with no fewer than 15 nor more than 20 designated areas, \$22,500.00.

3.4.1.b.3. For a private wedding venue or barn or a private cigar shop of the type specified in W. Va. Code §60-7-6(b), \$1,500.00.

3.4.1.b.4. For a private caterer, that is already licensed as private club restaurant, private hotel, or private resort hotel, of the type specified in W. Va. Code §60-7-6(b), \$1,000.00.

3.4.1.b.5. For a private bakery of the type specified in W. Va. Code §60-7-6(b), \$500.00.

3.4.1.b.6. For a qualified permit holder operating in a PODA as set forth in W. Va. Code §60-7-8g, \$100.00, which is annual, nonrefundable, and non-prorated, however an approved licensee who has a Class S1, Class S2 or Class S3 license does not have to pay the \$100.00 permit fee but must complete the qualified permit application.

3.4.1.b.7. For a qualified non-profit permit holder, as set forth in W. Va. Code §60-7-8h, operating in any statewide authorized and approved PODA, and as such qualified non-profit permit holder has also been further approved by the municipality who authorized the PODA, as set forth in W. Va. Code §60-7-8g, \$1,500.00, which is annual, nonrefundable, and non-prorated.

3.4.2. A private resort hotel having obtained a license and paid the \$22,500.00 annual license fee may, upon application to and approval of the Commissioner, designate additional areas for a period not to exceed seven calendar days for an additional fee of \$150.00 per day, per designated area.

3.4.3. A private fair and festival shall be designated a Class S2 private fair and festival license for the retail sale of liquor, wine, nonintoxicating beer, and nonintoxicating craft beer for on-premises consumption at a temporary event and shall pay a nonrefundable nonprorated license fee of \$500.00.

3.4.4. A private multi-vendor fair and festival shall be designated a Class S3 private multi-vendor fair and festival license for the retail sale of liquor, wine, and nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer for on-premises consumption at a temporary event and shall pay a nonrefundable nonprorated license fee of \$500.00.

3.4.5. A one-day charitable rare, antique, or vintage liquor auction shall be a one-day special license issued to any licensed private club type in partnership with a duly organized and federally approved nonprofit organization or entity to conduct a charitable auction of rare, antique, or vintage liquor, as determined by the Commissioner, on the licensed private club's licensed premises for consumption off-premises and shall pay a nonrefundable nonprorated \$150.00 license fee per one-time event.

3.4.6. Growler requirements.

3.4.6.a. Nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer growler requirements. - Any type of licensed private club who pays the \$100.00 fee set forth in W. Va. Code §11-16-6b and meets the requirements of this section may offer nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer for retail sale to patrons from their licensed premises in a growler for personal consumption only off of the licensed premises and not for resale.

3.4.6.a.1. Prior to a growler sale, the licensee shall verify, using proper identification, that any patron purchasing nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer is 21 years of age or over and that the patron is not visibly intoxicated.

3.4.6.a.2. A licensee may not sell, give, or furnish alcoholic liquors, including wine, for consumption off of its licensed premises, unless it is any type of private club licensed to sell sealed wine for consumption off of the licensed premises and meets the requirements set forth in the W. Va. Code §60-8-1 *et seq.*, and in subsection 3.4.7. or 3.4.6.b., for the sale of sealed wine growlers, not liquor, and further unless a private club restaurant or private manufacturer club is licensed for sale of liquor in craft cocktail growlers as set forth in subsection 3.4.6.c. and W. Va. Code §60-7-1 *et seq.*

3.4.6.a.3. A licensee shall comply with all the retail sales, payment of taxes and fees, advertising, nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer growler requirements, nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer growler labeling, nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer growler sanitation, nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer growler sampling and limitations provisions of W. Va. Code §11-16-6b and shall be subject to all applicable requirements and penalties in W. Va. Code §11-16-1 *et seq.*

3.4.6.b. Wine Growler requirements. Any type of licensed private club who pays the \$100.00 fee set forth in W. Va. Code §60-8-6d and meets the requirements of this section may offer wine for retail sale to patrons from their licensed premises in a growler for personal consumption only off of the licensed premises, and not for resale.

3.4.6.b.1. Prior to a growler sale, the licensee shall verify, using proper identification, that any patron purchasing wine is 21 years of age or over and that the patron is not visibly intoxicated.

3.4.6.b.2. A licensee may not sell, give, or furnish alcoholic liquors, including wine, for consumption off of its licensed premises, unless it is any type of private club licensed to sell sealed wine for consumption off of the licensed premises and meets the requirements set forth in the W. Va. Code §60-8-1 *et seq.*, and in subsection 3.4.7. or 3.4.6.b., for the sale of sealed wine growlers, not liquor, and further unless a private club restaurant or private manufacturer club is licensed for sale of liquor in craft cocktail growlers as set forth in subsection 3.4.6.c. and W. Va. Code §60-7-1 *et seq.*

3.4.6.b.3. A licensee shall comply with all the retail sales, payment of taxes and fees, advertising, wine growler requirements, wine growler labeling, wine growler sanitation, wine growler sampling and limitations provisions of W. Va. Code §60-8-6c and §60-8-6d and shall be subject to all applicable requirements and penalties in W. Va. Code §60-8-1 *et seq.*

#### 3.4.6.c. Craft Cocktail Growler requirements.

3.4.6.c.1. Craft cocktail growler defined. - “Craft Cocktail Growler” means a container or jug that is made of glass (may include a howler), ceramic, metal, plastic (any plastic must be certified as BPA free and any plastic that generates BPAs in the cleaning and sanitization process, which are hazardous to public health, will not be approved), or other material approved by the Commissioner, that may be no larger than 128 fluid ounces in size and must be capable of being securely sealed and may be sold in accordance with the Code.

3.4.6.c.2 Sales of craft cocktail growlers. - A licensed private club restaurant or private manufacturer club that is authorized under a current and valid license and meets the requirements of this section may offer a craft cocktail growler in the ratio of up to one fluid ounce of liquor to four fluid ounces of nonalcoholic beverages or mixers, not to exceed 128 fluid ounces for the entire beverage in the craft cocktail growler, for retail sale to patrons from their licensed premises in a sealed craft cocktail growler for personal consumption only off of the licensed premises.

3.4.6.c.2.A. There shall be a \$100 non-prorated, non-refundable annual fee to sell

craft cocktail growlers and sales must be completed in accordance with the Code.

3.4.6.c.2.B. Every licensee licensed under this section shall pay all taxes and fees required by the Code and shall comply with the required markup specified in W. Va. Code §60-3A-17(e)(2) when conducting sealed craft cocktail growler sales.

3.4.6.c.2.C. Every licensee licensed under this section may only advertise a particular brand or brands of liquor manufactured by a distillery, mini-distillery, or micro-distillery upon written approval from the distillery, mini-distillery, micro-distillery, or an authorized and licensed broker to the licensee. Advertisements may not encourage intemperance or target minors.

#### 3.4.6.c.3. Craft cocktail growler requirements.

3.4.6.c.3.A. A licensee licensed under this section may refill a craft cocktail growler from a secure area only accessible by the authorized licensee and its staff and not accessible by patrons, subject to the requirements of this section. The Commissioner has discretion to determine a secure area on a case-by-case basis for each authorized licensee.

3.4.6.c.3.B. A licensee licensed under this section must sanitize, inspect, fill, securely seal, and label any craft cocktail growler prior to its sale (See 3.4.6.c.5.) in accordance with the Code.

3.4.6.c.4. Craft cocktail growler labeling. - A licensee licensed under this section selling craft cocktail growlers shall affix a conspicuous label on all sold and securely sealed craft cocktail growlers listing the name of the licensee selling the craft cocktail growler, the brand of the liquor in the craft cocktail growler, the type of craft cocktail or name of the craft cocktail, the alcohol content by volume of the liquor in the craft cocktail growler, and the date the craft cocktail growler was filled or refilled, and, all labeling on the craft cocktail growler shall be consistent with all federal labeling and warning requirements.

3.4.6.c.5. Craft cocktail growler sanitation. - A licensee licensed under this section shall clean and sanitize all craft cocktail growlers he or she fills or refills in accordance with all state and county health requirements prior to its sealing. In addition, the licensee licensed under this section shall sanitize, in accordance with all state and county health requirements, all taps, tap lines, pipe lines, barrel tubes, and any other related equipment used to fill or refill craft cocktail growlers. Failure to comply with this subsection may result in penalties under this article: *Provided*, That, if the reuse or refilling of a craft cocktail growler would violate federal law such craft cocktail growler must only be used one-time, for one filling, and be discarded after the one-time use. Any approved craft cocktail growler made from plastic must be certified BPA-free, sanitized at the place of manufacture and prior to filling must remain in the original sanitized package in order to meet sanitization requirements, thus such a one-time use approved craft cocktail growler made from plastic is permissible when meeting the requirements of the Code and rule. A plastic cup with a lid does not qualify as craft cocktail growler.

3.4.6.c.6. Pre-mixing of a craft cocktail. - A licensee licensed under this section may pre-mix the nonalcoholic beverages or mixers in the advance of a craft cocktail growler purchase and sealing, and add the liquor, as set forth in this section, upon a member or guest's purchase of a craft cocktail growler. A licensee licensed under this section must dispose of any expired premixed nonalcoholic beverages or mixers pursuant to Bureau for Public Health requirements when such premixed nonalcoholic beverages or mixers are no longer fit for human consumption. A licensee authorized under W. Va. Code §60-6-8(7) may use a premixed beverage meeting the requirements therein and is also subject to the requirements of this section for a craft cocktail growler.

## 3.4.6.c.7. Limitations on licensees.

3.4.6.c.7.A. Sales of craft cocktail growlers to member and guests only. A licensee licensed under this section shall not sell craft cocktail growlers to other licensees, but only to its members and guests.

3.4.6.c.7.B. Sales of craft cocktail growlers may be made: to a person ordering to-go while physically at the licensed premises, to a person who dined in-person on a food or meal and wants a craft cocktail growler to-go, to a person ordering by telephone, mobile application, or web-based ordering for in-person or in-vehicle pickup while picking up food or a meal, ~~or any craft cocktail growler sales.~~

3.4.6.c.7.B.i. A licensee licensed under this section must provide food or a meal along with one sealed craft cocktail growler to a patron, subject to verification that the purchasing person is 21 years of age or older, and not visibly or noticeably intoxicated, and as otherwise specified, except for the person who has dined with the licensee and seeks to purchase craft cocktail growler to-go.

3.4.6.c.7.B.ii. A licensee licensed under this section may only sell one sealed craft cocktail growler to a patron ~~who has not been consuming alcoholic liquors or nonintoxicating beer on its licensed premises~~ or one craft cocktail growler per food or meal in the order delivered per W. Va. Code §60-7-8f.

3.4.6.c.7.C. A licensee licensed to sell craft cocktail growlers shall be subject to the applicable Bureau for Public Health legislative rules and requirements concerning sanitation.

3.4.6.d. Pre-mixing Permits. - It is generally unlawful for any licensee to sell, furnish, tender, or serve pre-mixed alcoholic liquor that is not in the original container, except:

3.4.6.d.1. Any type of private club licensee may sell, furnish, tender, and serve up to 15 recipes of pre-mixed beverages consisting of alcoholic liquors and nonalcoholic mixer (Examples of pre-mixed cocktails: margarita, sangria, old fashioned, and cosmopolitan), when approved by the Commissioner and in accordance with public health and safety standards;

3.4.6.d.1.A. Any type of private club licensee shall use approved dispensing and storage equipment which shall be cleaned after each use or after each batch of the pre-mixed beverage is made and at the end each business day; and

3.4.6.d.1.B. A licensee that obtains a permit shall maintain a written record reflecting the cleaning and sanitizing of the storage and dispensing equipment for inspection by the Commissioner and health inspectors, and shall abide by the requirements regarding disposal of premixed beverages or nonalcoholic beverages pursuant to the Bureau of Public Health;

3.4.6.d.2. Any type of private club licensee desiring to pre-mix alcoholic beverages shall complete the Pre-Mixing Permit application found on the ABCA website and list up to 15 drink recipes for pre-mixing approval by the Commissioner, and shall also submit the type of dispensing and storage equipment for each pre-mix recipe for approval by the Commissioner;

3.4.6.d.3. The licensee applying for a pre-mixing permit must specify if alcohol is being added to the pre-mixed recipe before storage, after storage, or at the time of purchase.

3.4.6.d.4. A violation or violations of this subdivision may result in the suspension or revocation of the permit and may result in additional sanctions under W. Va. Code §60-1-1 *et seq.*

3.4.6.e. Private delivery license for a licensed private club restaurant, private manufacturer club, or a third party; craft cocktail growler delivery requirements; limitations; third party license fee; private cocktail delivery permit; and requirements.

3.4.6.e.1. A licensed private club restaurant or private manufacturer club licensed to sell liquor for on-premises consumption may apply for a private delivery license permitting the order, sale, and delivery of liquor and a nonalcoholic mixer or beverage in a sealed craft cocktail growler, when separately licensed for craft cocktail growler sales as set forth in the Code and rules.

3.4.6.e.1.A. The order, sale, and delivery of a sealed craft cocktail growler is permitted for off-premises consumption when completed by the licensee to a person purchasing the craft cocktail growler through a telephone, a mobile ordering application, or web-based software program, authorized by the licensee's license.

3.4.6.e.1.B. There is no additional fee for a licensed private club restaurant or private manufacturer club to obtain a private delivery license.

3.4.6.e.2. A third party, not licensed for liquor sales or distribution, may apply for a private delivery license for the privilege of ordering and delivery of craft cocktail growlers, from a licensee with a craft cocktail growler license.

3.4.6.e.2.A. The order and delivery of a sealed craft cocktail growler is permitted by a third party who obtains a license under this section when a private club restaurant or private manufacturer club sells to a person purchasing the sealed craft cocktail growler through telephone orders, a mobile ordering application, or a web-based software program.

3.4.6.e.2.B. The private delivery license nonprorated, nonrefundable annual fee is \$200 for each third party entity, with no limit on the number of drivers and vehicles.

3.4.6.e.3. Sale Requirements: A craft cocktail growler purchase must accompany the purchase of prepared food or a meal, must be sold to a person at least 21 years of age who is not visibly or noticeably intoxicated at the time of the sale, may not be in excess of 128 fluid ounces; and must otherwise comply with W. Va. Code §60-7-1 *et seq.*, and specifically W. Va. Code §60-7-8f.

3.4.6.e.4. Craft Cocktail Growler Delivery Requirements: A craft cocktail growler may be delivered to a person if the delivery driver verifies that the person is at least 21 years of age, is not noticeably or visibly intoxicated at the time of delivery and is the purchasing person as defined in the Code. Any delivery driver that cannot complete a delivery in accordance with W. Va. Code §60-7-8f may leave the food or meal that was ordered with the person at the delivery location, but must return any craft cocktail growler or growlers to the licensee since the delivery requirements were not met.

3.4.6.e.5. Telephone, mobile ordering application, or web-based software requirements.  
– The delivery person must permit only the person who placed the delivery order through telephone order, mobile ordering application, or web-based software to accept the prepared food or meal and a craft cocktail growler delivery. The delivery person must verify the person's age using the person's legal identification. The delivery must otherwise comply with W. Va. Code §60-7-8f(f).

3.4.6.e.6. Private Cocktail Delivery Permit.

3.4.6.e.6.A. The licensed private club restaurant, private manufacturer club, or third

party private delivery licensee shall:

3.4.6.e.6.A.i. Obtain and maintain a retail transportation permit for its delivery drivers for the delivery of prepared food and a sealed craft cocktail growler;

3.4.6.e.6.A.ii. Provide vehicle and driver information, requested by the Commissioner. Upon any change in vehicles or drivers, the licensee shall update the driver and vehicle information with the Commissioner within 10 days of the change; and

3.4.6.e.6.B. Per W. Va. Code §60-6-12, a private cocktail delivery permit shall meet the requirements of a transportation permit which authorizes the permit holder to transport liquor.

3.4.7. Wine bottle requirements. - A license to sell wine granted to any private club entitles the operator to sell and serve wine, for consumption on the premises of the licensee when the sale accompanies the serving of food or a meal:

3.4.7.a. Any licensed private club for no additional license fee may permit a person over 21 years of age to purchase wine, consume wine, and recork or reseal, using a tamper resistant cork or seal, up to two separate bottles of unconsumed wine in conjunction with the serving of food or a meal to its members and their guests in accordance with the provisions of W. Va. Code §60-8-1 *et seq.* for the purpose of consumption of said wine off-premises;

3.4.7.b. Any licensed private club who shall apply, pay a \$100.00 license fee, and is approved by the Commissioner may offer for sale, for consumption off the premises, sealed bottles of wine to its customers in conjunction with the serving of food or a meal: *Provided*, that no more than one bottle is sold per each person over 21 years of age, as verified by the private club, for consumption off the premises. Such licensees are authorized to keep and maintain on their premises a supply of wine in quantities appropriate for the conduct of operations thereof. Any sale of wine is subject to all restrictions set forth in W. Va. Code §60-8-20.

3.4.7.c. Corkage or uncorking of wine is permitted for a private club restaurant as set forth in the requirements in subsection 2.25.5.

3.4.8. Liquor bottle service. - A private club licensed under W. Va. Code §60-7-1 *et seq.*, that is in good standing with the Commissioner may apply for the Commissioner's approval, and shall pay a \$1,000.00 annual fee which is nonrefundable and non-prorated, to sell or serve liquor by the bottle to two or more persons for personal consumption, not for resale, on the licensed premises only in a designated area set forth on the license's approved floorplan.

3.4.9. Operational fee. - All Class A and private club type licensees shall pay, with their annual fee, an annual \$100.00 operational fee per licensed premises.

3.4.10. Reactivation fee. - A licensee that fails to complete a renewal application and make payment of its annual license fee in renewing its license on or before June 30 of any subsequent year, after initial application, shall be charged an additional \$150.00 reactivation fee. The fee payment may not be prorated or refunded. The reactivation fee must be paid prior to the processing of any renewal application and payment of the applicable full year annual license fee. A licensee who continues to operate upon the expiration of its license is subject to all fines, penalties, and sanctions available in W. Va. Code §60-7-13 and W.Va. Code §60-7-13a, all as determined by the Commissioner.

3.4.11. Private outdoor dining and private outdoor street dining.

3.4.11.a. Private outdoor dining. - With prior approval of the Commissioner a private club licensee may sell, serve, and furnish alcoholic liquor and, if also licensed to sell, serve, and furnish nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer to be consumed on premises in a legally demarcated area which may include a temporary private outdoor dining area. The emphasis of this authorization is to permit outdoor dining only. The Commissioner may, at his or her discretion, authorize entertainment or alcoholic beverage service in the private outdoor dining area. The Commissioner may determine not to authorize entertainment but must provide a written statement indicating why such entertainment is not authorized.

3.4.11.b. Private outdoor street dining. - With prior approval of the Commissioner a private club licensee may sell, serve, and furnish alcoholic liquor and, if also licensed to sell, serve, and furnish nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer to be consumed on premises in a legally demarcated area which may include a temporary private outdoor street dining area. The emphasis of this authorization is to permit outdoor street dining only. The Commissioner may, at his or her discretion, authorize entertainment or alcoholic beverage service in the private outdoor street dining area. The Commissioner may determine not to authorize entertainment but must provide a written statement indicating why such entertainment is not authorized.

3.4.11.b.1. A temporary private outdoor street dining area shall be approved by the municipal government or county commission in which the licensee operates. The Commissioner shall develop and make available an application form to facilitate the purposes of this subsection.

3.4.11.c. A private club licensee shall submit to the Commissioner:

3.4.11.c.1. An application available on the Commissioner's website;

3.4.11.c.2. The municipal or county written approval, either a letter from the municipality or county or a form on the Commissioner's website, of the private outdoor dining area or private outdoor street dining area; and,

3.4.11.c.3. A revised floorplan requesting to sell alcoholic liquors, and when licensed for nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer, then nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer, subject to the Commissioner's requirements, in an approved and bounded outdoor area in accordance with W. Va. Code §60-7-8d.

3.4.11.d. In the absence of legal demarcation by resolution or ordinance of a municipality or county, the Commissioner may, at his or her discretion, provide for temporary legal demarcation based on a written and executed authorization letter from a municipality or county, subject to passage of a resolution or ordinance for a private outdoor dining area or private outdoor street dining area.

3.4.12. PODA affects certain public property that is legally demarcated, authorized, and with boundaries clearly set by a municipality's ordinance for the lawful consumption of liquor, wine, and nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer. Within a properly approved PODA, a private property owner may allow or refuse access to patrons utilizing PODA cups and who are consuming liquor, wine, and nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer. Further, public property, within a properly approved PODA, where a separate or different purpose or event from the PODA which has been contracted for via a written agreement between a municipality and a person or entity may choose to include or exclude patrons who are utilizing PODA cups and who are consuming liquor, wine, and nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer. Persons who refuse access or who exclude patrons utilizing PODA cups must create a clear and enforceable barrier to prevent access to their property for an

an event occurring on that property in order to separate the event from activity in the the PODA.

3.4.12.a. Permit requirements. - the qualified permit holder shall:

3.4.12.a.1. Operate in a private outdoor designated area created by municipal ordinance as set forth in W. Va. Code §8-12-26, and provide the commissioner a copy of the certified ordinance from the municipality;

3.4.12.a.2. Apply to the commissioner for the special permit prior to operating in an approved PODA on an application provided by the commissioner;

3.4.12.a.3. Pay the fee set forth in sub-division 3.4.1.b.6., or otherwise qualify as set forth in sub-division 3.4.1.b.6.;

3.4.12.a.4. Be in compliance with all state and federal laws and be in good standing with the commissioner;

3.4.12.a.5. Be approved by the municipality to operate in the PODA;

3.4.12.a.6. Provide the days and hours of operation in the PODA;

3.4.12.a.7. Provide, in conjunction with the municipality, adequate restroom facilities, whether permanent or portable, to serve the members and guests who will be attending the PODA;

3.4.12.a.8. Provide a security plan for the PODA indicating: All qualified permit holders' licensed premises where alcohol will be served in approved non-glass containers; all entrances and exits in order to verify members', patrons', and guests' ages, and to assess whether a member, patron, or guest is under 21 years of age or intoxicated; and a plan to provide for the public health and safety of members, patrons, and guests;

3.4.12.a.9. Provide a floorplan for the PODA indicating a legally demarcated area that is bounded or utilizes signage to safely account for the ingress and egress of members, patrons, and guests who will be within the PODA and also be permitted to carry liquor, wine, and nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer on and off of the qualified permit holders' licensed premises and within the PODA when contained in an approved non-glass container (PODA cup). The PODA's floorplan does comprise a separate licensed premises authorized only for the lawful consumption of liquor, wine, and nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer throughout the licensed premises when lawfully purchased from a qualified permit holder;

3.4.12.a.10. Meet and be subject to all other applicable license requirements;

3.4.12.a.11. Provide a plan to prevent members, guests, and patrons from bringing, consuming, or selling alcohol not in an approved non-glass container in the PODA;

3.4.12.a.12. Obtain approval from the municipality and the commissioner of a non-glass container, not greater than 18 fluid ounces, for the sale and serving of liquor, wine, and nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer; provided that such cups must bear an approved logo for the PODA to correctly identify the container as PODA approved;

3.4.12.a.13. If a Class S, Class S1, Class S2, or Class S3 licensee, obtain written approval of all Class S4 and Class S4N qualified permit holders, if any, in the PODA in order to conduct their

event on and during the PODA and subject to all PODA requirements, including use of PODA cups; and

~~3.4.12.a.13.~~ 3.4.12.a.14. Use an age verification system approved by the commissioner.

3.4.12.b. A Class S2 licensee or a private fair and festival Class S, Class S1, Class S2, Class S3, Class S4, or Class S4N licensee may operate simultaneously with the qualified permit holders in a PODA subject to the requirements in sub-section 3.4.12.

3.4.12.c. A municipality shall be responsible for the enforcement of any criminal violations occurring in a PODA and shall report such violations to commissioner for a determination of any violation of W. Va. Code §11-16-1 *et seq.* and W. Va. Code §60-1-1 *et seq.*

3.4.12.d. The commissioner shall enforce any violations of W. Va. §11-16-1 *et seq.* and W. Va. Code §60-1-1 *et seq.* committed by qualified permit holders against their permit and their Class A, ~~Class B,~~ or Class S, Class S1, Class S2, Class S3, Class S4, or Class S4N license.

3.4.12.e. A qualified non-profit permit holder or Class S4N permit shall:

3.4.12.e.1. Have an approved outdoor location that operates solely in a PODA created by a municipal ordinance as set forth in W. Va. Code §8-12-26, and provide the commissioner a copy of the certified ordinance from the municipality, and operate only on dates and times designated within for the operation of the PODA;

3.4.12.e.2. Apply to the commissioner for the special S4N permit prior to operating in an approved PODA on an application provided by the commissioner which will provide verification of non-profit corporate status with the West Virginia Secretary of State per W. Va. Code §31E-1-101 *et seq.*;

3.4.12.e.3. Pay the fee specified in sub-division 3.4.1.b.7. Note, the annual one-time permit covers as many approved events at as many approved PODA locations (subject to municipal approval) that can be held during the permit annual time period;

3.4.12.e.4. Be in compliance with all state and federal laws and be in good standing with the commissioner;

3.4.12.e.5. Provide the dates, days, and hours of operation of all events to be held in any statewide authorized and approved PODA between July 1 of the application year and June 30 of the year following the application year within the dates of operation of the PODA within that timeframe: Provided, That the S4N permit applicant may list future dates within the permit annual time period as to be determined so long as the qualified non-profit permit holder notifies the commissioner of the specific future event dates not later than 60 days prior to the event.

3.4.12.f. A qualified permit holder that is separately authorized for an outdoor dining area, outdoor street dining area, or sidewalk dining area may continue to operate those areas in conjunction with the PODA subject to the commissioner's requirements. Furthermore, where a municipality has authorized sidewalk dining areas by ordinance, a qualified permit holder has obtained a sidewalk dining permit from the municipality and the Commissioner, and additionally the municipality has authorized by ordinance that a qualified permit holder in the PODA may provide for the lawful sale, service, and tendering of alcohol (such alcohol as authorized for sale by the licensee's license) from an approved sidewalk dining area in approved PODA cups to patrons, and the qualified permit holder has added the sidewalk dining area as a part of its WVABCA floorplan comprising its licensed premises, then such qualified permit holder may conduct such lawful sales, service, and tendering of alcohol (such alcohol as

authorized for sale by the licensee's license) from the sidewalk dining area without the dining requirement for such to-go alcoholic beverage sales.

~~3.4.12.f.~~ 3.4.12.g. A licensee permitted under this section is subject to all other provisions of W. Va. Code §60-7-1 *et seq.*, and the rules and orders of the commissioner: Provided, That the commissioner may, by rule or order, allow certain waivers or exceptions with respect to those provisions, rules, or orders as required by the circumstances of for the operation of qualified permit holders in each PODA. The commissioner may revoke or suspend immediately any permit issued under this section prior to any notice or hearing, notwithstanding W. Va. Code §60-7-13a of this code: Provided, however, That under no circumstances may the provisions of W. Va. Code §60-7-12 of this code be waived or an exception granted with respect thereto.

3.5. Bond. - No license will be issued until the applicant has executed a bond in the penal sum of \$5,000.00, payable to the State of West Virginia. The surety on the bond shall be executed by a corporate surety authorized to transact business in the State of West Virginia, which bond will be conditioned on the payment of all fees prescribed by law and on the faithful performance of, and compliance with the provisions of W. Va. Code §60-7-1 *et seq.* and this rule duly promulgated thereunder, and the same shall be done on Alcohol Beverage Control Commissioner's Form No. ABCA 193. Also required is a bond in the penal sum of \$1,000.00, payable to the State of West Virginia for the same surety as above for Nonintoxicating Beer Bond and will be submitted on Alcohol Beverage Control Commissioner's Form No. ABCA-194 Nonintoxicating Beer Bond.

3.6. License not transferable. - A license issued under the provision of this rule will be valid only for the organization named to conduct a private club on the premises thereon described and is not transferable. If there is a change in ownership, the new owners must make application as prescribed, then such violation shall constitute grounds for revocation of their license that they are then operating under.

3.7. License application form. - The application form for a license to sell alcoholic liquors by any private club type is available from the Commissioner or on the ABCA website at [www.abca.wv.gov](http://www.abca.wv.gov).

3.8. Dual licensing. –

3.8.1. A private coliseum or center may be dually licensed with a private fair festival to conduct a temporary special event subject to the requirements in this section.

3.8.1.a. A private coliseum or center may permit a private fair and festival licensee within, or on the private coliseum or center licensee's licensed premises, in order to create tourism opportunities that will promote brewers, resident brewers, wineries, farm wineries, distilleries, mini-distilleries, and micro-distilleries.

3.8.1.b. A private coliseum or center licensee may host a special event for a private fair and festival licensee on the licensee's licensed premises if both licensees are in good standing with the commissioner and submit to the commissioner the temporary floorplan revisions of the private coliseum or center in which the special event would be held to comprise the special event's lawful premises, which shall only include spaces in buildings or rooms of the private coliseum or center's licensed premises.

3.8.1.c. By written contractual agreement between the private coliseum or center licensee and the private fair and festival licensee, the parties shall agree that the private coliseum or center maintains control of its licensed premises, but for a set contracted rental time period. The private fair and festival licensee shall safely account for the ingress and egress of the stated members and guests who will be attending the special event at the licensed premises. During the contracted rental time period, the private

fair and festival licensee is wholly responsible and liable for the proper sale and serving of alcoholic liquors and nonintoxicating beer in the area designated as the private fair and festival's temporary floorplan. The private fair and festival's temporary floorplan shall comprise the private fair and festival's licensed premises for the temporary special event, which is authorized for the lawful sale, service, and consumption of alcoholic liquors and nonintoxicating beer throughout the private fair and festival's licensed premises during this dually licensed temporary special event.

3.8.1.d. The private fair and festival's licensed premises dually shared and licensed with the private coliseum or center shall:

3.8.1.d.1. Have facilities to prepare and serve food and alcohol;

3.8.1.d.2. Have adequate restrooms and sufficient building facilities for the expected number of members and guests attending the event;

3.8.1.d.3. Comply with all other requirements of its license in this article; and

3.8.1.d.4. Comply with health, fire, safety, and zoning requirements.

3.8.1.e. There is no limit on the number of private fair and festivals that may be held at a private coliseum or center.

3.8.2. The ability for a private outdoor designated area as defined in W. Va. Code §8-12-26 and §60-7-8g to simultaneously have multiple qualified permit holders as defined in W. Va. Code §60-7-1 *et seq.*, is expressly authorized.

3.9. Self-pour automated systems for nonintoxicating beer, hard cider, and wine for private club type licensees.

3.9.1. A private club may apply to operate a WVABCA approved self-pour automated system that utilizes a self-pouring computerized system for pouring nonintoxicating beer, hard cider, or wine that is activated by a payment card issued by the private club licensee for use:

3.9.1.a. by the licensee's employee who is authorized by law to serve alcoholic beverages; or

3.9.1.b. by a person or patron whom the licensee or its employee has verified to be 21 years of age or older who displays a valid government issued identification that matches the name on the payment card.

3.9.2. Upon submission of materials detailing the specifications and safeguards of self-pouring automated system, the WVABCA will approve the system or reply back to the licensee submitting the system with problems with the system with respect to W. Va. Code §60-7-3.

3.9.3. A self-pour automated system must account for the price differential and the ounce differential between and among the various nonintoxicating beers, hard ciders, and wines being self-poured. If a system is unable to calculate the system for the ounce differential in a wine, a separate card may be used for wine self-pouring only.

3.9.3.a. A self-pouring automated system may not dispense a serving of more than 32 ounces of nonintoxicating beer before the payment card is reactivated and the person is re-verified to be over 21 years of age and match the name on the payment card to the government issued identification.

3.9.3.b. A self-pouring automated system may not dispense a serving of more than 32 ounces of hard cider before the payment card is reactivated and the person is re-verified to be over 21 years of age and match the name on the payment card to the government issued identification.

3.9.3.c. A self-pouring automated system may not dispense a serving of more than 10 ounces of wine before the payment card is reactivated and the person is re-verified to be over 21 years of age and match the name on the payment card to the government issued identification.

3.9.3.d. As submitted and approved, the WVABCA will maintain a list of approved self-pour automated systems on its website to assist licensees in selection of approved systems.

3.9.4. No liquor may be served through a self-pour automated system and such conduct is subject to the penalties in this rule.

#### **§175-2-4. Operation of Private Club Types.**

4.1. Sale to members and guests. - No licensee is authorized to sell alcoholic liquor or nonintoxicating beer for consumption on the premises of said licensee except to its members and their guests, while in the company of a member, and said alcoholic liquors must have been purchased from the West Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Commissioner. No open container or mixed alcoholic liquor drink, nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer, or wine, may be carried into or out of any type of private club or any premises licensed by the Commissioner, except as provided in the Code and this rule.

4.2. Age for purchase of alcoholic beverages. - No licensee shall sell any alcoholic beverage or nonintoxicating beer to individuals below the age of 21 years. The licensee must require proof of age by way of at least one of three documents certifying the age of the individual, one form of proof shall be either a valid driver's license, commercial driver's license or Department of Motor Vehicles identification card showing that the holder is at least 21 years of age. The following are considered to be valid proofs of age.

4.2.1. A valid West Virginia driver's license showing that the holder is at least 21 years of age.

4.2.2. A valid West Virginia Commercial Driver's license (CDL) license showing that the holder is at least 21 years of age.

4.2.3. A valid West Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles identification or a valid West Virginia Mobile ID showing that the holder is at least 21 years of age.

4.2.4. A valid driver's license from another state may be accepted if there is no indication or evidence that the license has been altered.

4.2.5. Any other valid means of satisfactory proof with picture identification showing the individual to be at least 21 years of age.

The failure to produce satisfactory proof of age upon demand entitles the licensee to refuse to sell alcoholic beverages to the individual.

4.3. Age of manager. - No licensee whose manager is under the age of 21 years shall be eligible for license.

4.4. Inspection. - The licensee shall at reasonable times permit the immediate inspection of the licensed premises by the Commissioner, in order to ensure that the laws and rules of the State of West Virginia are enforced. Upon the presentation of credentials the licensee will allow the Commissioner immediate access to the licensed premises, and there shall be no occasion for delay in the conduct of such inspection. No licensee shall personally or by an agent or employee hinder or interfere with an inspection of the licensed premises nor shall any licensee allow patrons or others to hinder or interfere with the inspection.

Any evidence of a violation found during an inspection will be seized and impounded by the Commissioner and shall be admissible into evidence to prove such violation.

4.5. Posting license, door markers, and signage. - Each licensee shall post:

4.5.1. All licenses issued to the licensee pursuant to Chapter 60 of the West Virginia Code in a conspicuous area inside the licensed premises.

4.5.2. At, above, or on the licensee's main entrance to its private club in letters no higher than 6 inches, a statement "ABCC License No. \_\_\_\_\_" which lists the licensee's license number in the blank space.

4.5.3. In an open and prominent place a blood-alcohol chart in the form prescribed by W. Va. Code §60-6-24 as provided by the Commissioner.

4.5.4. In an open and prominent place the fetal alcohol syndrome warning of birth defects in the manner prescribed by W. Va. Code §60-6-25 in the form as provided by the Commissioner.

4.5.5. In each public restroom the human trafficking notice required by W. Va. Code §15A-2-5.

4.6. Licensee's purchases of alcoholic liquors. - After the granting of any type of private club license, each holder shall purchase alcoholic liquors for resale from a retail liquor outlet. Any private club license type may purchase alcoholic liquors only from the retail liquor outlet in whose market zone it is located or from a retail liquor outlet located in a market zone that is contiguous to the market zone in which the private club is located. Upon a showing of good cause to the Commissioner, any type of private club will be authorized to purchase alcoholic liquors from any retail liquor outlet within the State. Whenever the ABCA continues to operate a retail liquor outlet in a market zone for which no retail liquor outlet license has been issued, all private clubs located in that same market zone are required to purchase all alcoholic liquors from such ABCA licensed retail liquor outlet.

4.7. Hours for sale of alcoholic beverages. - No licensee shall sell, give or dispense alcoholic liquor or nonintoxicating beer, or permit the consumption thereof, on any licensed premises or in any rooms directly connected therewith between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on any Sunday: *Provided*, That alcohol sales may not begin until 1:00 p.m. in a county that has voted to forbid alcohol sales until that time, as provided in W. Va. Code §7-1-3ss; nor shall any licensee sell, give, or dispense alcoholic liquors or nonintoxicating beer, or permit the consumption thereof, on any licensed premises or in any rooms directly connected therewith, between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on any weekday. A private resort hotel holding a license issued pursuant to W. Va. Code §60-7-1 *et seq.* may sell, tender, or dispense nonintoxicating beer, wine, or alcoholic liquors in or on the licensed premises when also licensed under W. Va. Code §29-22A-1 *et seq.* and W. Va. Code §29-22C-1 *et seq.* or W. Va. Code §29-25-1 *et seq.* during hours of operation authorized by those provisions.

4.8. Hours of operation. - The licensed premises of all private clubs shall be closed for operation and cleared of all members and guests 30 minutes after the hours of sale of alcoholic liquors and nonintoxicating beer have expired, except for: (i) a private resort hotel holding a license issued pursuant to W. Va. Code §60-7-1 et seq. may sell, tender, or dispense nonintoxicating beer, wine, or alcoholic liquors in or on the licensed premises when also licensed under W. Va. Code §29-22A-1 et seq. and W. Va. Code §29-22C-1 et seq. or W. Va. Code §29-25-1 et seq.; (ii) members and guests staying at a private resort hotel, but the members and guests must clear any bar and restaurant areas 30 minutes after the hours of sale of alcoholic liquors and nonintoxicating beer have expired; and (iii) members and guests staying at a private hotel, but the members and guests must clear any bar and restaurant areas 30 minutes after the hours of sale of alcoholic liquors and nonintoxicating beer have expired. Employees of the licensee shall leave the licensed premises no later than one hour after the premises are closed for operation. Licensed premises shall not be occupied by members and guests any sooner than 30 minutes prior to the hours of sale of alcoholic liquors and nonintoxicating beer, except for: (i) a private resort hotel holding a license issued pursuant to W. Va. Code §60-7-1 et seq. may sell, tender, or dispense nonintoxicating beer, wine, or alcoholic liquors in or on the licensed premises when also licensed under W. Va. Code §29-22A-1 et seq. and W. Va. Code §29-22C-1 et seq. or W. Va. Code §29-25-1 et seq.; (ii) members and guests staying at a private resort hotel where the members and guests may not enter any bar and restaurant areas until 30 minutes before the hours of sale of alcoholic liquors and nonintoxicating beer; and (iii) members and guests staying at a private hotel where the members and guests may not enter any bar and restaurant areas until 30 minutes before the hours of sale of alcoholic liquors and nonintoxicating beer. Employees may not enter any bar and restaurant serving areas until one hour before the hours of sale of alcoholic liquors and nonintoxicating beer.

4.9. Doors. - During the hours for sale of alcoholic liquors and nonintoxicating beer, all doors to and from the licensed premises shall be closed except for the ingress and egress of the members and their guests. However, for legally demarcated deck or other outdoor (not enclosed, having no walls, roof or combination of walls and roof) area of any type of licensed private club in good standing with the State and the ABCA and that meets the requirements of section 2.18. of this rule, the Commissioner may approve, on a case-by-case basis, a limited exception for doors that access only the legally demarcated deck or other outdoor area to be open during the hours of 11 a.m. to midnight. All other doors of entrance and exit of any type of private club obtaining this privilege would still remain closed except for ingress and egress of patrons. Prior to any consideration of this open-door limited exception by the Commissioner, the county or municipality where the private club is located must have authorized this open door limited exception within an ordinance, zoning, or other written authorization by the governing body of a county or municipality. Any type of private club violating this section's requirements shall be subject to the penalties in the Code and rules and cancellation of this privilege, and further all private clubs operating under this open door limited exception shall be in compliance with all state, county, and local noise ordinances and all ordinances or requirements affecting the peace, good order, and quietude of the community. Further, the open-door limited exception may be cancelled for any type of private club that fails to stay in good standing with the State and ABCA or has other violations of the Code and the rules.

#### 4.10. Suitability of kitchen and dining facilities.

4.10.1. Prior to the issuance of any private club license, all kitchen and dining facilities are to be checked by agents or employees of the Commissioner for their suitability in serving food to their members and their guests. Equipment in the kitchen shall be capable of preparing a freshly cooked meal on the licensed premises. In addition, licensees shall have at least enough food to meet any dollar value for the Licensee's private club type and serve 1/4 the number of seats in any private club at any one time.

4.10.2. A suitable kitchen shall contain equipment as follows, unless otherwise specified by the

requirements for licensure:

4.10.2.a. A private club bar that operates primarily as a bar must have a kitchen with at least:

4.10.2.a.1. One range with oven and no fewer than two burners, or a microwave oven which has a variable control and a separate range with two burners;

4.10.2.a.2. One sink with hot and cold running water;

4.10.2.a.3. One cold storage unit or refrigerator at least 17 cubic feet in size;

4.10.2.a.4. Cooking utensils and pots and pans sufficient for preparation of the required meals.;

4.10.2.a.5. Food fit for human consumption available to be served during all hours of operation on the licensed premises; and

4.10.2.a.6. Maintain, at any one time, food inventory capable of being prepared in the private club bar's kitchen. In calculating the food inventory, the Commissioner shall include television dinners, bags of chips or similar products, microwavable food or meals, frozen meals, prepackaged foods, or canned prepared foods.

4.10.2.b. For a private club restaurant that operates primarily as a restaurant and full kitchen with at least:

4.10.2.b.1. Ovens and four-burner ranges, and a microwave oven or four single or two double burner hot plates will not meet the requirements;

4.10.2.b.2 One - two bowl sink with hot and cold running water;

4.10.2.b.3. Refrigerators or freezers, or some combination of refrigerators and freezers, greater than 50 cubic feet, including a walk-in refrigerator or freezer;

4.10.2.b.4. Cooking utensils and pots and pans sufficient for preparation of the required meals;

4.10.2.b.5. Freshly prepared food fit for human consumption available to be served during all hours of operation on the licensed premises; and

4.10.2.b.6. Maintain, at any one time, fresh food inventory capable of being prepared in the private club restaurant's full kitchen. In calculating the food inventory, the Commissioner may not include television dinners, bags of chips, or similar products, microwavable meals, frozen meals, prepackaged foods, or canned prepared foods;

4.10.2.c. All other private club types shall meet any kitchen and food requirements set forth in section 2 of this rule or, if not specified, shall meet the kitchen and food requirements of a private club restaurant.

4.10.3. A suitable dining facility shall include food apparatus, such as: Plates (other than of paper or similar construction), metal knives, forks, and spoons, drinking glasses and cups, and as otherwise determined by the Commissioner, in sufficient quantities to serve no fewer meals than 1/4 the number of

membership seats in any type of private club.

4.10.4. Meals shall be available from opening of the club until closing. Limited menus will be acceptable after 10:00 PM., for a private club bar, such as cold sandwiches which can be prepared in advance and refrigerated for use after 10:00 PM is one example of an acceptable limited menu.

4.11. Age of membership. - No licensee shall admit to membership any individual below the age of 21 years, and no individual below the age of 18 years shall be permitted on the licensed premises of a licensee as a guest unless accompanied by the individual's parent or legal guardian, except that a private club restaurant may permit an individual or individuals below the age of 18 years when such individual is seated in the restaurant area of the private club restaurant, and not the bar area.

4.12. Lighting of licensed premises. - The interior of all licensed premises shall be adequately lighted at all times while the licensee is conducting business or has employees on such premises.

4.13. Purchase and delivery of alcoholic beverages.

4.13.1. Retail Liquor Outlets Payments For Purchases. - When any licensed private club purchases alcoholic liquors from a retail liquor outlet authorized by W. Va. Code §60-3A-1 *et seq.*, money orders, certified checks, cashier's checks, traveler's checks, and cash are acceptable for payment of a purchase. In addition, a personal check from a licensed private club will be treated as cash if a guaranty bond issued from a bonding company licensed to do business in West Virginia is posted in advance with the Commissioner in a sum sufficient to bond the total amount of such purchase(s); provided that such purchase(s) do not exceed the total of the bond and in this regard, purchases, insofar as the bond is concerned shall be treated as cumulative until such time as the check(s) clears and is honored by the bank upon which the check is drawn.

4.13.1.a. Any licensed private club may, in addition to the method provided above, purchase by personal check if a line of credit issued by a duly organized national or State banking institution is posted in advance with the Commissioner: *Provided*, that such purchase(s) may not exceed the total of the posted line of credit and in this regard and purchases, insofar as the line of credit is concerned, shall be treated as cumulative until such time as the check or checks clear and be honored by the making bank or the bank upon which the check or checks are drawn.

4.13.1.b. Application for the purpose of purchasing by personal check when guaranteed by a guaranty bond or line of credit shall be obtainable from the Commissioner at his office in Charleston, West Virginia.

4.13.1.c. In the event that any check is returned for insufficient funds then the Commissioner shall notify the bonding company or bank issuing the line of credit and make demand for payment and they shall be charged a handling fee of \$50.00, such sum to be charged in addition to the amount shown due on the face of the subject check.

4.13.2. Credit by retail liquor outlets to private clubs forbidden. - A retail liquor outlet is authorized to establish its policy of negotiable instruments allowed to be utilized for payment of purchases by a duly licensed private club. No credit may be extended by the retail liquor outlet to any type of duly licensed private club. A validly issued credit card may be determined by a retail liquor outlet to be an acceptable negotiable instrument.

4.13.3. Any type of duly licensed private club may, by contract approved by the Commissioner, receive deliveries of liquor from a retail liquor outlet. For the purposes of this activity the provisions of

W. Va. Code §60-6-12 and §60-6-13 are not applicable. Without an approved delivery contract, the private club type is subject to penalties and sanctions in the Code and this rule.

4.13.4. Any licensed retail liquor outlet that sells liquor to any private club license type that is not located in its market zone or the next contiguous market zone is subject to penalties and sanctions in the Code and this rule.

4.14. Operation of a private fair and festival – Class S2 license. - To be eligible for the license authorized by this subsection, the private fair and festival or other event shall:

4.14.1. Be sponsored, endorsed, acknowledged, or approved by the governing body or its designee of the county or municipality in which the private fair and festival or other event is located;

4.14.2. Make application, including a floor plan, age verification policies and sales policies, with the commission at least 15 calendar days prior to the private fair, festival, or other event;

4.14.3. Be approved by the Commissioner to operate the private fair, festival, or other event.

4.14.4. Be for a duration of no more than 10 consecutive calendar days.

4.14.5. Offer to sell, sell, and serve nonintoxicating beer and nonintoxicating craft beer sold, furnished, tendered, or served pursuant to the license created by this section, which must be purchased from licensed distributors that service the area in which the private fair and festival is held or from a resident brewer acting in a limited capacity as a distributor, all in accordance W. Va. Code §11-16-1 *et seq.*

4.14.5.a. Additionally, nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer may be sold and served by the drink or glass, or by the bottle or can for on-premises consumption and in sealed bottles or cans for off-premises consumption if the nonintoxicating beer and nonintoxicating craft beer is being sold by an authorized brewer or resident brewer, as set forth in W. Va. Code §11-16-6a, who manufactures the nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer in this state.

4.14.5.b. These on-premises and off-premises consumption sales shall be made pursuant to a written agreement between the private fair and festival and an authorized brewer or resident brewer. Prior to the start of the private fair or festival, an authorized brewer or resident brewer who agrees to offer on-premises and off-premises consumption sales of nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer from a booth or other facility on the private fair and festival's licensed premises must meet the requirements of W. Va. Code §11-16-6a(d) of this code. The written agreement with each authorized brewer or resident brewer shall account for lawful sales of nonintoxicating beer and nonintoxicating craft beer sold for off-premises consumption as set forth in W. Va. Code §11-16-1 *et seq.*

4.14.5.c. The authorized and approved brewer, resident brewer, or its licensed representatives may give or sell approved promotional items to private fair and festival members and guests, but not to the private fair and festival's volunteers, independent contractors, or employees.

4.14.6. Offer to sell, sell, and serve wine sold, furnished, tendered, or served pursuant to the license created by this section which must be purchased from a licensed wine distributor, winery, or farm winery in accordance with W. Va. Code §60-8-1 *et seq.*

4.14.6.a. Wine or hard cider may be sold and served for on-premises consumption by the drink or glass, or by the bottle when consumed by the glass and by the sealed bottle for off-premises

consumption by the sealed bottle if the wine or hard cider is being sold by an authorized winery or farm winery, as set forth in W. Va. Code §60-4-3b and W. Va. Code §60-8A-5, who manufactures that wine or hard cider in this state.

4.14.6.b. The on-premises and off-premises consumption sales shall be made pursuant to a written agreement between the private fair and festival and an authorized winery or farm winery. An authorized winery or farm winery which agrees to offer for sale and service its wine or hard cider for on-premises consumption by the drink or glass, or by the bottle when consumed by the glass pursuant to W. Va Code §60-7-1 et seq. and for off-premises consumption sealed bottle sales from a booth or other facility on the private fair and festival's licensed premises prior to the start of the private fair or festival shall meet the requirements of W. Va. Code §60-4-3b and §60-8A-5, as applicable. The written agreement with each authorized winery or farm winery shall account for lawful sales of wine or hard cider sold for on premises or off-premises consumption as set forth in W. Va. Code §60-8-1 et seq. and W. Va. Code §60-8A-1 et seq., as applicable.

4.14.6.c. The authorized and approved winery, farm winery or its licensed representatives may give or sell approved promotional items to private fair and festival members and guests, but not to the private fair and festival's volunteers, independent contractors, or employees.

4.14.7. Offer to sell, sell, and serve liquor sold, furnished, tendered, or served pursuant to the license created by this section which must be purchased from a licensed retail liquor outlet in the market zone or contiguous market zone where the private fair or festival is occurring, all in accordance with W. Va. Code §60-3A-1 *et seq.* and W. Va. Code §60-7-1 *et seq.*

4.14.7.a. Liquor may be sold and served for on-premises consumption by the drink and off-premises consumption by the sealed bottle, if the liquor is being sold by an authorized distillery, mini-distillery, or micro-distillery, as set forth in W. Va. Code §60-4-3a, who manufactures its liquor in this state. Off-premises consumption sales shall comply with W. Va. Code §60-3A-17 and W. Va. Code §60-4-3a(c) shall not apply to these sales.

4.14.7.b. The on-premises and off-premises consumption sales shall be made pursuant to a written agreement between the private fair and festival and an authorized distillery, mini-distillery, or micro-distillery. An authorized licensed distillery, mini-distillery, or micro-distillery who agrees to offer off-premises consumption sales of their manufactured liquor by the bottle from a booth or other facility on the private fair and festival's licensed premises prior to the start of the private fair, festival, or other event must meet the requirements as set forth in W. Va. Code §60-4-3a. An authorized licensed distillery, mini-distillery, or micro-distillery which agrees to offer on-premises consumption sales of its manufactured liquor by the drink or glass from a booth or other facility on the premises of the licensed fair and festival must meet the requirements set forth and in W. Va. Code §60-7-1 et seq. The written agreement with each authorized distillery, mini-distillery, or micro-distillery shall account for lawful sales of liquor sold for off-premises consumption as set forth in W. Va. Code §60-3A-1 et seq.

4.14.7.c. An authorized and approved distillery, mini-distillery, micro-distillery or its licensed representatives may give or sell approved promotional items to private fair and festival members and guests, but not to the private fair and festival's volunteers, independent contractors, or employees.

4.14.8. Utilize bona fide employees, independent contractors, volunteers, or in limited circumstances licensed representatives to sell, furnish, tender, or serve the nonintoxicating beer, nonintoxicating craft beer, wine, or liquor. Licensed representatives of an authorized and approved brewer, resident brewer, beer distributor, wine distributor, wine supplier, winery, farm winery, distillery, mini-distillery, micro-distillery, and liquor broker representatives may attend a private fair and festival

and discuss their respective products and may engage in the selling, furnishing, tendering, or serving of any nonintoxicating beer, nonintoxicating craft beer, wine, hard cider, or liquor. However, licensed representatives of a brewer, resident brewer, winery, farm winery, distillery, mini-distillery, or micro-distillery that has agreed in writing to conduct sampling, on-premises consumption sales, and off-premises consumption sales of their respective licensee's products at the private fair and festival, may discuss their respective products and engage in sampling must do so in accordance with W. Va. Code §11-16-6a, W. Va. Code §60-4-3a, and W. Va. Code §60-4-3b; and the selling of only their respective nonintoxicating beer, nonintoxicating craft beer, wine, hard cider, or liquor products for on-premises consumption or off-premises consumption as specified in this section. All taxes and fees must be paid on lawful sales.

4.14.9. Be subject to all other provisions W. Va. Code §60-7-1 *et seq.* and the rules and orders of the Commissioner: *Provided*, that the Commissioner may by rule or order allow certain waivers or exceptions with respect to those provisions, rules, or orders as the circumstances of each private fair and festival require and has the right to revoke or suspend immediately any license issued under this section prior to any notice or hearing, notwithstanding W. Va. Code §60-7-13a: *Provided*, however, that under no circumstances may the provisions of W. Va. Code §60-7-12 be waived or an exception granted with respect thereto.

4.14.10. Dual licensing is permitted for private fairs and festivals pursuant to W. Va. Code §60-7-2a, including but not limited to a dual licensing simultaneous to any other qualified permit holders as defined in W. Va. Code §60-7-1, *et seq.*

4.14.11. A private fair and festival licensee who executes a written agreement with a licensed brewer, resident brewer, winery, farm winery, distillery, mini-distillery, or micro-distillery to conduct limited on-premises and off-premises consumption sales shall not have any pecuniary interest, share, or percentage in any sales of sealed nonintoxicating beer, nonintoxicating craft beer, wine, hard cider, or liquor.

4.15. Operation of a private multi-vendor fair and festival. - To be eligible for the license authorized by this subsection, the private multi-vendor fair and festival shall complete the following requirements and additional requirements set forth in W. Va. Code §60-7-8c and W. Va. Code §60-7-1 *et seq.*

4.15.1. Be sponsored, endorsed, or approved by the governing body or its designee of the county or municipality in which the private multi-vendor fair and festival or other event is located. The Commissioner may make a form available;

4.15.2. Jointly apply to the Commissioner for the special license at least 15 days prior to the private fair, festival, or other event; and

4.15.3. Be approved by the Commissioner to operate the private multi-vendor fair, festival, or other event. In no event, may members or guests carry alcoholic liquors or nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer on or of the private multi-vendor fair and festival's licensed floorplan;

4.16. Operation of a one-day charitable rare, antique, or vintage liquor auction.

4.16.1. For purpose of this section: "Auction or auctioning" means any silent, physical act, or verbal bid auction, where the auction requires in-person bidding at a licensed private club or online internet-based auction bidding, with bidders present at the licensed private club during the nonprofit auction, through a secure internet-based application or website.

4.16.2. To be eligible for the license authorized by this subsection, the one-day charitable rare, antique, or vintage liquor auction shall:

4.16.2.a. Be a one-day special license issued to any licensed private club type in partnership with a duly organized and federally approved nonprofit organization or entity to conduct a charitable auction of rare, antique, or vintage liquor, as determined by the Commissioner, on the licensed private club's licensed premises for consumption off-premises when raising money for athletic, charitable, educational, scientific, or religious purposes;

4.16.2.b. Not receive more than 12 licenses per any type of private club under this section per year;

4.16.2.c. Have the licensed private club and nonprofit jointly complete an application, which may require information relating to the date, time, place, floorplan of the charitable event and any other information the Commissioner may require, that least 15 days prior to the event;

4.16.2.d. Include with the application a written signed and notarized statement that at least 80% of the net proceeds from the charitable event will be donated directly to the nonprofit. The Commissioner may audit the licensed private club and nonprofit to verify the 80% requirement has been met;

4.16.2.e. Be in good standing with the Commissioner, and the applicants must receive the Commissioner's approval prior to the charitable event in accordance with W. Va. Code §60-7-8b and W. Va. Code §60-7-1 *et seq.*;

4.16.2.f. Not deliver, mail, or ship sealed or unsealed rare, antique, or vintage liquor bottles;

4.16.2.g. Require the winning bidder of the auctioned rare, antique, or vintage liquor to pay and receive the sealed rare, antique, or vintage liquor bottle before the conclusion of the event; and

#### **§175-2-5. Violations.**

##### **5.1. Prohibited acts.**

5.1.1. No licensee, nor any agent, employee, or member thereof, shall on such licensee's premises:

5.1.1.a. Sell, offer for sale, tender, or serve any alcoholic liquors other than by the individual drink, or nonintoxicating beer other than from the original package or container, exceptions to liquor by the drink are in the following circumstances:

5.1.1.a.1. Any private club who has: applied (on a form provided by the Commissioner), paid the bottle service fee, and been approved by the Commissioner, may sell or serve liquor by the bottle to two or more persons for consumption on the licensed premises only in a designated area, as required by the Commissioner, and any liquor bottle sold by such a private club shall be sold at retail for personal use, and not for resale, to a person for not less than 300% of the private club's cost, and no such liquor bottle shall be removed from the licensed premises by any person or the licensee and such bottle must be removed from the licensed premises by being disposed of in the trash and not reused by the licensee.

5.1.1.a.2. A Class A licensee licensed under W. Va. Code §60-7-1 *et seq.* and W. Va. Code §60-8-1 *et seq.* may sell or serve wine by the bottle to two or more persons for consumption on the

licensed premises only, unless such licensee has obtained a license or privilege authorizing off-premises wine bottle sales when patrons purchase food or a meal.

5.1.1.a.3. Any private club who maintains a written record reflecting daily emptying, cleaning, and sanitizing of a frozen drink machine or other pre-mixed dispensing equipment may sell, furnish, tender, or serve pre-mixed alcoholic liquor consisting of alcoholic liquors, nonalcoholic mixer, and ice that is not in the original container if the pre-mixed alcohol liquor is dispensed from the frozen drink machine or other pre-mixed dispensing equipment: *Provided*, That such written records are readily available for inspection by the Commissioner and health inspectors and records are retained for at least 3 years.

5.1.1.a.4. Any private club that has obtained a growler license is permitted to break the seal of the original container for the limited purpose of filling a growler or providing complimentary samples as provided in this section. Any unauthorized sale of nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer or any consumption not permitted on the licensee's licensed premises is also subject to penalties under W. Va. Code §11-16-1 *et seq.*

5.1.1.b. In so far as these activities are prohibited by law, authorize or permit any disturbance of the peace; or any obscene, lewd, immoral or improper entertainment, conduct, or practice: *Provided*, that various games, gaming, and wagering conducted by duly licensed persons of the West Virginia State Lottery Commission; charitable bingo games conducted by duly licensed charitable or public service organization (or its auxiliaries), pursuant to W. Va. Code §47-20-1 *et seq.*; and charitable raffle games conducted by a duly licensed charitable or public service organization (or its auxiliaries), pursuant to W. Va. Code §47-21-1 *et seq.* are permissible on a licensee's licensed premises when operated in accordance with the West Virginia Code and Code of State Rules.

5.1.1.b.1. Guidelines for exotic entertainment, conduct, or practice.

5.1.1.b.1.A. Performers in "a state of undress" must be apart and separate from patrons.

5.1.1.b.1.B. There can be no physical contact during a performance between the performers and the patrons or employees of the club. This means no patron or employee may touch a performer.

5.1.1.b.1.C. Actions by the performers may not include the actual accomplishment of any sexual acts, which would be considered inappropriate for public view by the public generally.

5.1.1.b.1.D. All acts during which performers are in a state of undress will take place on stage, which must be separate and apart from patrons and/or employees. Upon leaving the stage, performers must go directly to the assigned dressing room where he or she must dress adequately by covering himself or herself prior to mingling among patrons and other employees.

5.1.1.c. Sell, give away, or permit the sale of, gift to, consumption of or the procurement of any alcoholic liquors or nonintoxicating beer, for any person under the age of 21 years, any person who is mentally incompetent, or any person who is visibly physically incapacitated due to the consumption of alcoholic liquor or nonintoxicating beer or the use of any controlled substance as specified in W. Va. Code §60A-1-1 *et seq.*

5.1.1.d. Permit the consumption by, or serve, on the licensed premises, any alcoholic liquors or nonintoxicating beer, to any person under the age of 21 years.

5.1.1.e. With the intent to defraud, alter, change, or misrepresent the quality, quantity, or brand name of any alcoholic liquor or nonintoxicating beer.

5.1.1.f. Have a drive-through (including, but not limited to a window, pass through, garage, etc.) or sell or permit the sale of alcoholic liquors, including wine and nonintoxicating beer, through such a drive-through, except that a private club restaurant licensee may request written permission from the Commissioner to operate a drive through window that is located on the licensee's licensed premises, upon the Commissioner's approval, the private club restaurant shall be permitted to sell and serve food, non-alcoholic beverages or alcoholic beverages when separately licensed for such sales. Sales of alcoholic beverages, such as nonintoxicating beer, nonintoxicating craft beer, wine, or liquor must accompany the purchase of food or a meal and sales of alcoholic beverages may consist of:

5.1.1.f.1. sealed nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer when in bottles, cans, or beer growlers;

5.1.1.f.2. sealed wine or hard cider whether in bottles, cans, or wine growlers; or

5.1.1.f.3. sealed craft cocktail growlers.

5.1.1.g. Sell, offer for sale, give away, facilitate the use of, or allow the use of carbon dioxide, cyclopropane, ethylene, helium, or nitrous oxide for purposes of human consumption except as authorized by the Commissioner.

5.1.1.h. Employ any person who is less than 16 years of age in any capacity that includes, even incidentally, the selling, furnishing, tendering, serving, or giving of nonintoxicating beer, wine, or alcoholic liquors to any person;

5.1.1.i. Employ any person who is between 16 years of age and younger than 21 years of age who is not directly supervised by a person aged 21 or over in a position where the primary responsibility for such employment is to sell, furnish, tender, serve or give nonintoxicating beer, wine, or alcoholic liquors to any person;

5.1.1.j. Violate any reasonable rule of the Commissioner.

5.1.2. No licensee, nor any agent, servant, or employee of said licensee, may at any time violate any of the foregoing provisions. Any violation by said licensee, agent, servant, or employee shall be grounds for revocation or suspension of its private club license.

5.1.3. Any holder of a private club license who has its license suspended shall cease and desist from any and all operation as a private club during the period of suspension.

5.1.4. A licensee shall notify, in a timely manner, emergency medical services or law enforcement if a licensee knows, or has reason to know, of a life-threatening medical emergency occurring on the licensed premises. In addition to the grounds for revocation, suspension, or other sanction of a license set forth in this section, the Commissioner may, in his or her discretion, revoke, suspend, or otherwise sanction a licensee for failing to comply with the provisions of this subsection.

5.1.4.a. If a life-threatening medical emergency occurs on a licensee's licensed premises requiring notification of emergency medical services or law enforcement under W. Va. Code §60-7-13(d), the licensee shall notify the Commissioner within 48 hours of the emergency's occurrence.

5.1.4.b. As used in this section, a life-threatening medical emergency includes, but is not

limited to, respiratory distress or cessation of breathing, severe chest pains, shock, uncontrolled bleeding, poisoning, prolonged unconsciousness, overdose, any complaint or observation which indicates significant head or spinal injury, and life-threatening physical injury caused by a crime of violence against the person on or emanating from the licensed premises.

5.1.5. Any licensee who pleads or is found guilty of a criminal citation or guilty of an administrative citation for the sale of hemp products or kratom products to a person under 21 years of age, for the sale of unregistered hemp products or kratom products, or for selling hemp products or kratom products without a Department of Agriculture permit as set forth in W. Va. Code §19-12E-12 and §19-12F-1 *et seq.*, is further subject to all the penalties and sanctions in section 5.3., as determined by the Commissioner.

5.2. Public nuisance. - If it is determined by law that any club which is licensed pursuant to W. Va. Code §60-7-1 *et seq.* and this rule constitutes a public nuisance to any church, school, hospital, public institution, or otherwise, then such license may be revoked or suspended, the same being at the sound discretion of the Commissioner, until such nuisance is abated.

5.3. Upon a determination by the Commissioner that a licensee has: (i) violated the provisions of W. Va. Code §11-16-1 *et seq.*, Chapter 60 of the West Virginia Code, or this rule; (ii) acted in such a way as would have precluded initial or renewal licensure; or (iii) violated any rule or order of the Commissioner, the Commissioner may impose any one or a combination of the following sanctions:

5.3.1. Revoke the licensee's license;

5.3.2. Suspend the licensee's license;

5.3.3. Place the licensee on probationary status for a period not to exceed 12 months; and

5.3.4. Impose a monetary penalty not to exceed \$1,000 for each violation, where revocation is not imposed.

#### **§175-2-6. Hearing and Appeal Procedure.**

6.1. Order refusing license, suspending, or revoking same. - If the Commissioner refuses to issue a license or suspends or revokes a license, he or she shall make and enter an order to that effect and mail by certified mail, return receipt requested, a copy of the order to the licensee, or serve it as provided for the service of legal process in accordance with the West Virginia Rules of Civil Procedure.

6.2. Petition for hearing. - Any applicant or licensee adversely affected by an order of the Commissioner shall have the right to a hearing before the Commissioner or a person designated by him or her as hearing examiner. A petition in writing requesting a hearing must be served upon the Commissioner within 10 calendar days following the receipt of the order by the applicant or licensee.

6.3. Petition requirements. - The petition for a hearing shall be in writing. An original and one copy of the petition shall be served upon the Commissioner. It shall be complete in itself so as to fully state the issues. No telegram, facsimile transmission, electronic mail, telephone call, letter, or similar communication will be regarded as a petition. The petition must contain the following:

6.3.1. A clear and concise assignment of each error that the petitioner alleges to have been committed by the Commissioner in the determination of a licensee's violation or denial of application for license, with each assignment of error being shown in separately numbered paragraphs.

6.3.2. A clear and concise statement of fact upon which the petitioner relies as sustaining its assignment of error.

6.3.3. A prayer setting forth the relief sought.

6.3.4. The signature of the petitioner or its officers signing such petition.

6.3.5. A verification by the petitioner.

6.4. Form for petition. - A petition for hearing shall be in the form set forth below.

Petition for Hearing

To: West Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Administration Commissioner  
900 Pennsylvania Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Charleston, WV 25302

(For Commission Use Only)

Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Order of Suspension or Revocation  
or Denial of Application for License:  
Whether Suspension or Revocation  
or Denial of Application for License

In the Matter of: Petitioner's Business Name  
Petitioner's ABCA License No.  
Address

The above named against whom you have issued an order of (Revocation or Suspension or Denial of Application for License), and in support of such petition avers as follows:

First: Your petitioner admits as true and correct all of the determinations made by the Commissioner and set forth in the above order and basis thereof, except the following: (Specify here each error which the petitioner alleges to have been made by the Commissioner.)

Second: (Set forth clear and concise statements of fact upon which the petitioner relies as sustaining the assignment of error.)

Wherefore, your petitioner prays (insert relief sought, i.e., this order be set aside).

State of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
Business Name \_\_\_\_\_ )  
SS Signature of Affiant \_\_\_\_\_ )  
County Of \_\_\_\_\_ )

Title \_\_\_\_\_, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that the facts alleged in this petition, including any sheets attached hereto, are true and affiant is the petitioner or is duly authorized to represent the petitioner.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

6.5. Hearings. - Cost deposit. - The person demanding a hearing shall give security for the cost of the hearing in the amount of \$300.00. The cost deposit will be advanced by certified check, cashier's check, or money order and shall accompany the petition demanding a hearing.

6.6. Subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum. - In all hearings held under W. Va. Code §60-7-1 *et seq.* and this rule, the evidence of witnesses and the production of documentary evidence may be required through the use of subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum. Such subpoenas or subpoenas duces tecum may be issued at the request of the Alcohol Beverage Control Commissioner or by the licensee, the same to be issued by either the Commissioner or his duly appointed hearing examiner.

6.6.1. Every such subpoena and/or subpoena duces tecum shall be served at least five calendar days before the return date thereof, either by personal service made by any person 18 years of age or older or by registered mail, but a return acknowledgment signed by the person to whom the subpoena or subpoena duces tecum is directed shall be required to prove service by registered or certified mail.

6.6.2. All subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum will be issued in the name of the Alcohol Beverage Control Commissioner, but any party requesting their issuance must see that they are properly served. Service of subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum issued at the insistence of the Alcohol Beverage Control Commissioner are to be the responsibility of the Commissioner. Any person who serves any such subpoena or subpoena duces tecum is entitled to the same fee as sheriffs who serve witness subpoenas for the circuit courts of this State, and fees for the attendance and travel of witnesses shall be the same as for witnesses before the circuit courts of this State W. Va. Code §55-1-1 *et seq.*

6.6.3. All such fees shall be paid by the Commissioner if the subpoena or subpoena duces tecum is issued, without the request of an interested party, at the insistence of the Commissioner.

6.6.4. All such fees related to any subpoenas or subpoena duces tecum issued at the insistence of a licensee shall be paid by the licensee who asks that such subpoena or subpoena duces tecum be issued, out of the hearing deposit.

6.6.5. All requests by the licensee or the Commissioner for subpoena and subpoena duces tecum shall be in writing and shall contain a statement acknowledging that the requesting party agrees to pay such fees.

6.6.6. Any person receiving a subpoena or subpoena duces tecum issued hereunder shall honor the same as though it was issued by a circuit court of the State and shall appear as witness and/or produce such books, records, or papers in response to the subpoena or subpoena duces tecum. In case of disobedience or neglect of any subpoena or subpoena duces tecum served on any person or the refusal of any witness to testify to any matter regarding which he or she may be lawfully interrogated, the circuit court of the county in which the hearing is being held or the judge thereof in vacation, upon application by the Commissioner, shall compel obedience by attachment proceedings for contempt as in the case of disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena or subpoena duces tecum issued from such circuit court

or a refusal to testify therein.

6.7. Stay of suspension or revocation order. - The service of a petition for hearing upon the Commissioner shall operate, other than herein provided, to suspend the execution of any revocation of suspension of a private club license with respect to which a hearing is being demanded except:

6.7.1. An order suspending a license for failure of said license to keep the bond, required by W. Va. Code §60-7-4 in full force and effect.

6.7.2. A suspension or revocation order issued pursuant to Section 4.2. of this rule, and

6.7.3. A suspension order suspending a license in the interest of public safety, as specified in W. Va. Code §60-7-13a.

6.8. Hearing date. - The Commissioner shall set a date for any hearing demanded and notify the person demanding the hearing of the date and time of the hearing.

6.9. Place of hearing. - Hearings will be held in Charleston, West Virginia, unless the Commissioner determines otherwise.

6.10. Continuances. - Hearings will not be delayed by a motion for continuance, unless it is timely made and sets forth good and sufficient cause. Conflicting engagements of counsel or the employment of new counsel will never be regarded as good ground for a continuance, unless set forth in a motion filed promptly after the notice of hearing has been mailed, or unless extenuating circumstances are shown which the Commissioner deems adequate.

6.11. Absence of petitioner, counsel or his representative. - The absence of the petitioner, his legal counsel or his representative at a hearing, after service of notice of time, place and date, shall not be the occasion for delay or continuance. The hearing shall proceed and the case be regarded as having been submitted for decision on the part of the absent petitioner or petitioners.

6.12. Hearing. - The Commissioner may designate a hearing examiner to conduct the hearing.

6.12.1. The petitioner may appear individually, or by legal counsel, or by duly authorized representative. In the absence of the petitioner, written evidence of a representative's agent's authority must be presented to the satisfaction of the Commissioner.

6.12.2. The petitioner or his or her duly authorized representative or agent, may with the approval of the Commissioner, waive the right to a hearing and agree to submit the case for decision upon the petition and record, with or without a written brief. Such waivers and agreements are to be in writing or upon the record.

6.13. Argument and briefs. - Petitioners will be given an opportunity for argument within the time limits fixed by the Commissioner following submission of evidence. The Commissioner may accept briefs in lieu of argument. Briefs must be filed within 10 calendar days after receipt of the record of the hearing or as otherwise specified by the Commissioner or the designated hearing examiner, or as otherwise agreed to by the parties.

6.14. Evidence admissible at hearing. - The Commissioner may admit any relevant evidence, except that he or she shall observe the rules of privilege recognized by law relating to communications and topics. A finding is to be supported by the kind of evidence commonly relied upon by reasonably prudent

men in the conduct of their affairs, whether or not the evidence would be admissible before a jury. The Commissioner may exclude any evidence, which is irrelevant, unduly repetitious, or lacking in substantial probative effect.

6.15. Record of proceedings. - There shall be a record made at all hearings held pursuant to W. Va. Code §60-7-1 *et seq.* and this rule.

6.16. Commissioner's decision. - After the conclusion of the hearing or within 10 calendar days of receipt of the transcript, the person designated by the Commissioner as hearing examiner shall prepare a recommended decision supported by findings of fact and conclusions of law affirming, modifying, or vacating the earlier order of the Commissioner. Thereafter, the Commissioner, within 10 calendar days of receipt of the recommended decision, shall either accept or reject the recommended decision. If he or she accepts the decision, he or she shall sign and acknowledge the same as his or her own after having reviewed the transcript and all exhibits attached and affixed thereto. If he or she rejects the decision, he or she shall, within 10 calendar days of receipt of the recommended decision, prepare a decision setting forth his or her own findings of fact and conclusions of law. In either event, the order signed by the Commissioner shall be final unless vacated or modified upon judicial review. A copy of the order shall be served upon each party to the hearing and attorneys of record, if any, in person or by registered or certified mail.

6.17. Appeal to court. - An appeal may be taken by the applicant or licensee to the Intermediate Court of Appeals as set forth in W. Va. Code §51-11-4(a)(4), if filed within 30 calendar days after the charge upon which the party received notice of the final order of the Commissioner.