

Alcoholic Beverage Control

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NORTH CAROLINA ABC COMMISSION HOLDS REGULAR MEETING

RALEIGH – The North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Commission held its regular monthly meeting by conference call on May 11, 2022.

Chairman Bauer complimented the 171 local ABC boards for their hard work, commitment to remodeling and opening new stores, and their reinvestments back into their communities. Total sales across all ABC boards in April 2022 were \$150,911,294 (a 6.1% increase over April 2021) and total sales during 2022 are up 9.75% over 2021 thus far.

Chairman Bauer also spoke about the statutory requirement that ABC boards provide delivery service to their mixed beverage permitted customers beginning July 1, 2022, unless approved for a hardship exemption. He thanked the ABC boards for their diligence and for preparing to offer this service.

The Commission ratified 45 hearing cases that resulted in penalties in excess of \$54,000 and/or imposition of suspensions of permits for three days or more. Fines are due on or before June 3, 2022, and suspensions begin June 10, 2022.

The Commission continued an amended exemption request pursuant to <u>§18B-1116(b)</u> for Mason Jar Tavern, Inc. until the June Commission meeting.

The Commission approved an exemption request pursuant to <u>§18B-1116(b)</u> for Chris Groff, Kerry Powell, JD Conley, Oaklyn Springs Services, LLC and Oaklyn Springs Brewery, Inc.

The Commission approved an exemption request pursuant to <u>§18B-1116(b)</u> for Legion Brewing Company, LLC; Trolley Barn Brewery, LLC; Legion West Morehead, LLC; Legion Capital Towers, LLC; Legion Brewing Holdings, LLC; PBNC, LLC; B&D Legion Holdings, LLC and Phil C. Buchy IV.

The Commission approved an advertising agreement for R. H. Barringer Distributing Company, Inc. and the Holly Springs Salamanders for advertising at Ting Stadium.

The Commission continued consideration of a proposed ABC store location at 420 Kingold Boulevard, Snow Hill, requested by the Greene County ABC Board, until the June Commission Meeting.

The Commission approved a proposed ABC store location at 307 Pisgah Church Road, Suite A-E, Greensboro, requested by the Greensboro ABC Board.

The Commission approved a resolution designating authority for certain duties and responsibilities to the Chairman with the authority to further delegate to Commission staff. The full list of duties and responsibilities prescribed to the Commission are found in <u>§18B-203</u>.

The Commission also confirmed the next monthly Commission meeting will be held remotely by conference call / WebEx on Wednesday, June 8, 2022.

ABOUT THE NC ABC COMMISSION

North Carolina is one of 17 states to regulate alcohol through a control system. Since 1937, the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission has provided regulation and control over the sale, purchase, transportation, manufacture, consumption, and possession of alcoholic beverages in the state of North Carolina. <u>http://abc.nc.gov</u>.

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