



## 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 in person on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

The North Carolina ABC system continues to show tremendous growth. Total ABC sales during the current fiscal year are 8.3% higher than the previous fiscal year and mixed beverage sales (sales to bars, restaurants, and other businesses permitted to sell mixed beverages) during February were up 12.7% compared to February of 2022. Chairman Bauer acknowledged the importance of small, independent, and family-owned businesses across North Carolina and celebrates this continued growth and success.

Chairman Bauer and Commissioner Mitchell also shared their concern about the substantial number of violations involving alcohol sales to underage customers on this month's agenda. They encouraged all stakeholders to work collectively to prevent these dangerous sales and reminded all ABC-permitted businesses of their responsibility to ensure customers are 21 years old.

The Commission ratified 100 hearing cases that resulted in penalties in excess of \$120,000 and/or imposition of suspensions of permits for three days or more. Fines are due on or before April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and suspensions begin April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

The Commission approved an exemption request pursuant to [§18B-1116\(b\)](#) for Davis-Lehrmitage LLC.

The Commission approved an exemption request pursuant to [§18B-1116\(b\)](#) for Flying Bull Beer Company, Inc.; FBBC, LLC; Ana Bloch; and John Richardson.

The Commission approved an exemption request pursuant to [§18B-1116\(b\)](#) for Ironclad Brewery Corporation and Shaka Taco Corporation.

The Commission approved an exemption request pursuant to [§18B-1116\(b\)](#) for NC Taps, LLC T/A Ultimate Ales; Ass Clown Beer & Wine, LLC T/A Ass Clown Brewing Co.; and Christy O'Donnell.

The Commission approved a proposed ABC store location at 402 Kingold Boulevard, Snow Hill, as requested by the Greene County ABC Board. This store will replace the two current Greene County ABC stores located in Snow Hill at 217 SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and 1151 US-13.

The Commission approved a proposed ABC store location at 2568 & 2570 Memorial Highway, Lake Lure, as requested by the Lake Lure ABC Board. This store will replace the current Lake Lure ABC store located at 2654 Memorial Hwy, Lake Lure.

The Commission continued the request from LB&B Associates Inc. until the next Commission meeting.

The Commission also confirmed the next monthly meeting will be held in person at the NC ABC Commission (400 E Tryon Road, Raleigh, NC 27610) on Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 10:00 am.

#### 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. <http://abc.nc.gov>.

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