

Alcoholic Beverage Control

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NORTH CAROLINA ABC COMMISSION APPROVES 2 STORE RELOCATIONS AND ADOPTS HOMEBREW RULES

RALEIGH – The North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission held its regular monthly meeting today and ratified 95 cases that resulted in penalties in excess of \$114,000 and/or imposition of suspensions of permits for three days or more. Fines are due December 7, 2018, and suspensions begin December 14, 2018.

The Commission approved two proposed new ABC store relocations:

- US Highway 501 and NC 57 in Timberlake, requested by the Person County ABC Board.
- 302 Oak Street in Whiteville, requested by the Whiteville ABC Board.

The Commission then approved, with conditions, an exemption request pursuant to G.S.18B-1116(b) for:

- Brandon Russell; Stephen Russell; 580 Craft Beer, LLC; and Thirsty Skull Brewing, LLC
- Paul Casey; French Broad Brewing Company, LLC dba French Broad River Brewery; Fueling Alpha, LLC; and EBC Brewery, LLC dba Big Boss Brewing Company
- Legion Capital Towers, LLC; Legion Brewing Company, LLC; Philip Buchy, IV; Joseph Newton Carver, II
- Billy Beer, Inc.; On the Waterfront, LLC; Uptown Brewing Company, LLC; Billy R. Dunn; Donald Dunn; and Benjamin Self

During the preceding months, many people participated in the public hearing and public comment period that occurred related to homebrew rules. Changes from the originally proposed rules were made after considering all the comments received. The Commission adopted permanent homebrew rules 14B NCAC 15A .2301-.2207 today.

The Commission then proposed recommended permanent rule changes regarding reissuance of nonprofit special permits rule - Rule 14B NCAC 15B .0114. These proposed rules will be filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings for publication in the NC Register, sent to the persons on the ABC Rulemaking mailing list, and posted on the ABC Commission's website. There will be a public hearing held related to these proposed rule changes at the Commission's meeting on February 13, 2019, and a public comment period open until February 15, 2019.

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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