

# Vermilion County Liquor Control Ordinance

Establishing Rules and Regulations  
For The  
Sale of Alcoholic Beverages  
Within the  
Unincorporated Areas  
of  
Vermilion County, Illinois  
(As Amended)

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LIQUOR ORDINANCE  
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**VERMILION COUNTY LIQUOR  
CONTROL ORDINANCE (As Amended)**

*Establishing Rules and Regulations for the Sale of Alcoholic  
Beverages Within the Unincorporated Areas of Vermilion  
County, Illinois*

**ARTICLE I**

WHEREAS, the County Board has heretofore established Rules and Regulations for County Liquor Licenses outside the corporate limits of any municipality within Vermilion County, Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, the County Board of Vermilion County, Illinois desires to update and revise these said Rules and Regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the County Board of Vermilion County, Illinois, Liquor Ordinance establishing Rules and Regulations for the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages outside the corporate limits of any municipality within Vermilion County, Illinois, be and is hereby adopted by the duly elected County Board of Vermilion County, Illinois, and shall become effective upon its adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the following Vermilion County, Illinois, Liquor and Ordinance establishing Rules and Regulations for the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages outside the corporate limits of any municipality within Vermilion County, Illinois be and is hereby adopted by the duly elected County Board of Vermilion County, Illinois, and shall become effective upon its adoption.

## ARTICLE II

### Definitions of Words and Terms

*The following definitions shall apply to the words and terms when used within the Ordinance. Words and phrases defined in the State of Illinois Liquor Control Act, Chapter 43, Illinois Revised Statutes shall also apply in the enforcement of this Ordinance.*

- A. *Alcoholic Beverages:* Spirits, wine, beer, ale, whiskey, gin, brandy, rum or any distilled or fermented liquid containing more than one-half of one (1) percent alcohol by volume, for human consumption. The term "Alcoholic Liquor" shall have the same meaning.
- B. *Retail Sale:* Sale for use or consumption and not for resale.
- C. *Sale:* Transfer, exchange or barter for consideration, including any sale made by any person including principal, proprietor, agent, servant or employee.
- D. *Sell:* The act of making a sale, receiving an order for exposing to the public for the purpose of selling or keeping with the intent to sell.
- E. The hours indicated herein shall mean either Central Standard Time or Central Daylight Time, whichever is in effect in Vermilion County.
- F. *Beer:* A beverage obtained by the alcoholic fermentation of an infusion or concoction of barley or other grain, malt, and hops in water, and includes, among other things, beer, ale, stout, lager beer, porter and the like.
- G. *Wine:* Any alcoholic beverage obtained by the fermentation of the natural content of fruits or vegetables containing sugar including such beverages when fortified by the addition of alcohol or spirits, as above defined.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **Liquor Control Commissioner, Liquor Control Commission**

#### **Section 1. Liquor Control Commissioner**

The Chairman of the County Board of Vermilion County, Illinois shall be the Liquor Control Commissioner, and shall have the responsibility to administer the provisions of this Ordinance including, but not limited to, the issuance of liquor licenses, the revocation or suspension of liquor licenses, and the keeping of records and an official listing of all licenses. The Liquor Control Commissioner shall maintain an office in the Vermilion County Courthouse Annex from which liquor control business will normally be conducted.

#### **Section 2. Liquor Control Commission**

The Liquor Control Commission shall consist of the membership of the Taxation & Elections Committee of the Vermilion County Board. Meetings of the Liquor Control Commission shall be called by the Liquor Control Commissioner or by the Chairman of the Liquor Control Commission through the Office of the Liquor Control Commissioner.

#### **Section 3. Site Review Sub-Committee**

The Liquor Control Commission shall establish a Site Review Sub-Committee consisting of two of its members and a County Health Inspector, when needed, which shall have as its responsibility to make on site visits to make unannounced site visits, review new applications and renewal applications prior to the review of those applications by the Liquor Control Commission. Applications for Class G - Temporary Licenses shall not require a site review unless the Liquor Control Commissioner so directs that a site review be conducted by the Site Review Sub-Committee.

### **Section 3. Site Review Sub-Committee (con't)**

The purpose of the site visit and review shall be to assure that all requirements of this Ordinance and the application are met prior to the issuance of a license. Said Sub-Committee may use the services of the Liquor Control Commissioner's Technical Advisor as deemed necessary. The Liquor Control Commissioner and members of the Site Review Sub-Committee shall receive the per diem pay they would normally receive as County Board members for each day they make license application site visits.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **License Required, License Defined, License Privileges**

#### **Section 1. License Required**

It shall be unlawful to make any sale, to sell at retail, offer to sell or offer for sale any alcoholic liquor at retail within the territory of Vermilion County, Illinois, outside of the corporate limits of any incorporated city or village of said County without having a valid liquor license as provided in this Ordinance or in violation of the regulations and requirements governing such licenses as contained in this Ordinance.

#### **Section 2. License Defined**

The terms, "Vermilion County, Illinois, Liquor License", or the short term, "Liquor License", shall be used and shall mean the licensing document issued by the Vermilion County, Illinois Liquor Control Commissioner to permit the sale of alcoholic beverages at retail in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

#### **Section 3. License Privileges**

A Liquor License shall allow the licensee to sell or offer for sale at retail, within the premises specified in such license, alcoholic beverages for use of consumption on said premises, or to sell alcoholic beverages in the original package, not to be consumed on the premises where sold, in accord with the classification of said license as hereinafter provided. It shall be illegal for any license holder to transport or transfer liquor or any alcoholic beverages from one place of business to another place of business.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Application Required, Procedures, Contents**

#### **Section 1. Application Required**

Any person, partnership or corporation seeking to sell alcoholic beverages under the terms of this Ordinance shall submit the appropriate application for a Liquor License in accordance with the requirements of this Article.

#### **Section 2. Application Procedures**

Applications for a Vermilion County, Illinois, Liquor License shall be made in writing by the applicant on forms made available for such purpose. The Liquor Control Commission shall cause the following types of application forms to be prepared and made available and shall have the authority to revise such forms as deemed necessary by the Liquor Control Commission. Prior to making application for a Vermilion County, Illinois, Liquor License, other than a Class G or Class H, temporary license 1 (one) day, special event, applicants shall obtain any zoning amendments, variances, special use permits, or any other zoning amendments, variances, special use permits, or any other zoning approval required to permit the sale of liquor at the applicant's business location.

#### Type of Application

- N - Application for New License
- R - Application for Renewal License
- G - Application for Temporary License
- H - Application for Temporary License - One Day  
Special Event

## **Application Procedures (con't)**

### Type of Application/Due date

- N - Any applicant not holding a valid Vermilion County Liquor License.
  
- R - Holders of a valid license shall submit by November 10th prior to the date of issuance for the date of issuance for the following calendar year.
  
- G and H- Applicants for Temporary (Class G and H) License shall submit at least thirty (30) days prior to date for which license is requested.

Applications shall be submitted to the Office of the Liquor Control Commissioner and shall be accompanied by a filing fee of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25) which shall be paid by money order, cashier's check or bank draft and shall be made payable to "Vermilion County, Illinois".

License fees, as required in ARTICLE IX, shall not be paid at the time of the application, but shall be paid upon notification that a Liquor License has been approved by the Liquor Control Commissioner.

Upon receipt of an application, the Liquor Control Commissioner shall submit said application and the applicant's file to the Chairman of the Liquor Control Commission or to the Site Review Sub-Committee as directed by the Commission.

The Site Review Sub-Committee shall, as appropriate, make an on-site investigation with a County Health Inspector, if necessary, of the premises to determine whether all statements on the application are true and correct.

The Site Review Sub-Committee shall be authorized to add any appropriate information to the applicant's file including, but not limited to, site review comments, photographs of the premises, and/or recommendations regarding approval or disapproval based on their review of the site and the application.

The Liquor Control Commission or the Site Review Sub-Committee shall inform the license holder by a 48-hour written notice of the date and approximate time that the site review visit will be conducted. Failure of the owner or manager of any licensed establishment to be present and have the licensed establishment open for said site review visit at the prescribed date and time will be cause for the applicant to pay an additional fee of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) to Vermilion County to cover the cost of a later scheduled site review visit.

Applicants for a new license shall be required to request the Vermilion County Sheriff to conduct a POLICE RECORDS CHECK. Said report shall be forwarded by the Sheriff to the Liquor Control Commissioner. The records check report shall become a part of the applicant's file, but shall be kept as confidential information for review by the Liquor Commissioner and the Liquor Commission only. A records check shall be conducted on each party of the applicant (i.e. individual owner, partner of a partnership, officers of a corporation).

Upon completion of required site investigations and records check the Liquor Control Commissioner shall call a meeting of the Liquor Control Commission to review the full application. Applicants shall be notified by the Liquor Control Commissioner of the meeting date, time, and place. At such meeting, the Liquor Control Commission shall recommend approval or disapproval of the license application, but such action shall not constitute final action on said application.

The Liquor Control Commissioner shall, within a reasonable time of receipt of the Commission's recommendation, make a determination to approve or deny the license as applied. The Liquor Control Commissioner shall notify the applicant in writing of his decision. Such notification shall include instructions to the applicant as to the amount of fee to be paid and the date or conditions under which said license shall be issued.

License fees shall be made payable to "Vermilion County, Illinois", and shall be in the form of a money order, cashier's check or bank draft. The Liquor Control Commissioner shall not issue a license to any applicant unless the license fee has been paid in full in manner prescribed herein. All such fees shall be deposited by the Liquor Control Commissioner into the General Fund of Vermilion County, Illinois.

### **Section 3. Application Contents**

All applications for any license under the terms of this Ordinance shall be completed in full and shall be accompanied by all required attachments as listed herein. All such applications shall be signed by the applicant, if an individual; or partners, if a partnership; or by a duly authorized agent of the corporation, if a corporation; and all signatures thereon shall be verified by a Notary Public registered in the State of Illinois.

### **Section 3A. Applications for New Licenses**

Applications for new license shall include the following items and attachments:

- (a) An indication of the license classification being applied for.
- (b) Name, address and telephone number of the business location that license is being applied for.
- (c) A statement that the business location for which the applicant is requesting a license is not subject to township or municipal zoning, or that the applicant has been granted any zoning amendment, variance, special use permit, or any other zoning permits or approval necessary to allow the applicant to lawfully conduct a business involving the sale of liquor at said location.
- (d) An indication that applicant is an individual owner, partnership, for-profit corporation or not-for-profit corporation.
- (e) Name, title, address, telephone number, present age, place of birth; or if naturalized date and place naturalized for the individual owner; each partner, if a partnership; and the agent, manager and corporation officials, if a corporation.
- (f) Information relating to any conviction of any felony crime for any person listed in item (e) above.
- (g) Description of object of business being conducted.
- (h) Information relative to any denials, suspensions or revocations of any liquor licenses that the applicant has had at the same or other premises.
- (i) Information relative to any denials, suspensions or revocations of any type of license that the applicant has had.
- (j) Name of any public office currently held by applicant.
- (k) Attachment giving description of corporation if applicant is a corporation.

- (l) Attachment giving description of place of business.
- (m) Attachment that applicant has requested the Sheriff to conduct a records check.
- (n) Attachment providing a Certificate of Dram Shop Insurance for the term of the license being applied for by a reputable insurance carrier insuring the business under the dram shop laws of the State of Illinois, said certificate reflecting dram shop insurance coverage in the amounts not less than \$30,000 Bodily injury, \$40,000 means of support and \$30,000 property damage as stated in the Illinois Revised Statutes as amended.
- (o) Attachment providing a Certificate of Liability Insurance on the place of business for the term of the license being applied for by a reputable insurance carrier for not less than \$30,000.
- (p) Attachment providing proof of ownership or lease of premises for the term of the license being applied for.
- (q) Attachment providing a bond in the amount of \$5,000 as required by Article VIII of this Ordinance.
- (r) Attachment providing a Certificate that all taxes and special assessments are paid.
- (s) Attachment providing signatures and verification of signatures of the applicant as required by this Section.

NOTE: Applicants for a license for a newly established business may submit a letter of intent from a reputable insurance agent indicating that the required insurance and bond (items n, o, and q above) will be issued to the applicant prior to the issuance of a license. Upon notification of license approval, the applicant must secure and submit the appropriate certificates as in items n, o, q above before the license will be issued.

### **Section 3B. Renewal Applications**

Renewal applications shall include items a, b, d, e, j, n, o, p, q, r and s as listed in Article V, Section 3A as well as the following:

- (1) Attachment which provides a statement regarding any change in the nature of the business or the premises for which the license applies.
- (2) Attachment which provides a statement regarding any change in ownership, partnership, corporate officers or management for the business to which the license applies.
- (3) Attachment which provides a statement regarding any change in the object of the business or corporation to which the license applies.

**Section 3C. Applications for Temporary License:**

Applications for temporary license shall include the following items:

- (a) Title or description of the event for which the application is being made.
- (b) Description or location of the event to be held.
- (c) Proposed term of the license (number of days and specific rates).
- (d) Name or title of the not-for-profit corporation seeking the application.
- (e) Name, title, address, telephone number, present age, place of birth; or if naturalized, date and place naturalized of the agent, manager and corporation officials.
- (f) Information relating to any conviction of any felony crime for any person listed in item (e) above.
- (g) Description of the object of the applicant corporation.
- (h) Description of the purpose for which the license is being sought.
- (i) Information relative to any denials, suspensions or revocations of any liquor license that the applicant corporation has had for the same or other premises.
- (j) Name of any public office currently held by any persons listed in item (e) above.

- (k) Attachment providing proof of ownership or lease of the premises for the term of the license being applied for.
- (l) Attachment providing a Certificate of Dram Shop Insurance for the term of the license being applied for by a reputable insurance carrier insuring the business under the dram shop laws of the State of Illinois, said certificate reflecting dram shop insurance coverage in amounts not less than \$30,000 bodily injury, \$40,000 means of support and \$30,000 property damage as stated in the Illinois Revised Statutes as amended.
- (m) Attachment providing a certificate of Liability insurance on the place of business for the term of the license being applied for by a reputable insurance carrier for not less than \$30,000.
- (n) Attachment providing signatures and verification of signatures of the applicant as required by this Section.

NOTE: Applicants for a license for a newly established business may submit a letter of intent from a reputable insurance agent indicating that the required insurance (items l and m above) will be issued to the applicant prior to the issuance of a license. Upon notification of license approval, the applicant must secure and submit the appropriate certificates as in items l and m above before the licenses will be issued.

#### **TEMPORARY LICENSE - CLASS H**

This classification is a temporary 1(one) day special liquor license for establishments currently holding a Class B/Tavern, or Class F/Beer & Wine Only Liquor License. See Article IX, Section 1(h) on page 28 for clarification.

#### **Section 3D. Statement of Understanding**

All applications shall include a "Statement of Understanding", which shall read:

I/We, the undersigned applicant(s), hereby acknowledge

that I/we am/are not disqualified from receiving a liquor license by reason of any provisions within the laws of the State of Illinois or the United States; and,

that I/we am/are completely familiar with the terms and provisions of the Vermilion County, Illinois Liquor Control Ordinance and all applicable and referenced laws of the State of Illinois or the United States; and,

that I/we have in good faith, submitted all required documents and have answered all questions and parts of this application true and accurately; and,

that I/we fully understand that any license issued hereunder may be revoked in accordance with the provisions of the Vermilion County, Illinois, Liquor Control Ordinance under the terms of which this application is made, and hereby agree that any license issued hereunder may be so revoked.

The applicant(s) shall sign the "Statement of Understanding" separately from other signatures required and such signatures shall serve as an agreement regarding the "Statement of Understanding".

## **ARTICLE VI**

### License Prohibited

#### **Section 1. License Prohibited**

No license under the terms of this Ordinance shall be issued to:

- (a) A person who is not good character and reputation in the community in which he resides.
- (b) A person who at the time of application for renewal of any license issued hereunder would not be eligible for such license upon a first application.
- (c) A person who at the time of application is not a citizen of the United States. Individual applicants or at least one partner of a partnership shall be a resident of Vermilion County for one continuous year.
- (d) A partnership, unless all of the members of such partnership shall be qualified to obtain a license, under the provisions of (a) and (b) of this Article.
- (e) A corporation, if any officer, manager or director thereof, or any holder or owner of 51% in the stock or other securities of the corporation, would not be eligible to receive a license under the provisions of (a) and (b) of this Article for any reason other than citizenship and residence within this County.
- (f) A person, partnership or corporation whose place of business is conducted by a manager or agent unless said manager or agent possesses the same qualification as required of the licensee.
- (g) A person who has been convicted of a violation of any Federal or State law concerning the manufacture, possession or sale of alcoholic liquor, or who has forfeited his Bond to appear in court to answer charges for any such violation.
- (h) A person, partnership or corporation who does not own the premises for which a license is sought or who does not have a lease for the term of the license as being applied

- for, for the premises for which the license is being issued.
- (i) Any person, partnership or corporation if the applicant or any partner, director, or officer, or their spouse is employed by Vermilion County, Illinois as a law or health enforcement officer or is a member of the County Board of Vermilion County, Illinois or is an elected Vermilion County Illinois, officeholder.
  - (j) Any person, partnership, or corporation not eligible for a State of Illinois retail liquor dealer's license.
  - (k) For any license other than a Class G, temporary license: Any person, partnership or corporation whose business location is subject to township or municipal zoning, unless the sale of liquor is a lawful, permitted use according to such zoning ordinance at said business location.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### Term of License fees, Expiration of License

#### **Section 1. Term of License Fees**

License fees shall be set for a full year rate as established in Article IX for all licenses issued between January 1 and June 30 of each calendar year, and shall be reduced by half for licenses issued between July 1 and December 31 of each calendar year.

#### **Section 2. Expiration of License**

Each such license shall terminate at 12 o'clock midnight on December 31, next following its date of issuance.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **Bond Required, Filing Conditions**

#### **Section 1. Bond Required**

Each applicant for a license hereunder shall execute a penal bond to the County of Vermilion and the State of Illinois in the sum of \$5,000 with a solvent Surety company licensed to do business in the State of Illinois. The Commission shall consider said bond, but shall have the right to reject said bond. A new bond shall be presented with each application prior to issuance or renewal of any license under the terms of this Ordinance and the terms of each bond shall be for the calendar year for which the license applies.

#### **Section 2. Bond Filing**

Said bond shall be filed as a part of the documentation required to accompany the applicant's application.

#### **Section 3. Bond Conditions**

Said bond shall be conditioned upon the faithful observance by the licensee of this Ordinance and the provisions of all liquor laws of the State of Illinois and all laws of the United States of America applying to the sale, transportation and possession of alcoholic beverages. Said bond shall be further conditioned upon the payment by the person, partnership, or corporation bonded to any person or persons entitled to damages as a result of any sale, occurrence, transaction or injury which arises from the operation of the business for which the license hereto applies.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **License Classifications, Requirements, Fees, and Forfeiture of Fees, Limit on Number of Licenses**

#### **Section 1. License Classifications**

Retailer's licenses issued by the Liquor Control Commissioner shall be of the following classes. Requirements for each classification and the annual fees to be charged shall be as follows:

##### **1A. CLASS A LIQUOR LICENSE:**

A Class A Liquor License shall be issued to hotels, motels or restaurants meeting the following definitions and requirements:

A hotel or motel is hereby defined as every building or other structure kept, used, maintained, advertised, and held out to the public to be a place where food is actually served and consumed and sleeping accommodations are offered for adequate pay to travelers and guests, whether transient, permanent or residential in which twenty-five (25) or more rooms are used for the sleeping accommodations of such guests and having one or more public dining rooms where meals are served to such guests, such sleeping accommodations and dining rooms being conducted in the same building or buildings in connection therewith and such building or buildings, structure or structures being provided with adequate and sanitary kitchen and dining room equipment and capacity and as long as such food is prepared under sanitary conditions meeting all local and State laws, rules, and regulations.

A restaurant is hereby defined as a place where food is actually served and consumed for adequate pay to the public, and having one or more public dining rooms where meals are served and wherein adequate and sanitary kitchen and dining room equipment is provided and wherein the combined dining room seating capacity is adequate to serve 50 patrons at one time as long as any such food prepared and served is done so under sanitary conditions meeting all local and State laws, rules and regulations. All such hotels, motels, or restaurants licensed under this classification shall have an assessed valuation of all buildings and grounds of at least Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000).

A Class A Liquor License issued to any hotel, motel, or restaurant meeting the requirements above shall entitle the licensee to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises and in the original package.

The annual fee for a Class A Liquor License shall be One Thousand Five-Hundred Dollars (\$1,500).

Any licensee under this classification shall be entitled to maintain a dance floor on or within the premises.

## **1B. CLASS B LIQUOR LICENSE:**

A Class B License shall be issued to taverns or similar establishments meeting the following definitions and requirements:

A tavern is hereby defined as a place selling alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises and shall include such places commonly known as saloons, bars, barrooms, cocktail lounges, ale houses, road houses, pubs, and taprooms.

A Class B Liquor License shall entitle the licensee to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises or to sell alcoholic liquor in the original package not to be consumed on the premises where sold, but shall not include grocery stores or any business wherein the primary business is other than the sale of alcoholic beverages.

A licensee under this classification shall be entitled to sell food and food items as a secondary function of the business being conducted as long as any food prepared and served is done so under sanitary conditions meeting all local and State laws, rules and regulations.

Any licensee under this classification shall not maintain a dance floor. The annual fee for a Class B Liquor License shall be One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000).

Any Class B License shall be considered null and void or may be revoked by the Liquor Control Commissioner if the licensee shall cease the sale of alcoholic beverages for any reason during the term of the license.

## **1C. CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE:**

A Class C License shall be issued to nightclubs or similar establishments meeting the following definitions and requirements:

A nightclub is hereby defined as a place selling alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises which offer live entertainment or mechanically reproduced entertainment and shall include such places as discoteques, discos, and cabarets.

A Class C Liquor License shall entitle the licensee to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises or to sell alcoholic liquor in the original package not to be consumed on the premises where sold.

A licensee under this classification shall be entitled to sell food and food items as a secondary function of the business being conducted as long as any food prepared and served is done so under sanitary conditions meeting all local and State laws, rules and regulations.

The annual fee for a Class C Liquor License shall be One Thousand Five-Hundred Dollars, with or without a dance floor.

A licensee under this classification shall be entitled to maintain a dance floor on or within the premises.

## **1D. CLASS D LIQUOR LICENSE:**

A Class D License shall be issued to package liquor stores or similar establishments meeting the following definitions and requirements:

A package liquor store or establishment is hereby defined as a place selling alcoholic beverages in the original packages not to be consumed on the premises including places where sales are made at drive-up facilities but shall not include grocery stores or any business wherein the primary business is other than the sale of packaged liquors.

A Class D Liquor License shall not entitle the licensee to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises. Licensees under this classification shall be entitled to sell packaged foods or food items as a secondary function of the business but the sale of food prepared on the premises shall be prohibited.

Any license under this classification shall not maintain a dance floor on or within the licensed premises. The annual fee for a Class D Liquor License shall be Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$850).

Any Class D License shall be considered null and void or may be revoked by the Liquor Control Commissioner if the licensee shall cease the sale of alcoholic beverages for any reason during the term of the license.

## **1E. CLASS E LIQUOR LICENSE:**

A Class E Liquor License shall be issued to a club or fraternal organization meeting the following definitions and requirements:

A club or fraternal organization is hereby defined as a corporation organized under the laws of this State, not for pecuniary profit, solely for the promotion of some common object other than the sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages, kept, used and maintained by its members through the payment of annual dues, and owning, hiring or leasing a building or space in a building, or of such extent and character as may be suitable and adequate for the reasonable and comfortable use and accommodation of its members and their guests; provided that such club files with the Liquor Control Commissioner at the time of its application for a license under this Act two copies of a list of names and residences of its members, and similarly, files within ten (10) days of the election of any additional member his name and address; and provided further that its affairs and management are conducted by a board of directors, executive committee, or similar body chosen by members at their annual meeting and that no member of any officer, agent, or employee of the club is paid, or directly or indirectly receives, in the form of salary or other compensation, any profits from the distribution or sale of alcoholic beverages to the club or its guests introduced by members beyond the amount of such salary as may be fixed and voted at any annual meeting by the members or by its board of directors or other governing body out of the general revenue of the club.

A Class E Liquor License shall entitle the licensee to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises only.

A licensee under this classification shall be entitled to prepare, sell, and serve food and food items and meals to the members and their guests, provided that there exists adequate and sanitary kitchen and dining room equipment and as long as any such food prepared and served is done so under sanitary conditions meeting all local and State laws, rules and regulations.

Any licensee under this classification shall be entitled to maintain a dance floor on or within the licensed premises. The annual fee for a Class E Liquor License shall be Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$950). Any Class E License shall be considered null and void or may be revoked by the Liquor Control Commissioner if the licensee shall cease the sale of alcoholic beverages for any reason during the term of the license.

## **1F. CLASS F LIQUOR LICENSE:**

A Class F License shall be issued to establishments wishing to sell beer and wine only as long as the following definitions and requirements are met:

The definition of beer and wine shall be as defined in Article II of this Ordinance. A Class F Liquor License shall entitle the licensee to sell beer and wine for consumption on the premises only.

A licensee under this classification shall be an establishment that sells and serves food and food items provided that there exists adequate and sanitary kitchen and dining room equipment and as long as any such food prepared and served is done so under sanitary conditions meeting all local and State laws, rules and regulations.

Any licensee under this classification shall not maintain a dance floor on or within the licensed premises. The annual fee for a Class F Liquor License shall be Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900).

Any Class F Liquor License shall be considered null and void or may be revoked by the Liquor Control Commissioner if the licensee shall cease the sale of alcoholic beverages as defined under this classification, for any reason during the term of the license.

## **1G. CLASS G TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE:**

A Class G Temporary Liquor License shall be issued to any chartered not-for-profit corporation, religious, political, charitable or any organization that can show tax exempt status wishing to sell beer only as long as the following definitions and requirements are met:

The definition of beer shall be as defined in Article II of this Ordinance.

A Class G Temporary License shall entitle the licensee to sell beer for consumption on the licensed premises only.

The duration of a Class G License shall be for a period of no longer than ten (10) days in any calendar year. Each day of said license term shall begin no earlier than 6:00 A.M. and end no later than 12:00 midnight of the same calendar date.

At the time of application, the applicant shall provide evidence that the organization is duly chartered by the State of Illinois as a not-for-profit corporation or show proof that the organization has tax exempt status. The Liquor Commission may recommend and the Liquor Commissioner may require any special conditions that relate to the public health, safety, and welfare including, but not limited to: (a) Limitations on extent or area of the site or premises that liquor may be sold or consumed. (b) Special parking or security requirements. (c) Special or additional sanitary requirements.

Applicants for Class G Temporary License shall not be required to submit a bond as specified in Article VIII. The fee for a Class G Temporary License shall be Fifty Dollars (\$50) for the first day and Twenty-five Dollars (\$25) for each additional day that the license is issued.

**1H. CLASS H SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE:**

A Class H Special Liquor License shall be issued to any establishment currently holding a valid Class B or Class F Vermilion County Liquor License.

A Class H Special Liquor License would not exempt a liquor license holder from any provisions of their current liquor license in accordance with the Vermilion County Liquor Control Ordinance with the following exception:

A Class H Special Liquor License would allow entertainment for 1 (one) day only to be offered on the premises.

A Class H Special Liquor License shall be limited to any one establishment for a maximum of 4 (four) times per calendar year.

The fee for a Class H Special Liquor License would be \$50.00 per occurrence, except if the establishment applied for the maximum 4 (four) days at one time, making the fee \$150.00.

Applications for a Class H Liquor License must be received by the Liquor Control Commissioner no later than 10 (ten) business days prior to the special event.

Any and all Class H Liquor Licenses shall be approved or denied at the discretion of the Vermilion County Liquor Control Commissioner.

All other Provisions, Sections and Articles as amended April 10, 2001, and July 12, 2005, within the Vermilion County Liquor Control Ordinance establishing the rules and regulations for the sale of alcoholic beverages within the unincorporated areas of Vermilion County, Illinois, shall remain in full force and effect.

## **11. VINEYARDS and WINERIES**

A Class I Liquor license shall be issued to vineyards and wineries or similar establishments wishing to sell wine` only as long as the following definitions and requirements are met:

For the purpose of this classification a vineyard, winery or similar establishment shall be defined as an establishment operated by a person engaged in the manufacture of or making of wine under the Liquor Control Act of 1934, as amended, 235 ILCS, 5/1 et seq.

A Class I Liquor License shall entitle the licensee to sell wine for consumption on the premises or to sell wine in the original package not to be consumed on the premises where sold. For an additional fee of \$100.00 per year as set forth below, the Class I License shall be entitled to sell beer for consumption on premises and said license shall be noted on the face of the License.

A Class I Liquor License shall be entitled to sell food and food items as a secondary function of the business being conducted as long as any food prepared and served is done so under sanitary conditions meeting all local and State laws, rules and regulations.

The fees for a Class I Liquor License shall be \$900.00 (nine hundred dollars) per year along with a \$25.00 (twenty-five dollar) non refundable application fee, except that where an applicant for a Class I Liquor License desires to have the privilege of selling beer for consumption on premises, the fee shall be increased an additional \$100.00 per year for a total of \$1,000 per year.

## 1J. SEASONAL LICENSES

A Class J Liquor license shall be issued to establishments meeting the following definitions and requirements:

1. An establishment that qualifies for any class of liquor license already established under the Vermilion County Liquor Control Ordinance except for Class G and Class H, and
2. Operates for a term not less than 6 consecutive months within the same calendar year.

A Class J Liquor License shall entitle the licensee to sell alcoholic beverages, as they would otherwise be entitled to under the terms of a full year license. The license on its face shall designate the seasonal nature of the license "J" and the otherwise existing class that would define the terms of the entitlement of such beverages. For example, "JF" would be a seasonal establishment that sells beer and wine as allowed under a Class F license.

A seasonal license holder shall be entitled to sell and serve food and food items as long as any foods prepared and served is done so under sanitary conditions meeting all local and State laws, rules, and regulations.

Any licensee under this classification shall not maintain a dance floor on or within the premises. The annual fee for a Class J liquor license shall be Six Hundred Dollars (\$600).

**Section 2. Forfeiture of Fee**

In the event a license is surrendered under any provision of this Article, the license fee shall be forfeited by the licensee. No portion of any license fee shall be returned to the licensee for the period of time when a license is considered null and void or when a license is suspended or revoked under any provisions of this Article.

**Section 3. Limit on Number of Licenses**

At no time shall the Liquor Control Commissioner issue more licenses than indicated below for the classifications allowed by this Article.

**License Classification**  
**Limit on Number of Licenses**

<b>Class A</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Classes B,C,D &amp; E</b>	<b>A combined total of 28</b>
<b>Class F</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Class G</b>	<b>No Limit</b>
<b>Class H</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Class I</b>	<b>No Limit</b>
<b>Class J</b>	<b>No Limit</b>

## **ARTICLE X**

License List, Transfers, Unused License,  
Change in Location, Change in Ownership, Peddling

### **Section 1. License List**

The Liquor Control Commissioner shall keep or cause to be kept a complete record/or official listing of all licensees and licenses issued by said Liquor Control Commissioner. Upon issuance of any license or revocation of any license, the Liquor Control Commissioner shall notify the County Treasurer, State's Attorney and Sheriff within 48 hours by providing a copy of such transactions or an updated copy of the official list of licensees and licenses issued.

### **Section 2. Transfers**

Any license granted shall not be subject to attachment, garnishment or execution, nor shall it be alienable to transferable, voluntarily or involuntarily, or subject to being encumbered or the subject matter of any lien. The trustees of any insolvent or bankrupt licensee, when such estate consists, in part, of alcoholic beverages, may continue the business of the sale of alcoholic liquor under order of the appropriate court, and may exercise the privileges of deceased or insolvent or bankrupt licensee after the death of such decedent, or such insolvency or bankruptcy until the expiration of such license, but not longer than six months after the death, bankruptcy or insolvency of such licensee. No license may enter into any lease, rental or employment agreement which, in any manner constitutes a transfer of the license or any aspect thereof. Any license fees paid to Vermilion County shall not be refunded in the event any such business ceases to operate during the term of the license issued.

### **Section 3. Unused License**

Any business which ceases to operate for a period of sixty (60) days during the term of a license for any cause shall be deemed to have an unused license. Any such unused license shall be forfeited and shall be considered null and void for the period that the license is not in use. Any license fees paid to Vermilion County shall not be refunded when a license is forfeited. Any license holder wishing to renew an unused license shall pay a renewal license fee of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) and shall submit a Renewal application in accordance with Article V; however, the Liquor Control Commissioner can reissue said license for the remainder of the current term of the license without following the review procedures required in Section 2 of Article V. In the event that a business is closed as a result of an act of God, the Liquor Control Commissioner may hold open the licensee's license for a period not to exceed one (1) year from the date of occurrence.

### **Section 4. Change of Location**

Any license holder who proposes to change the location of the business which is licensed shall notify the Liquor Control Commissioner in writing prior to such change being made. The Liquor Control Commissioner shall notify the Liquor Control Commission and shall update and reissue the official license list required in Section 1 of this Article. In the event that the new location does not meet the requirements of this Ordinance, the applicant will be so notified by the Liquor Control Commissioner.

**Section 5. Change in Ownership**

Any transfer of an operating business between owners or any change in ownership shall cause the new owner to submit an "Application for New License", and a new license fee in accordance with Article V. Such new application will be handled and acted upon in accordance with Article V; however, the Liquor Control Commissioner shall be required to issue notification to the previous owner and the new owner that the license is being issued to the new owner. Any new owner of an operating business shall not sell alcoholic beverages until such time as a new license has been issued by the Liquor Control Commissioner.

**Section 6. Peddling**

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, partnership, or corporation to peddle alcoholic liquor within Vermilion County outside the corporate limits of any municipality and accordingly, the sale of alcoholic beverages shall be limited to the premises for which a license is issued under the terms of this Ordinance.

## **ARTICLE XI**

Sanitary Conditions, Rest Rooms, Employees,  
Location, Restrictions, Closing Hours, Display of License

### **Section 1. Sanitary Conditions**

All premises used for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages for such sale shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition, and shall be kept in full compliance with the laws of the State of Illinois.

The premises and any adjacent area, including any sidewalks, streets and alleys that touch or are immediately adjacent to the premises shall be kept free from liquor bottles, cans, food wrappings, broken glass and other refuse originating in the licensee's premises. If for any reason the premises or adjacent areas are damaged or are in a state of disrepair such that the Liquor Commissioner deems it unsafe, unsanitary or in violation of any applicable building code, environmental or nuisance ordinance or statute of Vermilion County or the State of Illinois, the Commissioner may revoke or suspend the license of the licensee. The Commissioner shall, prior to such suspension or revocation provide written notice to the licensee of any such violation under this section and notice to remove the cause of such violation within three days. If the licensee fails to remove the cause of the violation within such time then the Commissioner may suspend or revoke the license of the licensee, or take any other action necessary to enforce this section.

### **Section 2. Rest Room**

No license shall be issued unless the premises wherein such business is to be conducted has available in the building for which the license is to be issued, for the use of patrons of such business, two separate rest rooms, one for men and one for women, which both shall at all times

have operable toilets, wash basins or lavatories with hot and cold running water and sanitary conditions.

### **Section 3. Employees**

Employees of liquor establishments which have been issued a License under this ordinance shall be at least 18 years of age. All employees serving or handling food in any establishment shall be qualified under the applicable State of Illinois laws regarding the handling of food and beverages.

### **Section 4. Location Restrictions**

No license shall be issued for the sale of any alcoholic beverages within 100 feet of any church, school, hospital, home for aged or indigent person, or veterans, their wives or children, or any military stations. Each place of business licensed under this Ordinance which is located within the jurisdiction of a local zoning ordinance shall comply with the provisions of such ordinance.

### **Section 5. Closing Hours**

The closing hours of all establishments licensed under this Ordinance except Class G Temporary Licenses shall be from 2:30 A.M. to 7:00 A.M. every day of the week including Saturday, Sundays, and holidays. Hours stated shall mean Central Standard Time or Central Daylight Savings Time, whichever is being observed in Vermilion County.

No sale, dispensing or distribution of alcoholic beverages in any form shall be made in any licensed establishment during said closing hours, and no patron shall be permitted to enter such licensed establishment during closing hours. Patrons shall be allowed to remain in or on the premises for a period of one-half hour (30 minutes) after the designated closing time.

**Section 6. Display of License**

Every licensee shall cause his or her license or licenses to be framed and hung in plain view in a conspicuous place on the licensed premises.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **Commission Recommendations, Re-eligibility**

#### **Section 1. Commission Recommendations**

The Liquor Control Commission may, by a majority vote at convened meeting, recommend the issuance or suspension or revocation of any license applied for or issued under the terms of this Ordinance or on the basis of any provisions of the applicable State liquor laws pertaining to the sale of alcoholic beverages. In the case of a tie vote of the members at a convened meeting, the Chairman of the Liquor Control Commission shall vote to break the tie. All such recommendations shall be transmitted by the Chairman of the Liquor Control Commission for final action.

#### **Section 2. Re-eligibility**

When a licensee shall have his or her license revoked for any cause, said license shall not be eligible to apply for re-issuance or for a new license for the period of twelve (12) months after the date of revocation. License suspensions shall be for the term so stated by the Liquor Control Commissioner and such license shall be considered in effect the day following the term of such suspension.

## **ARTICLE XIII**

### **Limitation on Sales, Warning to Minors, Complaints, Enforcement, Violations, Disturbance Reports**

#### **Section 1. Limitation on Sales**

No licensee shall sell, give or deliver alcoholic beverages to any person under the age provided by the laws of the State of Illinois for purchasing and possessing alcoholic beverages, or to any intoxicated or disorderly person, or to any person known to be a habitual drunkard.

#### **Section 2. Warning to Minors**

Every licensee shall display in plain view in a conspicuous place on the licensed premises a printed notice which shall read substantially as follows:

### **WARNING TO MINORS**

A penalty of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 or imprisonment in a penal institution other than a penitentiary for not more than 30 days, or both if you purchase, accept as a gift, or have in your possession alcoholic liquor or misrepresent your age for the purpose of purchasing or obtaining alcoholic liquor.

The sale of intoxicating liquor to any minor person, the gift of intoxicating liquor to any minor person, and the purchase of intoxicating liquor by, for, or in behalf of any minor person within Vermilion County is hereby prohibited.

No minor shall be permitted, during business hours, in any place or establishment where the sale of intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises is permitted; provided, that where the principal business of any establishment is something other than

the sale of intoxicating liquor, this provision shall not apply to that portion of such premises not used for the sale or serving of intoxicating liquor if that portion of the premises used for the sale of or serving of intoxicating liquor is confined to a separate room; provided further, that where the principal business of any establishment is something other than the sale of intoxicating liquor or the providing of amusement, this provision shall not prohibit the entering of any minor into such establishment if he is accompanied by his parent or legal guardian. Any person under twenty-one (21) years of age shall not purchase, possess, or consume alcoholic liquor nor accept a gift of alcoholic liquor.

If a licensee or his agents or employees believe or have reason to believe that a sale or delivery of alcoholic liquor is prohibited because of the age of the recipient, he shall before making such a sale or delivery, demand presentation of some form of positive identification, containing proof of age, issued by a public officer in the performance of his official duties. No person shall transfer, alter, or deface such an identification card; use the identification card of another, carry or use a false or forged identification card; or obtain an identification card by means of false information. No person shall purchase, accept delivery, or have possession of alcoholic liquor in violation of this section. This consumption of alcoholic liquor by any person to whom the sale, gift, or delivery of alcoholic liquor is prohibited by law because of age is in violation of this section. Whoever violates any provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars for each such offense.

Any person under the age of twenty-one years, who, for the purpose of buying, accepting, or receiving alcoholic liquor from licensee, represents that he is twenty-one years of age or over, shall be fined not more than fifty dollars or be imprisoned for not less than ten days nor more than one year, or both.

### **Section 3. Complaints**

Any citizen or person shall have the right to file a complaint

with the Liquor Control Commissioner stating that any licensed establishment or licensee, under the jurisdiction of the Ordinance or the rules and regulations pursuant hereto. Such complaint shall be in writing in the form prescribed by the Liquor Control Commission and shall be signed and sworn to by the party or parties making such complaint. The complaint shall state all particular provisions, rules or regulations believed to have been violated and shall state the facts in detail upon which the belief is based. If the Liquor Control Commissioner is satisfied, after a thorough investigation of the facts, that there has been a violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance and that such charges have been proven by a preponderance of the evidence, then the Liquor Control Commissioner may issue an order suspending or revoking the license of such licensee.

#### **Section 4. Enforcement**

The Liquor Control Commissioner shall have the authority to enter or to authorize any law or health enforcement officers to enter at any time upon the premises licensed hereinunder to determine whether any of the provisions of this Ordinance or any rules of the State of Illinois liquor laws have been or are being violated, and at such time to examine said premises of said license in connection herewith. The Liquor Control Commissioner or Sheriff shall issue a proper identification card for anyone who shall be deemed to be authorized to make inspections or site visits in connection with this Ordinance. The Sheriff of Vermilion County, Illinois, is directed to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance and to notify the Liquor Control Commissioner of all violations of this Ordinance within 24 hours of any such violations.

#### **Section 5. Violations**

If the owner of the licensed premises or any person from whom the licensee derives the right to possession of such premises, or the agent of such owner or persons shall

knowingly permit the licensee to use said licensed premises in violation of the terms of this Ordinance, said owner, agent or other person shall be deemed guilty of any violation of this Ordinance to the same extent as said licensee and be subject to the same punishment.

Every act or omission constituting a violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance made with the authorization, knowledge or approval of the licensee, expressed or implied, shall be deemed the act of the licensee, and said licensee shall be punishable in the same manner as if said act or omission had been done or omitted by him personally.

Whenever any licensee shall be convicted of any violation of this Ordinance, the license of said licensee may be revoked by the Liquor Control Commissioner.

Whenever any officer, director, manager or other employee in a position of authority of a licensee under this Ordinance shall be convicted of any violation of this Ordinance while engaged in the course of his employment or while upon the premises described by said license, the license of the licensee may be revoked by the Liquor Control Commissioner.

#### **Section 6. Disturbance Report**

Any disturbance in or at any licensed establishment, which shall also include parking area, involving the calling of the police or ambulance, or personal injury on any altercations, must be reported to the Liquor Control Commissioner by the License holder on forms provided by the Commissioner within five (5) days of said incident.

## **ARTICLE XIV**

### **Suspensions and Revocations**

#### **Section 1. Suspensions and Revocations**

In addition to the violations of any provisions of any Articles or Sections of this Ordinance, the following shall be considered as grounds for suspensions or revocations of any license issued under the provisions of this Ordinance.

- (a) Any violation of any law of the State of Illinois.
- (b) Falsification of any information submitted on or with an application for license.
- (c) Payment by the licensee of any federal tax imposed on gambling or gambling equipment under the United States Code.
- (d) Maintaining or operating a dram shop on any premises registered as a place of business when activities are carried on which make the person or persons involved subject to any tax or wagering.
- (e) Permitting gambling of any kind to be conducted on the premises where the licensee carries on his business.
- (f) Any violation of the terms of Article XI having to do with closing hours.
- (g) No license or employee or bartender of such licensee shall knowingly suffer to be done or commit any act of prostitution, of soliciting for a prostitute, of pandering, of keeping a place of prostitution, of patronizing a prostitute, or of pimping as defined by statute on or in the licensed premises; and no person shall be entitled to receive a liquor license who has been convicted of any of the foregoing crimes and misdemeanors opposing decency or morality; and the conviction of any licensee in any court having jurisdiction thereof shall be subject to the penalty herein provided in addition to any penalties otherwise provided by law, and the license issued to any such licensee so convicted shall be revoked, as herein provided.

## **ARTICLE XV**

### Procedures for Revocation

#### **Section 1. Procedures for Revocation**

The proceedings to revoke any license issued under this Ordinance shall be as set forth in Chapter 43, Section 149 or its successor of the Illinois Revised Statutes and the rules and regulations adopted in accordance with such statute, and such rules and regulations are hereby specifically incorporated by reference as part of this Ordinance. The Liquor Control Commissioner shall make available the hearing procedures to any and all parties of a revocation hearing.

Upon taking any action to suspend or revoke any license for cause, the Liquor Control Commissioner shall notify the licensee in writing and shall notify the County Treasurer, State's Attorney and Sheriff within 48 hours by providing a copy of such notification or an updated copy of the official List of Licensees and licenses issued as stated in Article X, Section 1 herein.

## **ARTICLE XVI**

### **Partial Invalidity, Savings Clause, Conflicts**

#### **Section 1. Partial Invalidity**

The provisions of the Articles and Sections of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be separable and the invalidity of any portion of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of the remainder.

#### **Section 2. Savings Clause**

This Ordinance shall not be construed to repeal any former Ordinance or Resolution of the Vermilion County Board or its predecessor, the County Board of Supervisors, whether expressly repealed or not as to any liability created under such former regulations or as prior ordinance or resolution or any claims arising before this Ordinance takes effect, save only that the proceedings hereafter shall conform so far as practicable to this Ordinance and any future amendments.

**THIS ORDINANCE DULY PRESENTED, ADOPTED,  
APPROVED AND RECORDED THIS 11th day of October,  
1988, A.D.**

Charles E. Beckner

Chairman, Vermilion County Board

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ATTEST:

Robert Fox

Clerk of Vermilion County

Craig DeArmond

Approved to Form: State's Attorney

APPROVED BY THE  
TAXATION & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE:

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Keith Nelson

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Resolution No. 88-146

## **PROCEDURES FOR NEW APPLICATIONS**

1. Applications for new licenses are available from and are to be submitted to:

**Liquor Control Commissioner's Office  
Room 310, Courthouse Annex  
6 N Vermilion  
Danville, Illinois 61832**

**Phone: (217) 554-6002**

2. The completed application must be accompanied by a \$25 filing fee payable to "Vermilion County, Illinois." Payment must be made by money order, cashier's check or a bankdraft.
3. Upon receipt of the application and the required records check, the Site Review Committee of the Liquor Control Commission will schedule a site visit. The owner or operator should be available at the time of the site review to answer any questions pertaining to the application or operation of the business.
4. The Liquor Control Commission will schedule the application for hearing at a meeting at which the Site Review Committee will make their report. The Liquor Control Commission will, in turn, make their recommendation to the Liquor Control Commission.
5. The Liquor Control Commissioner will approve or disapprove the license application and notify the applicant accordingly.

6. Upon notification that the license has been approved, the applicant shall submit the license fee to the office of the Vermilion County Liquor Control Commissioner. The license fee payment must be made by money order, cashier's check or a bank draft payable to "Vermilion County, Illinois".

Upon receipt of the license fee, the license will be issued to the applicant.

### **PROCEDURE FOR LICENSE RENEWALS**

1. On or about October 10th of each year, current license holders will receive (by mail) an "Application for Liquor License Renewal". The renewal application must be submitted by November 10 to:

**Liquor Control Commissioner's Office  
Room 310, Courthouse Annex  
6 N Vermilion  
Danville, Illinois 61832**

**Phone (217) 554-6002**

2. The completed application must be accompanied by a \$25 filing fee payable to "Vermilion County, Illinois". Payment must be made by money order, cashier's check or bank draft.
3. Upon receipt of the application, the Site Review Committee of the Liquor Control Commission will schedule a site visit. The owner or operator should be available at the time of the site visit to answer any questions pertaining to the application or operation of the business.

4. The Liquor Control Commission will schedule the application for hearing at a meeting at which the Site Review Committee will make their report. The Liquor Control Commission will, in turn, make their recommendation to the Liquor Control Commissioner.
5. The Liquor Control Commissioner will approve or disapprove the license application and notify the applicant accordingly.
6. Upon notification that the license has been approved, the applicant shall submit the license fee to the office of the Vermilion County Liquor Control Commissioner. The license fee payment must be made by money order, cashier's check or bank draft payable to "Vermilion County, Illinois".

Upon receipt of the license fee, the license will be issued to the applicant.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION FOR LICENSES**

1. Vermilion County liquor licenses are issued for each calendar year and are, thus, in effect from January 1 through 12:00 midnight, December 31. License renewal applications are to be submitted to the Liquor Control Commissioner by November 10th.
2. Employees of an establishment issued a license shall be at least 18 years of age. (Article XI, Section 3)
3. All licensed establishments must be closed from 2:30 A.M. to 7:00 A.M. every day of the week including holidays and weekends. Patrons may remain in or on the premises for 30 minutes after the respective closing hour. No alcoholic beverages shall be sold, dispensed or distributed during closing hours.
4. The County license shall be displayed in a conspicuous place. (Article XI, Section 6).
5. Licensees shall not sell, give or deliver alcoholic beverages to any person under age (as provided by Illinois law), or to any intoxicated or disorderly person, or to any person known to be a habitual drunkard. (Article XIII, Section 1).
6. Licensees shall display a printed notice "WARNING TO MINORS" as required in Article XIII, Section 2.
7. The Vermilion County Liquor Control Commissioner and the Vermilion County Sheriff shall enforce the Liquor Ordinance.
8. Licensees must report any disturbance at an establishment, including parking area, involving the calling of police, ambulance, or personal injury to the Liquor Control

Commissioner within 5 days on forms provided by the Liquor Control Commissioner. (Article XIII, Section 6).

9. After a County Liquor License is obtained, the license holder must obtain the following:

(a) Sales Tax Number

Department of Revenue  
101 West Jefferson  
Springfield, Illinois 62706

(b) State Retail License - \$175

State Liquor Control Commissioner  
222 S. College  
Springfield, Illinois 62704  
Phone (217) 782-2135

(c) Federal tax stamp - \$250 (June to June)

Further information may be obtained by calling or writing to the State Liquor Control Commissioner at the above stated address.

Refer to Liquor Ordinance for other provisions.

## Vermilion County Liquor License Classification and Fees

License Class	Classification	License Permits Applicant To:	Annual Fee
A	Hotel, Motel, Restaurant	To sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises and in the original package.	With or Without Dance Floor \$1,500
B	Tavern	To sell alcoholic beverages and packaged goods.	\$1,000
C	Nightclub	To sell alcoholic beverages and packaged goods.	With or Without Dance Floor \$1,500
D	Package Liquor Store	To sell alcoholic beverages in the original package only.	\$850
E	Club, Fraternal Organization	To sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises only.	\$950
F	Beer and Wine Only	To sell beer and wine only.	\$900
G	Temporary Beer Only	To sell beer for consumption on the licensed premises only.	\$50 First Day and \$25 Each Following Day
H	Temporary/Special Event	Purchase 1 (one) day license for a special event on premises for event on premises for licensed Class B and Class F only.	\$50 per event/limit 4
I	Vineyards & Wineries	Sell wine for consumption on premises or in the original package.	\$900
I	Vineyards & Wineries	Sell wine or wine for consumption on premises or in the original package.	\$1,000
J	Seasonal	To sell alcoholic beverages, operates for a term not less than 6 consecutive months within the same calendar year.	\$600

**\*\*\*\*\* ALL LICENSES SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE \$25 FILING FEE \*\*\*\*\***