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Sec. 4-1. – Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Alcohol means ethyl alcohol, hydrated oxide of ethyl, or spirits of wine, from whatever source or by whatever process produced.

Alcohol treatment center includes only a structure housing a state licensed alcoholic treatment center or half-way house.

Alcoholic beverage means and includes all alcohol, distilled spirits, beer, malt beverage, wine or fortified wine.

Barrel means, in the case of distilled spirits, 53 gallons, and in the case of malt beverages, 31 gallons.

Bed and Breakfast (B&B) means any established facility providing overnight sleeping accommodations to the general public to include bedrooms with bath and at least a breakfast meal. It is not anticipated that a bed and breakfast facility would be issued an alcoholic beverage license unless the facility qualifies also as a hotel, motel or lodge.

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Brewpub means any eating establishment in which malt beverages are manufactured, subject to the barrel production limitation prescribed in O.C.G.A. Section 3-5-36; provided, however, that when determining the total annual gross food and beverage sales, barrels of malt beverages sold to licensed wholesale dealers, as authorized pursuant to subparagraph (D) of paragraph (2) of O.C.G.A. Section 3-5-36, or to the public for consumption off the premises, as authorized pursuant to subparagraph (D) of paragraph (2) and paragraph (4) of O.C.G.A. Section 3-5-36, shall not be used.

Church building means the main structure used by any religious organization for purposes of worship.

Distilled spirits means any alcoholic beverage obtained by distillation or containing more than 24 percent alcohol by volume.

Domestic winery means any winery, manufacturer, maker, producer, or bottler of wine located within Georgia.

Eating establishment means any public place, including a place available for rental by the public, selling prepared food for consumption by the public on the premises with a full service kitchen. An eating establishment will be prepared to serve food every hour they are open and will derive at least as much gross receipts annually from the sale of prepared meals or food as it derives from the sale of alcoholic beverages. When eating establishments are located in hotels, motels, and high-rise office and apartment buildings, every entrance to the establishment shall be from a public lobby, hallway, mall or other publicly used interior portion of the primary use structure.

Farm winery means a winery which makes at least 40 percent of its annual production from agricultural produce grown in the state where the winery is located and:

(A) Is located on premises, a substantial portion of which is used for agricultural purposes, including the cultivation of grapes, berries, or fruits to be utilized in the manufacture or production of wine by the winery; or

(B) Is owned and operated by persons who are engaged in the production of a substantial portion of the agricultural produce used in its annual production. For purposes of this Chapter, the State Revenue Commissioner shall determine what is a substantial portion of such winery premises or agricultural produce.

Fixed salary means the amount of compensation paid any member, officer, agent, or employee of a bona fide private club as may be fixed for him by its members at a prior annual meeting or by the governing body out of the general revenue of the club and shall not include a commission on any profits from the sale of alcoholic beverages. For the purpose of this definition, tips or gratuities which are added to the bills under club regulation shall not be considered as profits from the sale of alcoholic beverages.

Fortified wine means any alcoholic beverage containing not more than 24 percent alcohol by volume made from fruits, berries, or grapes, either by natural fermentation or by natural fermentation with brandy added. The term "fortified wine" includes, but is not limited to, brandy.

Fruit grower means any person who grows peaches, apples, pears, grapes, or other perishable fruits in this state and who manufactures distilled spirits from the perishable fruits grown in this state.

Full service kitchen means a kitchen designed, intended and equipped to produce meals for sale to the general public as a major function of the business. A full service kitchen must have a fire suppression range hood approved by the fire marshal and a commercial dishwasher capable of achieving and maintaining a wash water temperature in excess of 175 degrees Fahrenheit and approved by the county health department. A three-compartment pot sink, an installed stove and ovens and a refrigerator of adequate size for the projected use must be installed and approved by the health department and fire marshal. Other additional requirements may be specified as deemed appropriate for particular categories of kitchens as may be provided herein.

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Gallon or wine gallon means a United States gallon of liquid measure equivalent to the volume of 231 cubic inches or the nearest equivalent metric measurement.

Georgia farm winery means a farm winery which is licensed by the State Revenue Commissioner to manufacture wine in Georgia.

Hard cider means an alcoholic beverage obtained by the fermentation of the juice of apples, containing not more than 6 percent alcohol by volume, including, but not limited to flavored or carbonated cider. For purposes of this chapter, hard cider shall be deemed a malt beverage. The term does not include "sweet cider."

Hotel means any building or other structure providing sleeping accommodations for hire to the general public, transient, permanent or residential. The term "hotel" includes a motel or a lodge otherwise meeting the qualifications; if such qualifications are met, they shall be classified in the same category as hotels. Such hotels shall maintain a minimum of 30 rooms available for hire and have one or more public dining rooms with full service kitchen. Hotels shall have the privilege of granting franchises for the operation of any licensed establishment described in this chapter and the holder of such franchise shall be included in the definition of a hotel pursuant to this definition.

Indoor commercial recreational establishment means, and is limited to, an establishment which:

- (1) Regularly serves prepared food, with a full service kitchen, prepared to serve food every hour they are open and deriving at least 50 percent of its total annual gross sales from the sale of prepared meals or foods and recreation activities; and
- (2) Wherein the sale of food and alcoholic beverages is incidental to its primary enterprise and activity on the premises.

The primary activity on the premises of the indoor commercial recreational establishment shall be family-oriented in nature, generally meaning a use which attracts a range of individuals from all age groups. Uses may specifically include, but are not limited to, dinner theatres, bowling centers, and other similar uses. Outdoor commercial recreation is not included, nor shall concession sales of alcoholic beverages be permitted. The term "indoor recreational establishment" specifically excludes bingo parlors, dancehalls, nightclubs, taverns, billiard parlors, video arcades, skating arenas, adult entertainment and/or sexually related entertainment activities, and similar uses. No indoor commercial recreational establishment shall offer alcoholic beverages for sale during the time it is sponsoring events which primarily attract persons under the lawful drinking age in the state.

Individual means a natural person.

Indoor entertainment hall means a publicly or privately owned commercial establishment which:

- (1) Provides professional, live musical entertainment or concerts, performed on-site indoors, at least four nights a week on average over the course of a calendar year;
- (2) Regularly serves prepared food, with a full service kitchen;
- (3) Is prepared to serve food every hour it is open (this means adequately staffed and with reasonable quantities of food on hand ready for preparation on site);
- (4) Derives at least 50 percent of its total annual gross sales from the sale of prepared meals or foods, admission charges, ticket sales, sale of merchandise, vending sales, attendance fees, or other recreational, promotional or operational activities;
- (5) Does not ever provide sexually related adult entertainment;
- (6) Has at least 50,000 square feet of enclosed heated space;
- (7) Has an occupant capacity of at least 500;
- (8) Is located on a major thoroughfare;

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- (9) Does not provide the sale of alcohol on Sundays; and
- (10) Does not allow the admission of persons under the age of 18 years during hours when alcohol is served.

Indoor entertainment halls shall be allowed to sell alcoholic beverages through concession sales.

Indoor publicly owned civic and cultural center means and is limited to publicly owned establishments which:

- (1) Regularly serve food, with a full service kitchen. It shall be prepared to serve food every hour such center is open and deriving at least 50 percent of its total annual gross sales from the sale of prepared meals or foods and recreational, promotional entertainment or operational activities; and
- (2) The sale of food and alcoholic beverages are incidental to its primary enterprise and activity on the premises.

Indoor publicly owned civic and cultural centers may include renovated courthouses used as civic and cultural centers.

In-room service means the provision of a cabinet or other facility located in a hotel-motel guestroom which contains beer and/or wine only, which is provided upon written request of the guest and which is accessible by lock and key only to the guest and for which the sale of the beer and/or wine contained therein is final at the time requested except for a credit which may be given to the guest for any unused portion.

License means an authorization granted by the county to operate as a retail consumption dealer, retail package dealer or wholesale dealer.

Licensee means the individual to whom a license is issued or, in the case of a partnership or corporation, all partners, officers, and directors of the partnership or corporation.

Liter means metric measurement currently used by the United States.

Malt beverage means any alcoholic beverage obtained by the fermentation of any infusion or decoction of barley, malt, hops, or any other product, or any combination of such products in water containing not more than 14 percent alcohol by volume, and including ale, porter, brown, stout, lager, beer, small beer and strong beer. The term "beer" or "malt beverage" includes beverages known as "nonalcoholic beer" which is made by fermentation of any infusion or decoction of barley, malt, hops, or other products, and containing less than three percent, but more than 0.1 percent alcohol by volume. The term "malt beverage" does not include sake, known as Japanese rice wine.

Manufacturer means any maker, producer, or bottler of an alcoholic beverage. The term also means:

- (1) In the case of distilled spirits, any person engaged in distilling, rectifying, or blending any distilled spirits, otherwise known as a 'distiller'; provided, however, that any person that blends wine with distilled spirits to produce a fortified wine shall not be considered a manufacturer of distilled spirits.
- (2) In the case of malt beverages, any brewer; and
- (3) In the case of wine, any vintner.

Package means a bottle, can, keg, barrel, or other original consumer container.

Person means any individual, firm, partnership, cooperative, nonprofit membership corporation, joint venture, association, company, corporation, agency, syndicate, estate, trust, business trust, receiver, fiduciary, or other group or combination acting as a unit, body political, or political subdivision, whether public, private, or quasi-public.

Private club means any nonprofit association organized under the laws of this state which:

- (1) Has been in existence at least one year prior to the filing of its application for a license to be issued pursuant to this article;

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- (2) Has at least 75 regular dues paying members;
- (3) Owns, hires or leases a building or space within a building for the reasonable use of its members with:
 - a. Suitable full service kitchen and dining room space and equipment; and
 - b. A sufficient number of employees for cooking, preparing and serving meals for its members and guests; and
- (4) Has no member, officer, agent or employee directly or indirectly receiving in the form of salary or other compensation, any profits from the sale of alcoholic beverages beyond a fixed salary.

Retail consumption dealer means any person who sells alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises at retail only to consumers and not for resale. Retail package means any alcoholic beverage in its original unbroken package, sold at retail to the final consumer, and not for resale.

Retail package dealer means any person who sells unbroken packages, at retail, only to consumers and not for resale.

School or school building means a state or county school building and such buildings at such other schools in which are taught subjects commonly taught in the common schools and colleges of this state and which are public schools or private schools as defined in O.C.G.A. § 20-2-690(b). The term "school building" includes only those structures in which instruction is offered.

Sports club means an association or corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state, organized and operated primarily to provide a location for the patrons thereof to engage in sporting events. To qualify for an alcoholic beverage consumption dealer's license, a sports club must have been actively in operation within the county at least one year prior to an application for license under this chapter. Provided, however, the one-year operational requirement shall not apply to golf club associations or golf club corporations where the selling or the serving of alcoholic beverages is to take place on the golf course premises. A sports club organized or operated primarily for serving of alcoholic beverages shall not qualify for licensing under this article, and accordingly shall not be permitted to serve alcoholic beverages at any time. Unless otherwise indicated, a sports club licensee shall comply with all other requirements imposed upon retail consumption dealers.

Tasting room means an outlet for the promotion of a farm winery's wine by providing samples of such wine to the public and for the sale of such wine at retail for consumption on the premises and for sale in closed packages for consumption off the premises. Samples of wine may be given complimentary or for a fee.

Wholesaler or wholesale dealer means any person who sells alcoholic beverages to other wholesale dealers, to retail dealers, or to retail consumption dealers.

Wine means any alcoholic beverage containing not more than 24 percent alcohol made from fruits, berries, or grapes either by natural fermentation or by natural fermentation with brandy added. Wine includes, but is not limited to, all sparkling wines, champagnes, combinations of such beverages, vermouths, special natural wines, rectified wines, and like products. The term "wine" does not include cooking wine mixed with salt or other ingredients so as to render it unfit for human consumption as a beverage. A liquid shall first be deemed to be a wine at the point in the manufacturing process when it conforms to the definition of wine contained in this section.

Sec. 4-2. – Penalties for violation of chapter.

In addition to the available actions to be taken by the Board of Commissioners, individuals who violate this chapter shall be subject to criminal citation by the Lumpkin County Sheriff's Office and prosecution according to State law. Each violation of this chapter shall constitute a separate violation subject to a separate citation and penalties. The criminal penalties may result in a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00, imprisonment not to exceed 60 days, or both.

Sec. 4-3. – Distance requirements.

- (a) No person may sell or offer to sell any alcoholic beverage in or within 100 yards of a church building or within 100 yards of any school building or building housing an alcohol treatment center. For purposes of this section, distance shall be measured by the most direct route of travel on the ground and shall be measured in the following manner:
 - (1) From the main entrance of the establishment from which alcoholic beverages are sold or offered for sale;
 - (2) In the shortest reasonably used line to the nearest public sidewalk, walkway, road or highway by the nearest route;
 - (3) Along such public sidewalk, walkway, road or highway by the nearest route;
 - (4) To the main entrance of the church building, or to the nearest portion of the school building or alcohol treatment center.
- (b) No location which is licensed to sell alcoholic beverages on the effective date of the ordinance from which this section is derived shall be denied continued operation under an existing license, or denied any renewal of such license, nor shall any new owner of the location be denied a new license based upon the measurements set forth in this section.
- (c) As to any location licensed in the future, if the distance requirements in this section are met at the time of issuance of any license, the subsequent opening and operation of a church or school within the distance prohibited in this section shall not prevent the continuance of an existing license or the renewal thereof or the issuance of a new license to any subsequent owner of such property. Provided, further, that the distance requirements herein shall not apply at any location for which a new license is applied for if the sale of alcoholic beverages was lawful at such location at any time during the 12 months immediately preceding such application.

Sec. 4-4. – Administration; Audits; Reports.

- (a) The county clerk shall establish such procedures as may be required for administration of the provisions of this chapter and such schedules for inspections and enforcement as may be deemed necessary.
- (b) The finance director or his designee is authorized to establish procedures and schedules for conducting financial audits or inspections of the books and records of any establishment licensed under this chapter.
- (c) Every retail dealer of distilled spirits by the drink, including farm wineries, distilleries and licensed alcoholic beverage caterers, shall file a monthly report with the county clerk no later than the 10th day of each month, on such forms as the clerk may prescribe, setting forth the licensee's gross sales derived from the sale of distilled spirits by the drink, excluding malt beverages, for the preceding calendar month. Gross sales shall include all credit card sales.
- (d) All wholesale dealers shall keep true and correct records of all sales and shipments and shall render a sworn statement of the records and shall file a monthly report with the county clerk no later than the 10th day of each month, on such forms as the clerk may prescribe.
- (e) Every retailer shall maintain sufficient audit records to attribute all alcoholic beverage items for sale to a purchaser from a wholesaler licensed to do business in the county.
- (f) Every farm winery, brewpub or distillery shall file a monthly report with the county clerk no later than the 10th day of each month, on such forms as the clerk may prescribe, including a copy of the most recent filing of the license holder with the state department of revenue, setting forth all alcoholic beverages produced during the preceding calendar month, and including beginning and ending inventories. The report shall indicate the total production of alcoholic beverages during the report period and the proper tax remittance for such production. Failure to properly complete or submit the required reports shall subject the licensee to a late filing penalty in an amount set forth in the county fee schedule in [Section 18-19](#) for each deficient reporting period.

- (g) It shall be the duty of every such licensee required to make a report and pay any tax levied pursuant to this chapter, to keep and preserve suitable records of the sales taxable pursuant to this article, and such other books or accounts as may be necessary to determine the amount of tax due. It shall be the duty of every licensee to keep and preserve such records for a period of three years.

Sec. 4-5. – Sale or consumption on or in any buildings, facilities or lands of Lumpkin County.

- (a) For all buildings, facilities, and lands owned by Lumpkin County: No alcoholic beverage shall be sold, provided or consumed in any building or facility owned by Lumpkin County, nor on any real property of Lumpkin County, except as may be consumed on the premises of a duly licensed retail seller, or in accordance with a duly authorized and approved special event or festival license issued by the Georgia Department of Revenue with the concurrence of the governing authority of Lumpkin County.
- (b) This prohibition shall not restrict nor limit the use of alcoholic beverages for training purposes by law enforcement. Such training shall be strictly under the supervision of and as directed by the Lumpkin County Sheriff or his designated supervisor.

Sec. 4-6. – Inspections.

- (a) Sworn officers of the Lumpkin County Sheriff's Office, the County code enforcement officer or other designee of the Board of Commissioners, shall have the authority to inspect the premises licensed under this chapter during the hours when the premises are open for business. These inspections shall be made for the purpose of verifying compliance with the requirements of this chapter and state law. This section is not intended to limit the authority of any other county, state or federal officer to conduct inspections authorized by other provisions of law.
- (b) In order to insure that the licensed premises are kept clean, and are in full compliance with all ordinances and regulations of Lumpkin County and the State of Georgia, the additional following representatives are authorized to inspect regularly the licensed premises:
 - (1) Representatives of the Lumpkin County Health Department shall have the authority to inspect regularly the licensed premises to determine if the premises are in compliance with all Lumpkin County and State or Georgia health rules and regulations and report any violations to the County Manager.
 - (2) The Lumpkin County Fire Department shall have the authority to inspect regularly the licensed premises to determine if the premises are in compliance with all Lumpkin County and State of Georgia fire regulations and report any violations to the County Manager.
 - (3) The County has the right to have an inspector inspect regularly the licensed premises to determine if the premises are in compliance with all technical codes of the county and report any violations to the County Manager.

Secs. 4-7— 4-26. – Reserved.

ARTICLE II. – LICENSING

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Sec. 4-27. – Sale or possession for sale without license or beyond boundaries of premises covered by license.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person or other legal entity to manufacture, distribute, sell, handle, or possess for the purpose of sale, or otherwise deal in, alcoholic beverages without first obtaining all applicable licenses required by this Chapter. It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or make deliveries beyond the boundaries of the location or premises covered by the license.
- (b) For purposes of this section, "location" includes a single address, corresponding to the county's 911 address system, shown on the license application, and includes the main or primary structure on the licensed premises and attached accessory structures. Sales of alcoholic beverages from accessory structures that are not attached to the main or primary structure on the licensed premises and sales of alcoholic beverages by a licensee from a location that is off the licensed premises shall require that the licensee obtain a temporary special events or temporary bar license as appropriate.

Sec. 4-28. – Sale in unincorporated area of county; license a privilege.

- (a) Alcoholic beverages may be sold in the unincorporated area of the county under a license granted by the Board of Commissioners upon the terms and conditions provided in this section.
- (b) All licenses in this chapter shall be a mere grant of privilege to carry on the business during the term of the license, subject to all terms and conditions imposed by this Code and state law.
- (c) All licenses pursuant to this chapter shall have printed on the front these words:

"This license is a mere privilege subject to be revoked and annulled, and is subject to any further ordinances which may be enacted."
- (d) Any holder of a license issued pursuant to this chapter is required to apply for and obtain an alcoholic beverage license from the state before any sales commence. Additionally, county licensees are required to abide by all applicable state regulations and laws.

Sec. 4-29. – Separate application and separate license for each location of sale.

Separate applications must be made for each location and separate licenses must be issued.

Sec. 4-30. – Application forms.

- (a) All persons desiring to sell alcoholic beverages shall make application on the form prescribed by the Board of Commissioners.
- (b) The application shall include, but shall not be limited to:
 - (1) The name and address of the applicant;
 - (2) The proposed business to be carried on;
 - (3) If a partnership, the names and residence address of the partners;

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- (4) If a limited liability company, LLC, the name and address of the manager and the name of any person or legal entity owning 20 percent or more of the LLC;
 - (5) If a corporation, the names of all the officers, the name and address of the registered agent for service of process, the name of the manager, and the name of all shareholders holding 20 percent or more of any class of corporate stock, or any other entity having a financial interest in each entity which is to own or operate the establishment for which a license is sought. If the manager changes, the applicant must furnish the business license supervisor (the planning department), the alcoholic beverage license supervisor (the county clerk) and the county sheriff's department the name and address of the new manager and other information as requested within ten days of such change.
- (c) All applicants shall furnish data, fingerprints, financial responsibility and other records as required by the Board of Commissioners and to ensure compliance with the provisions of this chapter. Failure to furnish data pursuant to such request shall automatically serve to dismiss the application with prejudice.
 - (d) All applications shall be sworn to by the applicant before a notary public or other officer empowered by law to administer oaths. The application shall have in bold print on the page on which the applicant signs the following notice:

"Warning: making any false statement under oath is a crime and can result in fines or prison sentences."
 - (e) All applications may be submitted electronically.
 - (f) In all instances in which an application is denied under the provisions of this chapter the applicant may not reapply for a license for at least one year from the final date of such denial.
 - (g) The county shall provide written notice to any applicant whose application is denied under the provisions of this chapter. Such written notification shall set forth in reasonable detail the reasons for such denial and shall advise the applicant of the right to file an appeal requesting reconsideration to the Board of Commissioners in accordance with the general appeal procedures of the board.

Sec. 4-31. – Withdrawal of application.

Any license application made pursuant to this chapter may be withdrawn by the applicant at any time. If the application is withdrawn before the license is issued, any sums deposited as license fees will be refunded. After issuance of the license, no refunds will be made. No refunds shall be made under any circumstances for investigative and administrative fees required in this chapter.

Sec. 4-32. – Licensing qualifications.

- (a) No license for the sale of alcoholic beverages shall be granted to any person who is not a citizen of the United States or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence.
- (b) Where the applicant is a partnership, limited liability company or corporation, the provisions of this section shall apply to all its partners, officers, manager and majority stockholders. In the case of a corporation the license shall be issued jointly to the corporation and the majority stockholder, if an individual. Where the majority stockholder is not an individual, the license shall be issued jointly to the corporation and its agent registered under the provisions of this subsection. In the case of a partnership the license will be issued to all the partners owning 20 percent or more of the partnership. If no partner owns 20 percent or more of the partnership, then the general partner, managing partner or the partner with the greatest ownership will be licensed. In the case of a limited liability company, the license will be issued jointly to the limited liability company and manager.
- (c) No person, firm, limited liability company or corporation shall be granted any alcoholic beverage license unless it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Board of Commissioners or their designee that such person, manager, partners in the firm, or officers and directors of the corporation have not been convicted or plead guilty or entered a plea of nolo contendere to and have been released from parole or probation concerning any crime involving moral turpitude, illegal gambling or illegal possession or sale of controlled substances or the illegal possession or sale of alcoholic beverages, including the

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sale or transfer of alcoholic beverages to minors in a manner contrary to law, keeping a place of prostitution, pandering, pimping, public indecency, prostitution, solicitation of sodomy, or any sexual related crime within a period of ten years immediately prior to the filing of such application. At the time an application is submitted for any alcoholic beverage license, the applicant shall, by a duly sworn affidavit, certify that neither the applicant, nor any of the other owners of the establishment has been convicted or has pleaded guilty or entered a plea of nolo contendere to any crime involving moral turpitude, illegal gambling or illegal possession or sale of controlled substances or the illegal possession or sale of alcoholic beverages, including the sale or transfer of alcoholic beverages to minors in a manner contrary to law, keeping a place of prostitution, pandering, pimping, public indecency, prostitution, solicitation of sodomy, or any sexual related crime within a period of ten years immediately prior to the filing of such application. An applicant's first conviction for illegal possession of alcohol as a misdemeanor or violation of a county ordinance shall not, by itself, make an applicant ineligible for an alcohol license. Should any applicant, partner, or officer instrumental in the sale or dispensing of any alcoholic beverage, after a license has been granted, be convicted or plead guilty or nolo contendere to a crime involving moral turpitude, illegal gambling or illegal possession or sale of controlled substances or the illegal possession or sale of alcoholic beverages, including the sale or transfer of alcoholic beverages to minors in a manner contrary to law, keeping a place of prostitution, pandering, pimping, public indecency, prostitution, solicitation of sodomy, or any sexual related crime, the license shall be immediately revoked and cancelled.

- (d) No license for the sale of alcoholic beverages shall be granted to any person convicted under any federal, state or local law of any felony, within ten years prior to the filing of application for such license.
- (e) It shall be unlawful for any county employee directly involved in the issuance of alcoholic beverage licenses under this chapter to have any whole, partial or beneficial interest in any license to sell alcoholic beverages in the county.
- (f) No license for the sale of alcoholic beverages shall be granted to any person who has had any license issued under the police powers of the county previously revoked within two years prior to the filing of the application.
- (g) The Board of Commissioners may decline to issue a license when any person having any ownership interest in the operation of such place of business or control over such place of business does not meet the same character requirements as set forth in this section for the licensee.
- (h) All licensed establishments must have and continuously maintain in the county a registered agent upon whom any process, notice or demand required or permitted by law or under this chapter to be served upon the licensee or owner may be served. This person must be a resident of the county. The licensee shall file the name of such agent, along with the written consent of such agent, with the Board of Commissioners and shall be in such form as they may prescribe.
- (i) A license application may be denied to any applicant for any alcoholic beverage license where it appears that the applicant would not have adequate financial participation in the proposed business to direct and manage its affairs, or where it appears that the application is intended to be a mere surrogate for a person who would not otherwise qualify for a license for any reason whatsoever.
- (j) For purposes of this chapter, a conviction or plea of guilty or nolo contendere shall be ignored as to any offense for which a defendant who was allowed to avail themselves of the state First Offender Act, O.C.G.A. § 42-8-60 et seq., as amended. Except, however, that any such offense shall not be ignored where the defendant violated any term of probation imposed by the court granting first offender treatment or committed another crime and the sentencing court entered an adjudication of guilt as to the crime for which the defendant had previously been sentenced as a first offender.

Sec. 4-33. – License fee scale.

Before a license shall be granted, the applicant therefor shall comply with all rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Commissioners regulating the sale of alcoholic beverages and each applicant shall pay a license fee in accordance with the scale fixed, from time to time, by the Board of Commissioners as provided in the county fee schedule. Applicants may pay the applicable license fee by credit card; however, to offset credit card processing fees, the applicant will be charged a convenience fee in the amount of 2.5% of the

license fee.

Sec. 4-34. – Collection of fees or taxes due.

If any person shall fail to pay the sum due under this chapter, the Board of Commissioners or designee shall issue an execution against the person so delinquent and his property for the amount of the delinquent fee or tax.

Sec. 4-35. – Transferability of license.

- (a) No license for the sale of alcoholic beverages shall be transferable, except as otherwise provided in this section.
- (b) In case of the death of a licensee, the establishment shall be allowed to continue to sell alcoholic beverages for a period of 45 days from the date of death or until expiration of the license or until approval of a new licensee, whichever shall first occur, provided that no sale of alcoholic beverages shall be allowed until such time as a personal representative of the estate, appointed by a probate court of competent jurisdiction, shall make application for authorization with the Board of Commissioners.
- (c) If a license is surrendered or a licensee severs his association with a licensed establishment, the establishment may continue to sell alcoholic beverages for a period of 45 days from the date of surrender, or from the date determined by the Board of Commissioners to be the date of severance, provided no such sale shall be authorized until such time as a new application for a license is made. The application shall indicate that no change of ownership has occurred, except as excepted in this section. Upon issuance of a new license, the authorization to sell under the previous license shall be revoked by operation of law. No additional license fees shall be required during the period for which the original license was issued.
- (d) Nothing in this section, however, shall prohibit one or more of the partnership holding a license to withdraw from the partnership in favor of one or more of the partners who were partners at the time of the issuance of the license. This section shall not prohibit transfer of stock between persons who held stock in the corporation at the time of issuance of the license nor shall it prohibit transfers of stock which do not result in any person increasing his stock holdings to a total of ten percent or more of any class of stock.
- (e) Except as provided in subsections (a) through (d) of this section, any change in the ownership of any entity owning a licensed establishment shall cancel and revoke any license pursuant to this chapter automatically, without the necessity of any hearing.
- (f) Should a licensee make application to the Board of Commissioners for a transfer of location and should such a transfer of a location be approved, with no change of ownership of the business, the license fee paid for the previous license shall be applied to the new location. Each applicant for a transfer of location shall pay a transfer fee in the amount provided in the county fee schedule.

Sec. 4-36. – Name change or other modification of existing licenses.

Any change in documentation at any time other than annual renewal, including changes in local documents necessary for the licensee to meet state licensing requirements, shall require payment of an administrative fee in the amount provided in the county fee schedule.

Sec. 4-37. – Display of license.

Each person holding a county alcoholic beverage license shall display the license prominently, plainly exposed to view to the public, at all times on the premises for which the license is issued.

Sec. 4-38. – Expiration; renewal of license.

All licenses granted hereunder shall be for the calendar year and the full license fee must be paid for a license application filed prior to July 1 of the license year. One-half of a full license fee shall be paid for a license application filed after July 1 of the license year.

Sec. 4-39. – Automatic license forfeiture for nonuse.

Any holder of any license under this chapter who shall for a period of three consecutive months after the license has been issued cease to operate the business and sale of the product authorized shall, after the three-month period, automatically forfeit the license without the necessity of any further action.

Sec. 4-40. – Suspension or revocation of license.

- (a) In the event that any license holder under this chapter fails to give notice to the Board of Commissioners of withdrawal from the licensed activity, any sale of alcoholic beverages prior to the qualification of a new license holder shall result in the revocation of the license for the period remaining. Additional penalties or prosecution under law may also be imposed.
- (b) Any reissue of a license in the name of a person no longer employed or a part of the license holder shall result in the immediate revocation of the license for a period of the remainder of the license period. Additional penalties or prosecution under law may also be imposed.
- (c) A license may be suspended or revoked by the Board of Commissioners where the licensee furnishes fraudulent or untruthful information in the application for a license and for failure to pay all fees, taxes or other charges imposed under the provisions of this chapter. Any fraudulent or untruthful information provided under oath may be provided to the district attorney for prosecution as provided by law.
- (d) Whenever the state shall revoke any permit or license to sell alcoholic beverages, the county license shall thereupon be automatically revoked. The sheriff, upon notice of this revocation from the Board of Commissioners, shall take such steps as deemed necessary to ensure that signs are removed and that all alcoholic beverage sales cease.
- (e) The Board of Commissioners shall revoke the license of any licensee whose license has been suspended three or more times in any consecutive 12-month period.
- (f) The Board of Commissioners shall revoke the license for any premises where alcoholic beverages have been sold or distributed during a period of suspension.
- (g) The Board of Commissioners may suspend or revoke the license of any establishment which does not meet the licensing qualifications set forth in this chapter at any time such knowledge becomes known to the Board of Commissioners.
- (h) An act or omission of a licensee, owner of a 20 percent or more interest in the licensed establishment, or employee of the licensee or licensed establishment willingly or knowingly performed, which constitutes a violation of federal or state law or of any provision of this chapter will subject the licensee to suspension or revocation of its license in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, when the Board of Commissioners determines to its own satisfaction that the act or omission did occur, regardless of whether any criminal prosecution or conviction ensues.
- (i) Whenever it can be shown that a licensee under this chapter no longer maintains adequate financial responsibility upon which issuance of the license was conditioned, or whenever the licensee has defaulted in any obligation of any kind whatsoever, lawfully owing to the county.
- (j) Wherever this chapter permits the Board of Commissioners to suspend any license issued under this chapter but does not mandate the period of such suspension, such discretion shall be exercised within the guidelines of this subsection.
 - (1) No suspension shall be for a period of time longer than the time remaining on such license.
 - (2) The following factors shall be considered on any revocation or suspension as set out above:
 - a. Consistency of penalties mandated by this chapter and those set by the Board of Commissioners.
 - b. Likelihood of deterring future wrongdoing.

Secs. 4-41—4-66. – Reserved.

ARTICLE III. - RETAIL SALES OF DISTILLED SPIRITS FOR CONSUMPTION ON THE PREMISES

[Sec. 4-67. – Locations where permitted.](#)

[Sec. 4-68. – Investigative and administrative costs.](#)

[Sec. 4-69. – Advertising in official gazette of county.](#)

[Sec. 4-70. – Hours and days of sale.](#)

[Secs. 4-71—4-98. – Reserved.](#)

Sec. 4-67. – Locations where permitted.

No distilled spirits may be sold by the drink for consumption on the premises where sold except:

- (1) In eating establishments, as defined in Section 4-1, that are located in a restaurant or drive-in restaurant or where these eating establishments are incidental to a hotel or motel, or to a publicly owned golf course or indoor entertainment hall.
- (2) In indoor commercial recreation establishments as defined in [Section 4-1.](#)
- (3) In an indoor publicly owned civic and cultural center as defined in [Section 4-1.](#)
- (4) In indoor entertainment halls as defined in [Section 4-1.](#)
- (5) By a farm winery as provided in Section 4-154.
- (6) By a holder of a State license to manufacture distilled spirits as provided in Section 4-193.
- (7) By a licensed alcoholic beverage caterer pursuant to Section 4-290 *et seq.*

Sec. 4-68. – Investigative and administrative costs.

Each application for a license under this article shall be accompanied by a certified check for the full amount of the license fee, together with a separate certified check or cash in the amount provided in the county fee schedule of to defray investigative and administrative costs. If the applicant is denied a state license, the deposit representing the license fee shall be refunded; but the amount paid for investigation and administrative costs shall be retained. However, any person applying for more than one license shall pay only one fee to defray investigative and administrative expenses, which fee shall be the largest of the investigative and administrative fees authorized under this Code. Any applicant for a license under this article who has in existence at the time of making the new application an existing license under this article shall pay no investigative and administrative costs.

Sec. 4-69. – Advertising in official gazette of county.

A notice of each application to sell distilled spirits by consumption shall be advertised in the official gazette of the county, once a week for two weeks immediately preceding consideration of the application.

Sec. 4-70. – Hours and days of sale.

- (a) Distilled spirits shall not be sold for consumption on the premises except between the hours of 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 midnight, or until one hour prior to closing, whichever is earlier, Monday through Sunday, unless otherwise prohibited by State law.

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- (b) Distilled spirits shall not be sold for consumption at any time in violation of any local ordinance or regulation or of any special order of the governing authority.
- (c) Distilled spirits may be sold for consumption on the premises until 1:55 a.m. on any January 1, New Year's Day, of any year. If January 1 of any year is a Monday, then distilled spirits may be sold for consumption on the premises from 12:00 midnight to 1:55 a.m.
- (d) It shall be unlawful for a business holding a distilled spirits consumption on the premises license to fail to remove from its retail service area any and all cans, bottles, glasses, mugs, pitchers, cups, or any other container used in the consumption of alcoholic beverages or to otherwise allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages on its premises one hour or more after the business is prohibited from selling, dispensing, or delivering alcoholic beverages to any customer, patron or guest of the business.
- (e) A violation of any subsections of this section by a licensee, majority stockholder, general manager or managing partner of the licensee or licensed establishment shall result in license suspension for a period of two days, which shall be scheduled to include a Friday and Saturday in succession.

Secs. 4-71—4-98. - Reserved.

**ARTICLE IV. – RETAIL SALES OF MALT BEVERAGES AND WINE FOR CONSUMPTION
ON THE PREMISES**

[Sec. 4-99. – Type of retail establishment where permitted.](#)

[Sec. 4-100. – License fee and amount to defray investigative and administrative costs to accompany application.](#)

[Sec. 4-101. – Hours and days of sale.](#)

[Secs. 4-102—4-130. – Reserved.](#)

Sec. 4-99. – Type of retail establishment where permitted.

No beer or wine shall be sold for consumption on the premises where sold except:

- (1) In eating establishments, as defined in Section 4-1, that are located in a restaurant or drive-in restaurant or where these eating establishments are incidental to a hotel or motel, or to a publicly owned golf course or indoor entertainment hall.
- (2) In indoor commercial recreation establishments as defined in Section 4-1;
- (3) In an indoor publicly owned civic and cultural center as defined in Section 4-1;
- (4) At a publicly owned golf course;
- (5) In an indoor entertainment hall as defined in Section 4-1;
- (6) By a farm winery as provided in Section 4-154.
- (7) In a brewpub pursuant to Section 4-238.
- (8) By a holder of a State license to manufacture malt beverages as provided in Section 4-193.
- (9) By a licensed alcoholic beverage caterer pursuant to Section 4-290 *et seq.*

Sec. 4-100. – License fee and amount to defray investigative and administrative costs to accompany application.

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Each application for a license under this article shall be accompanied by a certified check for the full amount of the license fee, together with a separate certified check or cash in the amount provided in the county fee schedule to defray investigative and administrative costs. If the applicant is denied a state license, the deposit representing the license fee shall be refunded; but the amount paid for investigation and administrative costs shall be retained. However, any person applying for more than one license shall pay only one fee to defray investigative and administrative expenses, which fee shall be the largest of the investigative and administrative fees authorized under this Code. Any applicant for a license under this article who has, in existence at the time of making the new application, an existing license under this article shall pay no investigative and administrative costs.

Sec. 4-101. – Hours and days of sale.

- (a) Beer and/or wine shall not be sold for consumption on the premises except between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight, or one hour prior to closing, whichever is earlier, Sunday through Saturday, unless otherwise prohibited by State law.
- (b) No beer and/or wine shall be sold for consumption at any time in violation of any local ordinance or regulation or of any special order of the governing authority.
- (c) Beer and/or wine may be sold for consumption until 1:55 a.m. on any January 1, New Year's Day, of any year. If January 1 of any year is a Monday, then beer and wine may be sold for consumption on the premises from 12:00 midnight to 1:55 a.m.
- (d) It shall be unlawful for a business holding a beer and/or wine consumption on the premises license to fail to remove from its retail service area any and all cans, bottles, glasses, mugs, pitchers, cups, or any other container used in the consumption of alcoholic beverages or to otherwise allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages on its premises one hour or more after the business is prohibited from selling, dispensing, or delivering alcoholic beverages to any customer, patron or guest of the business.
- (e) A violation of subsection (a), (b) or (d) of this section by a licensee, majority stockholder, general manager or managing partner of the licensee or licensed establishment shall result in license suspension for a period of two days, which shall be scheduled to include a Friday and Saturday in succession.

Secs. 4-102—4-130. - Reserved.

ARTICLE V. - RETAIL PACKAGE SALES OF MALT BEVERAGES AND WINE

[Sec. 4-131. – Type of retail establishment where permitted.](#)

[Sec. 4-132. – Hours and days of sale.](#)

[Sec. 4-133. – Use of tags or labels to indicate prices.](#)

[Sec. 4-134. – Quantity sale requirements.](#)

[Sec. 4-135. – License fee and amount to defray investigative and administrative costs to accompany application.](#)

[Secs. 4-136—4-153. – Reserved.](#)

Sec. 4-131. – Type of retail establishment where permitted.

Except for licensed farm wineries, licensed brewpubs, holders of a State license to manufacture malt beverages, and licensed alcoholic beverage caterers pursuant to Section 4-290 *et seq.*, no beer and/or wine shall be sold at retail except in establishments maintaining 50 percent or greater of the floor space and storage area in a manner which is devoted principally to the retail sale of products other than alcoholic

beverages. No retail package licensee shall be permitted to hold any license for on-premises consumption of any alcoholic beverage.

Sec. 4-132. – Hours and days of sale.

- (a) Retail package licensees shall not engage in the sale of beer and/or wine except between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight, Monday through Saturday; On Sunday, beer and/or wine may be sold between the hours of 12:30 p.m. until 12:00 midnight.
- (b) Retail package beer and/or wine shall not be sold at any time in violation of any local ordinance or regulation or of any special order of the governing authority.

Sec. 4-133. – Use of tags or labels to indicate prices.

Retailers shall indicate plainly by tags or labels on the bottles or containers or on the shelf immediately below where the containers are placed the prices of all beer and wine exposed or offered for sale.

Sec. 4-134. – Quantity sale requirements.

Single cans or bottles or other containers of alcoholic beverages may be sold.

Sec. 4-135. – License fee and amount to defray investigative and administrative costs to accompany application.

Each application for a license under this article shall be accompanied by a certified check for the full amount of the license fee, together with a separate certified check or cash in the amount provided in the county fee schedule to defray investigative and administrative costs. If the applicant is denied a state license, the deposit representing the license fee shall be refunded; but the amount paid for investigation and administrative costs shall be retained. However, any person applying for more than one license shall pay only one fee to defray investigative and administrative expenses, which fee shall be the largest of the investigative and administrative fees authorized under this Code. Any applicant for a license under this article who has in existence at the time of making the new application an existing license under this article shall pay no investigative and administrative costs.

Secs. 4-136—4-153. - Reserved.

ARTICLE VI. - SALE BY FARM WINERIES

[Sec. 4-154. – Wines sold under this article.](#)

[Sec. 4-155. – Licenses.](#)

[Secs. 4-156—4-180. – Reserved.](#)

Sec. 4-154. - Wines sold under this article.

- (A) A licensed Georgia farm winery may offer wine samples and make retail sales of its wine and the wine of any other Georgia farm winery in tasting rooms at the winery and at five additional locations Georgia for consumption on the premises and in closed packages for consumption off the premises; provided, however, that notwithstanding any other provisions of this title to the contrary, if the licensee is also issued a license pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 3-4-24, no more than one tasting room for such Georgia farm winery shall be authorized and such tasting room shall be located on the licensed premises of the Georgia farm winery; and provided, further, that the

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Georgia farm winery shall not sell its wine or the wine of any other farm winery in more than one tasting room, and such tasting room shall be located on the licensed premises of the Georgia farm winery. For purposes of this subsection, the term "licensed premises" shall mean the premises for which the farm winery license is issued or property located contiguous to the farm winery and owned by the farm winery.

- (B) A licensed Georgia farm winery may sell up to 24,000 gallons per calendar year of its wine at wholesale within the state; provided, however, that such licensee shall not be authorized to sell its wine at wholesale unless such licensed farm winery shall have first offered its products for sale at a fair market wholesale price to a licensed Georgia wholesaler and such wholesaler does not accept the farm winery's product within 30 days of such offer.
- (C) A licensed Georgia farm winery may also sell, deliver, or ship its wine in bulk or in bottles, whether labeled or unlabeled, in accordance with regulations of the Georgia Revenue Commissioner, to Georgia farm winery licensees and to acquire and receive deliveries and shipments of such wine made by Georgia farm winery licensees.
- (D) A Georgia farm winery licensee shall be authorized, in accordance with regulations of the Georgia Revenue Commissioner, to acquire and receive deliveries and shipments of wine in bulk from out-of-state producers and shippers in an amount not to exceed 40 percent of its annual production, provided that the Georgia farm winery licensee receiving any such shipment or shipments files timely reports with the Georgia Revenue Commissioner and keeps such records of the receipt of such shipment or shipments as may be required by the Georgia Revenue Commissioner.
- (E) A Georgia farm winery licensee may sell its wine and the wine of any other farm winery licensee for consumption on the premises at facilities located on the premises of the winery or on property located contiguous to the winery and owned by the winery or by an affiliate of the winery.
- (F) A Georgia farm winery licensee may sell distilled spirits, malt beverages, and wines not produced by a farm winery for consumption in its tasting rooms and at facilities located on the premises of the winery or on property located contiguous to the winery and owned by the winery or by an affiliate of the winery, provided that any alcoholic beverages sold pursuant to this paragraph shall be purchased by the winery from a licensed wholesaler at wholesale prices.
- (G) For the purposes of this section, affiliate means any person controlling, controlled by, or under common control with a farm winery.

Sec. 4-155. – Licenses.

The alcoholic beverage licenses which may be issued to farm wineries under this chapter are:

- (1) Wholesaler of farm winery production. A farm winery shall be granted a wholesale license for sale and distribution as provided by O.C.G.A. § 3-6-21.1. Such license shall be issued upon application and payment of established fees and upon presentation of a receipt for payment of the state annual license tax as provided by the referenced code provisions in this section.
- (2) Retail package sales of wine. Each retail package sales license shall require that all sales shall be by and through the farm winery tasting room at the site for which said license is issued.
- (3) Retail sales of wine. Each license for retail sales of wine and malt beverages for consumption on the premises shall require that all consumption shall be at the farm winery site for which said license is issued. This site shall include any wedding or dining facilities associated with the farm winery.
- (4) Multiple farms winery licenses. A farm winery may apply for and, if approved, may be issued multiple farm winery licenses as provided in subsections (a) through (c) of this section for any single site. At the primary farm winery facility where the wine is produced, such site may

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be licensed for wholesale, package retail sales and on-premises consumption. For any site other than the primary farm winery facility where the wine is produced, up to the maximum number of such sites as may be permitted by state statute, such site may be licensed for package retail sales and on-premises consumption. The license created in accordance with this article shall be limited to farm winery tasting rooms licensed by the state in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 3-6-21.1 et seq., and the licensee shall be permitted to perform only acts allowed in accordance with such statutes. No license is hereby created authorizing any other use.

- (5) Alternative provision. The first license at any site shall have a cost equal to the cost of the county alcoholic beverage license at the time of the application. Any license for two or more categories of sale shall require payment of the additional license fees as provided in the county fee schedule.
- (6) Ratio of sales. There shall be no specified or required ratio of alcohol sales to any other income for farm winery operations. Farm wineries shall operate on such days and hours as are provided by the Georgia Farm Winery Act, O.C.G.A. § 3-6-21.1 et seq., as amended from time to time.
- (7) Renewals. All applications for renewal of a farm winery license or licenses shall be accompanied by a copy of the current state license. Failure to present a valid copy of a current and valid state license will result in a refusal to renew license. Timely application for renewal is determined by the date on which a complete and proper application has been submitted.
- (8) Premises consumption. A farm winery may apply for a license for on-premises consumption of distilled spirits under the terms as provided under Article III of this chapter, retail sales of distilled spirits for consumption on the premises.
- (9) State statutes. A farm winery may apply for a license for on-premises consumption of wine and malt beverages (not produced under the Georgia Farm Winery Act O.C.G.A. § 3-6-21.1 et seq.) under the terms as provided under Article IV, retail sales of malt beverages and wine for consumption on the premises.
- (10) Compliance with article. All alcoholic beverage sales other than farm winery sales shall be in accordance with Article I, in general, of this chapter.

Secs. 4-156—4-180. – Reserved.

ARTICLE VII. - WHOLESALERS

[Sec. 4-181. – Special provisions applicable to wholesale purchases.](#)

[Sec. 4-182. – Hours and days of sale.](#)

[Sec. 4-183. – Audit and penalties.](#)

[Secs. 4-184—4-204. – Reserved.](#)

Sec. 4-181. – Special provisions applicable to wholesale purchases.

- (a) Any person desiring to sell at wholesale any alcoholic beverages in the unincorporated areas of the county shall make application to the Board of Commissioners of the county for a license to do so, which application shall be in writing on the prescribed forms, and pay any license fee as set by the Board of Commissioners.
- (b) Limits on licensing shall be as follows:

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- (1) No person who has any direct financial interest in any license for the retail sale of any alcoholic beverages in the county shall be allowed to have any interest or ownership in any wholesale alcoholic beverage license issued by the county.
 - (2) Farm wineries acting as wholesalers under the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 3-6-21.1 are exempt from this limitation and may, upon proper application, approval and permitting, hold licenses as on-premises, bulk or package sales and wholesale operations at a single location.
- (c) No retailer shall purchase any alcoholic beverage from any person other than a wholesaler licensed under this article. No wholesaler shall sell any alcoholic beverage to any person other than a retailer licensed under this chapter; provided, however, that this section shall not prohibit the purchase by one retailer of another retailer's entire stock in a bona fide purchase of an ongoing business.
- (d) No alcoholic beverage shall be delivered to any retail sales outlet in the county except by a duly licensed wholesaler. The name of the wholesale distributor shall be clearly marked on the delivery vehicle.
- (e) Every retailer shall maintain sufficient audit records to attribute all alcoholic beverage items for sale to a purchaser from a wholesaler licensed to do business in the county.

Sec. 4-182. – Hours and days of sale.

Wholesalers shall not engage in the sale of alcoholic beverages except between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Sec. 4-183. – Audit.

The finance director shall audit each wholesale dealer licensed to do business in unincorporated areas of the county, and the wholesaler shall, at the time of filing application for a license or a renewal of license, pay to the finance director an audit fee of \$125 per hour, which fee may be amended from time to time as set out in the county fee schedule in [Section 18-19](#), to cover the cost of auditing the books and records of the wholesale dealer. A wholesale dealer applying for a combination license to cover wine and malt beverage sales shall, at the time of filing application for a license or a renewal of license, pay to the finance director an audit fee of \$125 per hour, which fee may be amended from time to time as set out in the county fee schedule in [Section 18-19](#), to cover the cost of auditing the books and records of the wholesale dealer. The finance director shall notify the licensee of the date, time and place of the audit.

Secs. 4-184—4-189. – Reserved.

ARTICLE VII-A. – MANUFACTURERS

[Sec. 4-190. – License required.](#)

[Sec. 4-191. – Application.](#)

[Sec. 4-192. – Fees.](#)

[Sec. 4-193. – Permitted Activities](#)

[Secs. 4-193—4-204. – Reserved.](#)

Sec. 4-190. – License required.

No person shall engage in the business of manufacturing any malt beverages or wine within the unincorporated area of the county unless and until such person shall have first made written application for a license from the county, and unless and until all taxes and fees of every kind and character of the applicant, including especially all fees for the license, shall have been fully paid, and unless and until such license shall have been approved in writing and granted by the governing authority, and unless and until such license shall have been actually issued by the county in evidence of such approval and payment.

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At such time as it has been determined that the County has local authorization to issue a license authorizing the manufacture of distilled spirits, then no person shall engage in the business of manufacturing any distilled spirits within the unincorporated area of the county unless and until such person shall have first made written application for a license from the county, and unless and until all taxes and fees of every kind and character of the applicant, including especially all fees for the license, shall have been fully paid, and unless and until such license shall have been approved in writing and granted by the governing authority, and unless and until such license shall have been actually issued by the county in evidence of such approval and payment.

Sec. 4-191. – Application.

The written application for license provided for in Section 4-190 shall be made on the form approved by the county, and furnished by the clerk, and shall be filed by each applicant with the clerk. The application shall be accompanied by a duly certified or cashier's check, payable to the order of the county for the full amount of the license fee, and each such application shall contain full and specific answers to all questions appearing in the application. The application shall also be accompanied a non-refundable application fee in a separate certified or cashier's check payable to the order of the county in the amount provided in the county fee schedule to defray investigative and administrative costs.

Applicant shall comply with and is subject to all provisions of Article II, Licensing.

Sec. 4-192. – Fees.

For each calendar year, there is levied a license fee upon all manufacturer licensees within the unincorporated area of the county, which fee shall be in addition to all other charges heretofore or hereafter imposed.

Sec. 4-193. – Permitted Activities

- (a) Until such time it is determined that the County has local authorization to issue a license authorizing the manufacture of distilled spirits, any person who has been issued a State license to manufacture distilled spirits shall have the right to manufacture distilled spirits in the County pursuant to such State license and shall also have the right to sell up to 500 barrels of distilled spirits per year produced at the distiller's licensed premises to individuals who are on such premises for consumption on the premises and for consumption off the premises, provided that such sales for consumption off the premises shall not exceed a maximum of 2,250 milliliters of distilled spirits per consumer per day. Any distiller engaging in the sales of distilled spirits pursuant to this Section shall remit all state and local sales, use and excise taxes to the proper tax collecting authority. O.C.G.A. § 3-4-24.2.
- (b) Any person who has been issued a State license and County license to manufacture malt beverages shall also have the right to sell up to 3,000 barrels of malt beverages per year produced at the brewer's licensed premises to individuals who are on such premises for consumption on the premises and for consumption off the premises, provided that such sales for consumption off the premises shall not exceed a maximum of 288 ounces of malt beverages per consumer per day. Any brewer engaging in sales of malt beverages pursuant to this Section shall remit all state and local sales, use and excise taxes to the proper tax collecting authority. O.C.G.A. Section 3-5-24.1

Secs. 4-194—4-204. – Reserved.

ARTICLE VIII. - PRIVATE CLUBS

[Sec. 4-205. - Regulation of sale of alcoholic beverages.](#)

[Sec. 4-206. - Investigative and administrative costs.](#)

[Sec. 4-207. - Hours and days of sale.](#)

[Secs. 4-208—4-237. - Reserved.](#)

Sec. 4-205. – Regulation of sale of alcoholic beverages.

Private clubs may sell and dispense alcoholic beverages upon compliance with all applicable ordinances and regulations of the county governing the sale of such beverages and upon payment of such license fees and taxes as may be required by the existing ordinances, rules and regulations of the county.

Sec. 4-206. – Investigative and administrative costs.

Each application for a license under this article shall be accompanied by a certified check for the full amount of the license fee, together with a separate certified check or cash in the amount provided in the county fee schedule to defray investigative and administrative costs. If the applicant is denied a state license, the deposit representing the license fee shall be refunded; but the amount paid for investigation and administrative costs shall be retained. However, any person applying for more than one license shall pay only one fee to defray investigative and administrative expenses, which fee shall be the largest of the investigative and administrative fees authorized under this Code. Any applicant for a license under this article who has in existence at the time of making the new application an existing license under this article shall pay no investigative and administrative costs.

Sec. 4-207. – Hours and days of sale.

- (a) No alcoholic beverages shall be sold for consumption on the premises except between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight, Monday through Saturday.
- (b) Alcoholic beverages shall not be sold for consumption at any time in violation of any local ordinance or regulation or of any special order of the governing authority.
- (c) Alcoholic beverages may be sold for consumption on the premises from 12:00 midnight to 1:55 a.m. on any Monday which is New Year's Day, January 1, of any year. Alcoholic beverages may be sold from 12:00 midnight on New Year's Eve until 1:55 a.m. on New Year's Day on any New Year's Eve falling on Monday through Friday.

Secs. 4-208—4-237. – Reserved.

ARTICLE IX. - BREWPUBS

[Sec. 4-238. – Licensing.](#)

[Secs. 4-239—4-269. – Reserved.](#)

Sec. 4-238. – Licensing.

- (a) License required. No person shall be issued a brewpub license without first obtaining a retail consumption license.
- (b) A brewpub license authorizes the holder of such licenseto:
 - (1) Manufacture on the licensed premises not more than 10,000 barrels of malt beverages in a calendar year solely for retail sale;
 - (2) Operate an eating establishment that shall be the sole retail outlet for such malt beverages;

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- (3) Operate an eating establishment that may offer for sale for consumption on the premises any other alcoholic beverages produced by other manufacturers which are authorized for retail sale under this Chapter, including wine, distilled spirits, and malt beverages, provided that such alcoholic beverages are purchased from a licensed wholesaler; and, provided, further, that in addition to draft beer manufactured on the premises, each brewpub licensee shall offer for sale commercially available canned or bottled malt beverages from licensed wholesalers; and
- (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this paragraph, sell up to a maximum of 5,000 barrels annually of such malt beverages to licensed wholesale dealers. Under no circumstances shall such malt beverages be sold by a brewpub licensee to any person holding a retail consumption dealer's license or a retailer's license for the purpose of resale;
- (c) Possession of a brewpub license shall not prevent the holder of such license from obtaining a retail consumption dealer's license or a retailer's license for the same premises;
- (d) A brewpub license holder shall not be prohibited from selling wine or malt beverages by the package for consumption off the premises where so permitted by the county.

Secs. 4-239—4-269. – Reserved.

ARTICLE X. - HOTEL-MOTEL IN-ROOM SERVICE

[Sec. 4-270. – License.](#)

[Secs. 4-271—4-288. – Reserved.](#)

Sec. 4-270. – License.

- (a) Any hotel-motel that acquires this in-room service shall also be required to obtain a consumption on the premises license and meet all of the requirements of this chapter.
- (b) No hotel-motel shall be authorized to provide in-room service until it has been issued a special license to do so. A license fee in the amount provided in the county fee schedule shall be imposed to provide only beer and/or wine by "in-room service."
- (c) The sale of beer and/or wine by in-room service shall be subject to all restrictions and limitations relative to the retail sale of any alcoholic beverages, except as provided otherwise in this article.
- (d) Keys for in-room service shall only be sold to guests between the hours of 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 midnight Monday through Saturday.

Secs. 4-271—4-288. – Reserved.

ARTICLE XI. - SPECIAL EVENTS

[Sec. 4-289. – Special Event Permits.](#)

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[Secs. 4-293—4-311. – Reserved.](#)

Sec. 4-289. – Special Event Permits.

- (a) Nationally recognized and chartered organizations such as veterans' organizations, fraternal organizations, and other nonprofit organizations currently having tax exempt status under either the United States Internal Revenue Code or the Georgia Income Tax Law shall not be required to operate a food establishment serving prepared food in order to sell alcoholic beverages at an authorized special event. Such organizations, however, dispensing or selling alcoholic beverages shall be subject to all county ordinance regulations and general licensing application requirements for licensees, provided, however, any applicants for temporary licenses may be exempted from certain ordinance regulations and application requirements if the Board of Commissioners, after consultation with the county sheriff, determines that such exemption does not impair the safety of schools, homes, churches, parks, other institutions, or the general public. Any applicant requesting a nonprofit special event permit must qualify for said license by submitting an application on a form provided by the County Clerk and paying the special event permit fee as set forth in the county fee schedule in Section 18-19. A nonprofit special event permit may be granted to the same applicant a maximum of 12 days per year.
- (b) For profit businesses that possess a valid local alcohol license to sell alcohol for consumption on the premises, may make application with County Clerk for a for-profit special event permit to operate a cash bar at a location (inside or outside) within Lumpkin County other than the licensed premises on a special event basis. Applicants for a for-profit special event permit may be exempted from certain ordinance regulations and application requirements if the Board of Commissioners, after consultation with the county sheriff, determines that such exemption does not impair the safety of schools, homes, churches, parks, other institutions, or the general public. Any licensee requesting a for-profit special event permit under this subsection must qualify for said license by submitting an application on a form provided by the County Clerk and by paying the special event permit fee of \$75.00, as may be amended from time to time as set forth in the county fee schedule in Section 18-19. A for-profit special event permit may be granted to the same licensee a maximum of 24 days per calendar year. For purposes of this subsection, the phrase "cash bar" is limited to and shall only include the provision of alcoholic beverages for consumption at a banquet, function, luncheon, reception, festival or other similar event, where guests pay for alcoholic drinks on a per drink basis.
- (c) The entrances and exits to a special event must be through controlled entry points which allow for easy monitoring of patrons entering and leaving the event.
- (d) The special event must meet the following criteria prior to the issuance of a permit:
 - (1) The entrances and exits to a special event must be through controlled entry points which allow for easy monitoring of patrons entering and leaving the event.
 - (2) The special event must receive approval from the county sheriff regarding crowd control and security measures.
 - (3) The special event must receive approval from the county sheriff's department and county public works department on traffic control measures and parking.
 - (4) For any location that is not owned by the applicant, the application must include a signed and notarized letter from the property owner authorizing use of the property for the event.
 - (5) The premises at which the special event is to take place must be approved by the Board of Commissioners.
- (e) Any employee or volunteer of the special event licensee, working the special event in any position dispensing, selling, serving, taking orders or mixing alcoholic beverages shall not be required to obtain a pouring permit for the special event.
- (f) The sheriff or his designee may immediately revoke any temporary license for a special event if it is determined continued alcohol sales may endanger the health, welfare or safety of the public.
- (g) As a condition on the issuance of a temporary special event license, the licensee shall indemnify and hold the county harmless from claims, demand or cause of action which may arise from activities

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associated with the special event. The licensee shall ensure by written documentation satisfactory to the Board of Commissioners that such insurance as may be required for the event has been issued; no event may be held until ten business days after the copy of the policy has been recorded with the county; therefore, failure to deliver such policy shall act to automatically cancel the alcoholic beverage license or permit for the event.

Sec. 4-290. – Sales off Premises for Catered Events

(a) As used in this Section, the term:

(1) "Food caterer" means any person who prepares and/or serves food at any remote location, including, but not limited to, wedding receptions, reunions, business events, or other functions by whatever name where food is prepared and/or served for consumption off the premises, and who has a valid permit food service permit issued by the health department authorizing the licensee to prepare and/or serve food for consumption off the premises.

(2) "Licensed alcoholic beverage caterer" means any retail dealer who has been issued a State license pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 4 (Distilled Spirits), Article 2 of Chapter 5 (Malt Beverages), or Article 2 of Chapter 6 (Wine) of the Official Code of Georgia, and who has also been issued a license from Lumpkin County or another county or municipality in the State to sell malt beverages, wine, or distilled spirits by the drink off premises and in connection with an authorized catered function and at the location of the authorized catered function.

(3) "Person" means any individual, company, corporation, association, partnership, or other legal entity.

(b) Required local licensing:

(1) Any holder of a Lumpkin County license authorizing the licensee to sell malt beverages or wine by the drink for consumption on the premises may apply for a license which authorizes such licensee to sell or distribute malt beverages or wine by the drink off premises and in connection with an authorized catered function and at the location of the authorized catered function.

(2) Any holder of a Lumpkin County license authorizing the licensee to sell malt beverages or wine by the package for consumption off the premises may apply for a license which authorizes such licensee to sell malt beverages or wine by the drink off premises and in connection with an authorized catered function and at the location of the authorized catered function.

(3) Any holder of a Lumpkin County license authorizing the licensee to sell distilled spirits by the drink for consumption on the premises may be issued a license which authorizes such licensed alcoholic beverage caterer to sell distilled spirits by the drink off premises and in connection with an authorized catered function and at the location of the authorized catered function.

(4) An alcoholic beverage caterer shall make application for an off-premise license as provided in subsections (1), (2) or (3) of this section with the County and shall pay to the County an annual license fee in the amount of \$250.00 for a license to sell

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a single alcoholic beverage (wine or malt beverages or distilled spirits) by the drink off premises, or \$350.00 for a license to sell a combination of wine, malt beverages and/or distilled spirits by the drink off premises. Such license fees may be amended from time to time as set forth in the county fee schedule in Section 18-19, provided that the total of such local license fees shall not exceed \$5,000.00 for any one licensed location.

(4) When an alcoholic beverage caterer is domiciled outside Lumpkin County and is currently licensed by the local government authority in which it is domiciled as an alcoholic beverage caterer, a Lumpkin County license shall not be required in order for the alcoholic beverage caterer to distribute or sell distilled spirits, malt beverages, or wine by the drink at an authorized catered function or special event inside Lumpkin County. However, such alcoholic beverage caterers must obtain an event permit for each event and each application for an event permit as an alcoholic beverage caterer shall be accompanied by a certified check for the full amount of the event permit fee. In addition, taxes shall be levied on the total quantity of alcoholic beverages brought into Lumpkin County by the caterer and they shall be levied and paid in full with the application for an event permit. A copy of the license issued by the local government authority where the alcoholic beverage caterer is domiciled shall be attached to the event permit application.

Sec. 4-291. – Event Permits for Catered Functions.

- (a) A licensed alcoholic beverage caterer may apply for an event permit from Lumpkin County authorizing the sale of distilled spirits, malt beverages, or wine by the drink off premises and in connection with an authorized catered event, and at the location of that authorized catered event.
- (b) A licensed alcoholic beverage caterer may sell only that beverage which is authorized by the alcoholic beverage license in effect. For example, if the alcoholic beverage caterer possesses a valid license to sell malt beverages, only malt beverages can be sold by the alcoholic beverage caterer at an authorized catered event.
- (c) Any food caterer, as defined herein, operating within Lumpkin County must obtain all required alcoholic beverage licenses and event permits in order to distribute or sell any distilled spirits, beer, malt beverages or wine off the premises of the food caterer's business. This does not affect any requirements that the food caterer have a license to sell alcoholic beverages on the premises of the food caterer's business.
- (d) A licensed alcoholic beverage caterer shall submit an application for an off premises event permit, pay an event permit fee of \$50.00 for each event, as may be amended from time to time as set forth in the county fee schedule in Section 18-19, and pay all applicable local excise taxes on the total quantity of alcoholic beverages brought into the County at the time of application.
- (e) The application shall include the name of the caterer, the date, address, and time of the event, the licensed alcoholic beverage caterer's license number, and the quantity of alcoholic beverages to be transported from the licensee's primary location to the location of the authorized catered event.
- (f) Event permits must be obtained at least ten (10) days prior to the event.
- (g) A licensed alcoholic beverage caterer shall provide a copy to the County Clerk of the reports to the Georgia Revenue Commissioner stating the quantity of any and all alcoholic beverages transported from the licensee's primary premises to the location of the authorized catered

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event within the County and such other information as may be required by the County Clerk or County finance department.

- (h) A licensed alcoholic beverage caterer must maintain original local event permits in the vehicle transporting the alcoholic beverages to the catered function at all times, and such permits shall also be maintained at the site of the catered event and available for inspection at the event during the duration of such event.

Sec. 4-292. – Unlawful Acts.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A 3-11-4:

(a) It shall be unlawful for a food caterer to distribute or sell distilled spirits, malt beverages, or wine off the premises of the food caterer's business without a license issued pursuant to Chapter 11 of Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia.

(b) It shall be unlawful for a licensed alcoholic beverage caterer to distribute or sell distilled spirits, malt beverages, or wine off premises except in connection with an authorized catered function within the scope of the event permit.

(c) It shall be unlawful for a licensed alcoholic beverage caterer to distribute or sell distilled spirits, malt beverages, or wine during any hours in which the sale of alcoholic beverages by the drink for consumption only on the premises is not permitted in the County.

(d) It shall be unlawful for a licensed alcoholic beverage caterer to employ any person under 21 years of age who, in the course of such employment, would dispense, serve, sell, or handle alcoholic beverages. It is the intent of this subsection to prevent any person employed by such caterer, or any other employee, to knowingly violate any prohibitions contained in Georgia Code Section 3-3-23, relating to furnishing alcoholic beverages to, and purchase and possession of alcoholic beverages by, a person under 21 years of age.

Secs. 4-293—4-311. – Reserved.

ARTICLE XII. - HAPPY HOUR

[Sec. 4-312. – Intent.](#)

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[Sec. 4-314. – Maintain schedule for prices charged.](#)

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Sec. 4-312. - Intent.

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It is the intent of this section to prohibit activities typically associated with promotions referred to as happy hour or similarly designated promotions.

Sec. 4-313. – Prohibitions.

No licensee or employee or agent of a licensee, in connection with the sale or other disposition of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises, shall:

- (1) Offer or deliver any free alcoholic beverage to any person or group of persons.
- (2) Deliver more than two alcoholic beverages to one person at a time, however, nothing herein shall prohibit a brewpub from offering a sampler of malt beverages in containers not exceeding four ounces. Each sampler shall not exceed four different types of malt beverages.
- (3) Sell, offer to sell, or deliver to any person or group of persons any alcoholic beverage at a price less than the price regularly charged for such alcoholic beverage during the same calendar week, except at private functions not opened to the public.
- (4) Sell, offer to sell, or deliver to any person or group of persons an unlimited number of alcoholic beverages during any set period of time for a fixed price, except at private functions not open to the public.
- (5) Sell, offer to sell, or deliver alcoholic beverages to any person or group of persons on any one day at prices less than those charged the general public on that day, except at private functions not opened to the public.
- (6) Sell, offer to sell, or deliver alcoholic beverages, including malt beverages, in any container which holds more than 32 fluid ounces (0.947 liters), except to two or more persons at any one time.
- (7) Increase the volume of alcohol contained in a drink without increasing proportionately the price regularly charged for such alcoholic beverage during the same calendar week.
- (8) Encourage or permit on the licensed premises any game or contest which involves the drinking of alcoholic beverages or the awarding of alcoholic beverages as a prize.

Sec. 4-314. – Maintain schedule for prices charged.

Each licensee shall maintain a schedule of the price charged for all alcoholic beverages to be served and consumed on the licensed premises or in any room or part thereof. The licensee shall not vary the schedule of prices from day to day or from hour to hour within a single day. The schedule of prices shall be posted in a conspicuous manner so as to be in view of the paying public, and the schedule shall be effective for not less than one calendar week.

Sec. 4-315. – Restriction on promotion or advertising.

No licensee shall advertise or promote in any way, whether within or without the licensed premises, any of the practices prohibited under [Section 4-314](#).

Sec. 4-316. – Free offerings.

No provision of this section shall be construed to prohibit licensees from offering free food or entertainment at any time, to prohibit licensees from including an alcoholic beverage as part of a meal package, or to prohibit the sale or delivery of wine by the bottle or carafe when sold with meals or to more than one person.

Sec. 4-317. – Responsibility for enforcement.

Both the county sheriff and the county code enforcement officers shall have responsibility for the enforcement of this article.

Sec. 4-318. – Separate pricing of alcoholic beverages.

No licensee may require the purchase of any alcoholic beverage as a part of or prerequisite to the purchase of any other produce or service. If alcoholic beverages are included as part of a package of other goods and/or services, the alcoholic beverages must be priced separately and all customers must be allowed to purchase the remaining goods and services without the alcoholic beverages at a price from which the full price of the alcoholic beverages has been deducted.

Secs. 4-319—4-342. – Reserved.

ARTICLE XIII. - EXCISE TAXES

[Sec. 4-343. – Per drink excise tax.](#)

[Sec. 4-344. – Excise tax on first sale or use of wine by the package.](#)

[Sec. 4-345. – Excise tax and bond required on wholesalers.](#)

[Sec. 4-346. – Excise tax on all beer and malt beverages produced by a brewpub.](#)

[Sec. 4-347. – Excise tax on alcoholic beverages brought into the county for catered events.](#)

[Sec. 4-348. – Payment; Penalty; Interest; Records.](#)

Sec. 4-343. – Per drink excise tax.

- (a) Every purchaser of distilled spirits by the drink shall be liable for a tax thereon at the rate as provided in the county fee schedule in [Section 18-19](#) of the retail price or charge for such drink. Such taxes shall be collected by the licensee, and such licensee shall remit the same to the county finance department on or before the tenth day of the succeeding month. Gross sales shall include all credit card sales and shall be reported and taxes collected thereon shall be submitted to the finance department to the same extent as required of cash sales. Each licensee shall be allowed a deduction equal to that rate authorized for deductions from state tax under part V of the Georgia Retailer's and Consumer's Sales and Use Tax Act, O.C.G.A. § 48-8-50, as now written or hereafter amended; provided that the tax is not delinquent at the time of payment.
- (b) Excise taxes received in the finance department after the 10th day of the month shall be charged a penalty in an amount set forth in the county fee schedule in [Section 18-19](#).
- (c) If the finance director deems it necessary to conduct an audit of the records and books of the licensee, the finance director will notify the licensee of the date, time and place of the audit.

Sec. 4-344. – Excise tax on first sale or use of wine by the package.

An excise tax is hereby levied to be computed at the rate per liter in an amount as provided in the county fee schedule in [Section 18-19](#), on the first sale or use of the wine by the package that shall be paid to the county. Such tax shall be paid to the designee of the county Board of Commissioners by the licensee on wine sold in accordance with the terms hereof in the county. Excise taxes received by the county after the 10th day of the month shall be charged an amount, as provided in the county fee schedule in [Section 18-19](#), as a penalty. The per liter fee shall be prorated so that all containers of wine shall be taxed on the basis of per liter fee. It shall be unlawful and a violation of this chapter for any licensee in accordance with the terms hereof to sell or deliver wine in any manner without collecting said tax.

Sec. 4-345. – Excise tax and bond required on wholesalers.

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- (a) There is hereby levied an excise tax computed at the rate as provided in the county fee schedule in [Section 18-19](#) per liter or per ounce which shall be paid to the governing authority on all distilled spirits and wine sold by wholesalers to retailers in the county. Such tax shall be paid to the finance department by the wholesale distributor on all distilled spirits and wine sold to the licensees for the sale of distilled spirits and wine in the county as follows: Each wholesaler selling, shipping, or in any way delivering distilled spirits or wine to any licensees licensed pursuant to this article, shall collect the excise tax at the time of delivery and shall remit the excise tax together with a summary of all deliveries to each licensee on or before the tenth day of the month following. Excise taxes received in the finance department after the 10th day of the month shall be charged a penalty in an amount set forth in the county fee schedule in [Section 18-19](#). The fee as provided in the county fee schedule in [Section 18-19](#) per liter or per ounce shall be prorated so that all containers of distilled spirits and wine shall be taxed on the basis of fee as provided in the county fee schedule in [Section 18-19](#) per liter or per ounce. It shall be unlawful and a violation of this chapter for any wholesaler to sell, ship or deliver in any manner any distilled spirits or wine to a retail dealer without collecting the tax. It shall be unlawful and a violation of this chapter for any retail dealer to possess, own, hold, store, display or sell any distilled spirits or wine on which such tax has not been paid. Each wholesaler shall be paid three percent of the amount of taxes collected as reimbursement for collection of the tax.
- (b) There is hereby levied an excise tax on all beer and malt beverages sold by wholesalers to retailers in the county at the rate as provided in the county fee schedule in [Section 18-19](#) per 12-ounce container and for each container of tap or draft beer or malt beverage of 15½ gallons and in similar proportion for bottles, cans and containers of various sizes as provided in the county fee schedule in [Section 18-19](#). All provisions as to excise tax in this section shall apply to this tax on beer and malt beverages except the tax rate which is set out in this subsection and the reimbursement of three percent of the taxes collected which shall not apply to beer and malt beverage wholesalers.
- (c) Each wholesale dealer prior to commencement of any business operation within the county shall post a performance bond with the county finance director equal to 1½ times the estimated highest monthly payment to be made in a calendar year of the excise tax based on sales collected by the wholesale dealer from the retailers to secure the payments for the tax imposed in this section. These bonds shall be secured by cash which shall bear no interest, or a surety bond executed by a surety company licensed to do business in this state and approved by the Board of Commissioners.
- (d) A wholesaler may be excused from posting the performance bond as provided in subsection (c) of this section after demonstrating full and satisfactory compliance with the provisions herein for a period of 12 months subsequent to the commencement of business operations within the county. Continued exemption from the requirement of posting the performance bond shall be conditioned upon continued compliance with the terms of this article and the payments of all sums as required by the provisions in this section.

Sec. 4-346. – Excise tax on all beer and malt beverages produced by a brewpub.

There is hereby levied an excise tax on all beer and malt beverages produced by a brewpub in an amount, as provided in the county fee schedule in [Section 18-19](#), per one-half barrel (15½ gallons) and per barrel (31 gallons). Such tax shall be paid to finance director no later than the 10th day of each month for the preceding month's production. A late payment penalty in an amount set forth in the county fee schedule in [Section 18-19](#) shall be added to the amount due for any payment not received by the 10th day of the month.

Sec. 4-347. – Excise tax on alcoholic beverages brought into the county for catered events.

There is hereby levied an excise tax on the total quantity of alcoholic beverages brought into the County by a licensed alcoholic beverage caterer in an amount as provided in the county fee schedule in Section 18-19.

Sec. 4-348. – Payment; Penalty; Interest; Records.

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- (a) The excise taxes imposed herein shall be paid to the finance director by the tenth of each month based on the previous month's sales.
- (b) Excise taxes received in the finance department after the 10th day of the month shall be charged a penalty in an amount set forth in the county fee schedule in [Section 18-19](#).
- (c) Interest shall accrue on late payments at the judgment rate as provided by the state at the time the payment becomes a late payment.
- (d) It shall be the duty of every such licensee required to make a report and pay any tax levied pursuant to this article, to keep and preserve suitable records of the sales taxable pursuant to this article, and such other books or accounts as may be necessary to determine the amount of tax due. It shall be the duty of every licensee to keep and preserve such records for a period of three years.