

### **“Growlers” Continued:**

- **Size:** Four (4) liters allowed to be sold per person per day
- **Distribution:** Containers must be supplied and filled by the permittee (consumers cannot bring their own containers for filling) and they should be clean and sanitary.

Please Note: The law allows distributors to provide or sell the containers to you.

### **DRINKS TO GO**

You may sell securely sealed containers of alcoholic liquor to go. The beverage does not need to be in the manufacturer’s original container, but the container you use cannot have a lid with sipping holes or straw holes. Beverage must be placed in a bag by an employee. The beverage must be accompanied with food prepared on the premise. Limits: 196 oz. of beer; 1L of spirits; 1.5L of wine. You must also follow all local ordinances.

### **LIQUOR PERMITS ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE**

Any change in ownership or transfer of stock must be reported to the Department before the change. Your liquor permit must be canceled upon sale or transfer of the business. New business owners must apply for and be granted their own permit before selling any alcohol.

### **LIQUOR MAY BE PURCHASED ONLY FROM AN AUTHORIZED DEALER**

You may only purchase liquor from an authorized wholesaler or self-distributing manufacturer licensed by the Liquor Control Division.

### **BEER MUST BE PURCHASED WITHIN A GEOGRAPHIC TERRITORY**

All wholesalers have a geographic territory in which they are allowed to sell certain brands of beer. It is your responsibility to ensure that you are purchasing from the correct distributor.

### **OTHER PERMITS**

The holder of a standard café permit (the “backer”) may hold an off-premise caterer permit, a restaurant permit, or a seasonal open-air permit.

**NOTE:** This guide is applicable to café permits under CGS § 30-22a(a), and does not fully apply to the other types of café permits (e.g., café-railroad, café-university, etc.) or the Connecticut craft café permit.

### **YOUR eLICENSE ACCOUNT**

Set up your eLicense account with the username provide to you by the Department. You can use your eLicense account to renew your permit, cancel your permit, update your contact information, submit forms, and make certain changes to your permit. [www.license.ct.gov](http://www.license.ct.gov)

### **MAINTAIN UPDATED INFORMATION**

You are responsible for maintaining updated contact information with the Department, including email address and telephone number. The Department will communicate with you, send your permits, and remind you of renewal via email.

If you have any questions regarding your Restaurant permit, please call us at:

Agent Investigations/Complaints	(860) 713-6210
New Applications	(860) 713-6200
Renewals	(860) 713-6200
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*This pamphlet is a quick reference guide only. For complete information regarding your Package Store Permit, refer to Title 30 of the Connecticut General Statutes and Connecticut State Regulations.*



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## CAFE LIQUOR PERMIT



### **QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE**

**Our goal:**  
*To inform our permit holders and promote the safe service of alcohol.*

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## Legal Hours of Operation for a Cafe Permit\*\*

### Monday through Thursday

Alcohol allowed: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

May be open, but no alcohol: 6:00 a.m. to 9 a.m.

### Friday and Saturday

Alcohol allowed: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.

May be open, but no alcohol: 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

### Sunday

Alcohol allowed: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

May be open, but no alcohol: 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

### Prohibited

Premise is not to remain open during a suspension period. The premise must be fully closed and cease operation.

*\*\*Local city and town ordinances may be more restrictive\*\**

**Permit Definition** See Connecticut General Statutes  
§ 30-22a(a)

## PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

**Yearly Renewal** Your permit must be renewed every year. A reminder email will be sent to your email address on record. The expiration date is also printed on your permit. **You must be inspected each year by your local fire marshal as part of your renewal.**

**Permit Recorded** Each year your new permit must be filed with the town clerk's office. The clerk will stamp the original permit and keep a copy on file. The permit is not activated until it has been stamped.

**Permit Framed and Hung in Plain View** Your liquor permit must be kept in a frame for protection and hung inside the store in a place visible to the public.

**Permittee Sign** The permittee's name must be displayed on a sign that is hung next to the main entrance of the premise and be visible from the sidewalk or street.

**Example:** Michael Brooks  
Permittee

**Deliveries** No permittee shall receive any alcohol deliveries unless upon receipt the store signs the invoice with information containing the trade name of the store, the

name of the permittee and the signature or initials of the employee. A rubber stamp is allowed.

### ***Example of rubber stamp:***

#### **Received By**

Main Street Liquors

Michael Brooks, Permittee

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Liquor Invoices** A 2-year record of liquor invoices must be kept at the store. Written permission may be granted upon request to keep the invoices somewhere else.

**Liquor Storage** An approved lockable area must be maintained which is large enough to accommodate all the alcohol in stock.

**Age Statements Forms** An employee shall require any person whose age is in question to sign an Age Statement Form. This form is only to be used in conjunction with identification shown. Completed Age Statement Forms must be maintained at the store.

**Draught Beer** The beer lines of your tap system must be cleaned and recorded on a record card on a weekly basis. The tap lever must be of the same brand as being drawn from the keg (unless using a generic handle).

**Refilling** Liquor and wine bottles may *not* be refilled, even if the brands are the same. Liquor and wine must be poured from its original container as received from the wholesaler or manufacturer.

**Prohibited Sales** Sale to minors. (Under 21 years of age)  
Sale to intoxicated person.  
Sale before or after legal hours.  
Sale to another liquor permit holder.

***\*\*Note: You have the right to refuse sale if you suspect the patron is a minor or is intoxicated.\*\****

**Smoking** Smoking of all kinds is PROHIBITED, including all electronic nicotine delivery systems. Such systems include electronic (1) cigarettes, (2) cigars, (3) cigarillos, (4) pipes, (5) and hookahs.

**Employees** An employee may be 16 years old, but must be 18 years old in order to sell and serve alcohol.

**Daily Records** You are required to keep on the premise daily records and a monthly total of the sales of food and liquor for a period of two years.

**Food Requirement** You shall keep food available for sale to customers for consumption on the premise during a majority of the hours your premise is open. The availability of food from outside vendors located on or near the premise is compliant with this requirement.

## PROHIBITED DRINK PROMOTIONS

**Open Bar** Not allowed unless an area has been rented for a private party by a customer.

**Discrimination** "Ladies" nights, etc. are prohibited if drink promotions discriminate on age, gender, sexual orientation, or other protected classification. Any allowable promotion (e.g., "happy hour") must apply to all patrons.

**Drinking Games** No games that involve drinking or awarding of drinks as prizes.

**Bottomless** "Bottomless mimosas", "all you can drink happy hour," etc. are prohibited promotions.

## GAMBLING

No gambling of any kind is allowed on the premise (e.g., dice games, sports pools, slot machines) unless allowed by CT Lottery Corporation and licensed by DCP.

## DRINKS ALLOWED

You may serve one person two drinks at a time. A pitcher or bottle of wine must be served to more than one person.

## OFF-PREMISE SALES OF DRAUGHT BEER (GROWLERS)

Permitted to sell draught beer for off-premise consumption in sealed containers, under the following conditions:

- Legal Hours (same as Package Stores): Monday-Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (*\*unless otherwise restricted by local ordinance*)