

Liquor On-Sale License

Application Requirements Checklist

The City of Saint Paul licenses and regulates the alcohol components of a business. The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) regulates the food components of a business. Your business may require a number of different licenses.

If you have any questions or require any assistance completing the application, or submitting the required documents, please contact a Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) Project Facilitator at (651)266-8989.

All of the following items must be submitted as part of your license application to be deemed complete for consideration. Once you have compiled these, go to Paulie to complete the application process.

☐ **License Fee(s):**

Liquor On Sale – 291 or more seats \$6,448.00

Liquor On-Sale – 181-290 seats \$6,360.00

Liquor On-Sale – 101-180 seats \$5,937.00

Liquor On-Sale – 100 seats or less \$5,361.00

Liquor On-Sale Theater \$1,914.00

Liquor On-Sale Sunday \$200.00

Liquor On-Sale 2 am closing \$59.00 (State fee varies)

Liquor Outdoor Service Area (Patio) \$85.00

Liquor Outdoor Service Area (Sidewalk) \$40.00

Malt On-Sale (Strong) \$712.00

Malt On-Sale (3.2) \$712.00

Wine On-Sale \$2,000.00

Entertainment A \$278.00

Entertainment B \$672.00

Entertainment C \$3,191.00

Gambling Location \$84.00

☐ **Personal Affidavit Form(s)**

An affidavit form must be completed by the sole owner, by each partner, by each person who has ownership interest in excess of 5% in the corporation and/or association and/or by the manager.

☐ **Business Documentation.**

If incorporated or partnership, provide a copy of your current Minnesota Secretary of State Business Registration Certificate of Incorporation from the Minnesota Secretary of State (SOS).

- Sole proprietors operating under their legal name may upload a signed statement if not required to register with the MN Secretary of State.

If using a DBA or Assumed Name, provide copy of your Minnesota Secretary of State Assumed Name Filing

☐ **Certificate of Compliance Minnesota Workers' Compensation Law.**

☐ **Site/Floor Plan for all leased or owned space.**

The plan must include all parts of the property used for your business (inside and outside spaces). (See Site and Floor Plan pdf)

If this is an existing building and only minor changes are being made, then the project facilitator may allow plans that are already on file.

☐ **Business Expenses and Source of Funds Addendum – with documentation.**

The form requires:

- Expenses:
 - List all expenses associated with building, property and equipment needed
 - List all expenses associated with construction costs
 - List all expenses associated with professional services, e.g., architect, attorney, ect.

- Sources:
 - o List source of any funds being used, Including: Personal, Corporate, Investments, individual and institutional loans, and any other financing.

☐ **Business Plan.**

Within the application, you will be requested to provide detailed information on all aspects of how you will operate your business. Lack of details may result in delays in processing your application.

If you plan on providing entertainment, include information detailing the type and manner of entertainment to be provided. The following are the types of entertainment licenses available:

Entertainment “A”

Amplified or non-amplified music and/or singing by performers without limitation as to number, and group singing participated in by patrons of the establishment.

Entertainment “B”

All activities allowed in Class A, plus dancing by patrons to live, taped or electronically produced music, and which may also permit volleyball and broomball participated in by patrons or guests of the licensed establishment plus stage shows, theater, and contests. In all of the activities in Classes A and B, all of the participants, including patrons, shall be fully clothed at all times.

Entertainment “C”

All activities allowed in Classes A and B, plus performance by male or female performers without limitations as to number, where clothing is minimal but in compliance with Chapters 409.09 and 410.05 of the Legislative Code.

Note: Per Legislative Code 411.04(f) Only establishments holding on sale intoxicating liquor licenses are eligible for class B and class C entertainment licenses. A holder of a wine and/or intoxicating malt liquor licenses may only obtain a class A entertainment license.

☐ **Signed Lease or Purchase Agreement.**

Provide a copy of either:

- A signed rental lease and/or assignment

Note: If your proposed use of the property is not specified within the lease, you must also submit a letter signed by the property owner allowing this type of use.

- A signed purchase agreement, Bill of Sale of the property, or other proof of ownership.

☐ **State of Minnesota Department of Public Safety Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division(AGED) Certification of an On Sale Liquor License.**

- If you are opening a brewery, then fill out the State Application for On-Sale Brewer's Taproom License and Sunday License Application
- If your brewery will include Growler sales, then also fill out the State Application for Small Brewer Off Sale Intoxicating Liquor License
- If you are opening a microdistillery then fill out the Application for Micro Distillers License.
- If your Microdistillery will include Off-Sale, also fill out the Application for Micro Distillery Off Sale Intoxicating Liquor License.

The following items may be submitted after the initial application has been accepted:

☐ **Obtain Liquor Liability (Dram Shop) Insurance.**

Prior to issuance of your license, you must provide a copy of proof of Liquor Liability (Dram Shop) Insurance. Requirements: According to Minnesota Statutes 340.409, an applicant must provide the City of Saint Paul with a certificate of insurance with liability limits of **at least:**

\$50,000 of coverage because of bodily injury to any one person in any one occurrence

\$100,000 of coverage because of bodily injury to two or more persons in any one occurrence

\$10,000 of coverage because of injury to or destruction of property of others in any one occurrence

\$50,000 of coverage for loss of means of support of any one person in any one occurrence

\$100,000 of coverage for loss of means of support of two or more persons in any one occurrence

A liability insurance policy must provide that it may not be canceled for any cause, except for non-payment of premium, by either the insured or the insurer unless the canceling party has first given 30 days' notice in writing to the issuing authority of intent to cancel the policy. The City of Saint Paul must be listed as a Certificate Holder.

Note: Insurance certificates must have the licensed Corporation Name and DBA (Doing Business As), and the licensed business address listed on the certificate. The insurance expiration date must run concurrent with the license. Copies transmitted by fax are acceptable. Our fax # is (651)266-9124.

☐ **SAC Fees (Sewer Availability Charge).**

If the project involves a change in use of a building or an expansion (internal or external) of the use, you will need to submit a copy of the plans to the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MECS) for a SAC determination. SAC, or Service Availability Charge, is a one-time fee imposed by the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services on Local Government Units and other communities with building authority for their portion of the reserve capacity cost of the Metropolitan Disposal System (MDS). This is not a connection fee; it is for sewer capacity availability at the Metropolitan Disposal System. If MDS determines that there will be a SAC, the City of Saint Paul will need to collect the payment along with the building permit fee before the license is issued.

☐ **Review the Manual for the City of Saint Paul Liquor License Holders.**

Complete a liquor law compliance and license holder responsibility review that may require an onsite inspection of the establishment. Contact a Licensing Project Facilitator at 651-266-9103 to schedule.

☐ **Optional State Restaurant License.**

Contact the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) at 651-201-4500 or via their food licensing website page at http://mn.gov/elicense/licenses/licensedetail.jsp?URI=tcm:29-2888&CT_URI=tcm:29-117-32 to obtain information on how to complete the MDH food licensing review process for the operation of the food service component of the establishment.

Note: If operating a restaurant, The City of St Paul must receive confirmation from Minnesota Department of Health that you have obtained a restaurant license as part of the City of St Paul Liquor License review process.

□ **Alcohol Dealer Registration.**

Upon City of Saint Paul approval, you will also be required to complete the Department of The Treasury, Alcohol, Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Alcohol Dealer Registration.

<http://www.ttb.gov/forms/f56305d.pdf>.

LICENSE APPROVAL PROCESS

Prior to your license application submittal, you are required to contact the district council representing the area encompassing your license location. Submit the required Class “N” License District Council Form and discuss with them your proposed business plans. (The district council representing your license area can be found on the City of Saint Paul website <http://www.stpaul.gov/> (then by searching for “district council”) or you may contact a licensing project facilitator at 651-266-8989 for assistance.

Your application will be administratively reviewed by DSI Licensing, Zoning and Fire Inspection staff. This review may include on-site inspections(s) to verify compliance with applicable regulations. You will be informed of any required inspections including the name and telephone number of the inspector after the submission of a completed license application. The location must be in compliance with all applicable regulations and/or license conditions before any license may be issued.

Within approximately fifteen (15) days of receiving the completed license application DSI will send out notification letters to owners and occupants of properties located within 350 feet of your proposed business location, concerned constituents, block club / district councils, and city council, informing them of your application and giving them 15 days to submit comments in support or objection. If no objections are received, your license will be recommended for City Council approval then subsequently issued (pending any other requirements not completely met) approximately one week after City Council approval. If objections are received, a legislative hearing will be scheduled before a hearing officer. All interested persons will receive notice of the time, place, and date of the scheduled hearing from the Legislative Hearing Officer. At that hearing, the hearing officer will take testimony from all interested persons and will make a recommendation to the City Council as to whether the license(s) should be approved, approved with conditions, or referred to an administrative law judge for further review. The City Council will have the final authority to grant or deny the license application. Upon approval, all additional requirements will need to be completed prior to operating.