Division of Liquor Control Announces Permit Renewal Extension

(COLUMBUS, Ohio) — The Ohio Department of Commerce’s Division of Liquor Control (DOLC) announced today it is extending the May 18, 2020, filing deadline for permit holders to renew their class C and D permits. A new filing deadline will be announced once the Ohio Department of Health lifts the Director’s Order allowing permit holders to resume on-premises consumption.

“The administration heard from a number of permit holders about the need for additional relief,” said Ohio Department of Commerce’s Superintendent of the Division of Liquor Control, Jim Canepa. “We are listening and recognize the financial strain of permit renewal fees to businesses at this time. Extending the deadline will provide economic relief to permit holders by giving them some breathing room for renewal submissions.”

Holders of permits set to expire June 1 are eligible to take advantage of this extension. This encompasses approximately 8,400 establishments holding roughly 20,000 permits in the Western portion of the state; a full list of included counties can be found here. If a business has already mailed in its extension, DOLC will contact them to determine if they’d like to proceed with their renewal or wait for the new deadline.

This extension is the DOLC’s latest effort to provide economic relief to permit holders during this time of uncertainty. The Division enacted a one-time spiritous liquor buyback program, which has refunded more than $1.4 million to more than 800 establishments. Additionally, the Liquor Control Commission passed an emergency rule that allows certain permit holders to sell drinks to go with a purchase of a meal.

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