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RE: Compliance Reminder: Food Service Requirement for ALL Liquor Licensees

Dear Alcoholic Beverage License Holder:

This letter serves as an annual reminder regarding the general condition of all Class B Alcoholic Beverage Licenses pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 3-1-1.

It has recently come to the Town's attention that some establishments have not been fully complying with this statutory requirement. This correspondence is therefore intended to serve as a strong reminder that all license holders are required to strictly adhere to the provisions outlined below.

Under this statute, **food service must be available to patrons at all times alcoholic beverages are sold, including up to the time of "last call."** While a full menu is not required outside of normal meal hours, licensees **must offer**, at minimum, a limited or modified food menu, such as sandwiches or similar items. Please note that chips, snack foods, or comparable items **do not** satisfy this requirement.

*Pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 3-1-1, a Class B Licensee is defined:*

*"Any shop or place where a substantial part of the business is the furnishing of food for consumption at the place where it is furnished." In order to comply with the foregoing provision, the licensee must offer to the public, in conjunction with the sale of alcoholic beverages, the opportunity to purchase and consume food to be served on the premises in the same area designated for the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages. These foods must be offered for sale during all times that alcoholic beverages are sold and consumed on the licensed premises"*

To remain in compliance with this provision, licensees must offer the public, in conjunction with the sale of alcoholic beverages, the opportunity to purchase and consume food on the licensed premises and within the same area designated for the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages. **Food must be available during all hours when alcoholic beverages are sold and consumed- NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Please be advised that failure to comply with these requirements may result in a show-cause hearing and potential suspension or revocation of the license.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and attention to this matter.

Kind regards,



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Council Clerk