

RESOLUTION OF THE BRISTOL TOWN COUNCIL

ADOPTING A POLICY ON

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

WHEREAS, the Bristol Town Council is authorized, pursuant to applicable state law, to review and act upon applications for liquor licenses within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to establish a consistent and transparent policy for evaluating new applicants for liquor licenses while providing the Council with an opportunity to review an applicant's operation after the business has commenced serving alcoholic beverages; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that a limited license for an initial period will allow the Council to evaluate an applicant's compliance with applicable laws, regulations, license conditions, and Town requirements before determining whether a full license should be issued;

WHEREAS, however, the Council recognizes that applicants with demonstrated managerial experience in the lawful service and sale of alcoholic beverages may present a reduced level of risk and may warrant issuance of a full license without an initial limited-license period; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The Bristol Town Council hereby adopts the following policy, and directs the Town Clerk, the Town Administrator, and through the Town Administrator the Chief of Police to enforce such policy:

1. Except as otherwise provided in this Resolution, an applicant seeking a new liquor license shall, upon approval of the application by the Council, initially be issued a **limited Class BVL license**.
2. The BVL license shall be subject to all applicable laws, regulations, license conditions, and any additional requirements imposed by the Council.
3. The licensee shall appear before the Town Council for a review of the license three (3) months after the date of issuance and again six (6) months after the date of issuance for a review of the operation and compliance of the licensee
4. The Council reviews shall be based upon the licensee's compliance with all laws, rules, and conditions and performance during the review period and any other factors the Council is authorized by law to consider.
5. Following the six (6) month review, the Council may:
 - i. Approve the issuance of the full BV license originally sought;

- ii. Continue the limited BVL license if the Council determines that additional review is warranted; or
 - iii. Take such other action as may be authorized by applicable law based upon the circumstances presented to the Council.
6. **Exception for Demonstrated Managerial Experience.** Notwithstanding the foregoing, an applicant may be eligible to receive a full BV liquor license upon initial approval if the applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Council that the applicant possesses significant managerial experience in the lawful service and sale of alcoholic beverages at a licensed establishment, and that the applicant will personally oversee and manage the operation of the proposed establishment. Such approval shall still be subject to the three (3) and six (6) month reviews set forth above.
7. This resolution shall take effect upon passage, and may be amended or repealed at any time by the Town Council at a duly noticed meeting.

Adopted by Town Council vote on August 19, 2026.

ATTEST:

Melissa Cordeiro
Town Clerk

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