



BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

ORDINANCE O-25-11

AMENDING CHAPTER 6-3.4 OF THE BOROUGH CODE CONCERNING LICENSE FEES
FOR THE SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN THE BOROUGH

WHEREAS, Chapter 6 of the Borough Code entitled Alcoholic Beverage Control regulates the sale and transportation of alcoholic beverages in the Borough of Highlands, in accordance with the applicable State Statutes and the Rules and Regulations of the State Director of Alcoholic Beverage Control; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 6-3.4 of the Borough Code regulates the annual license fees charged for the sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 33:1-12, et seq. regulates the permissible fees by class of license for the sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages in the Borough and permits the governing body to fix the fees within a permissible range and to raise or lower the fees charged from that charged in the preceding license year; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has determined that it is in the best interests of the Borough to amend Code Section 6-3.4 to raise the license fees charged for the sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages in the Borough by 20% from that charged in the preceding year in accordance the aforesaid statutory provisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the governing body of the Borough of Highlands, the County of Monmouth, in the State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION I.

The following section of Chapter 6-3.4 entitled “License Fees; Maximum Number” of the Borough Code shall be amended to provide as follows: (All additions are shown in **bold italics with underlines**. The deletions are shown as ~~**strikeovers in bold italics**~~. Sections of Chapter 6-3.4 that will remain unchanged are shown in normal type).

6-3.4 License Fees; Maximum Number.

The annual license fees and maximum number of licenses for the sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages in the borough shall be as follows:

<i>Class of License</i>	<i>Annual License</i>	
Plenary Retail Consumption	<u>\$1,036.00</u>	<u>\$1,243.20</u>
Plenary Retail Distribution	<u>\$753.00</u>	<u>\$903.60</u>
Club License	<u>\$120.00</u>	<u>\$144.00</u>

The provisions of this subsection with respect to the limitation on the number of licenses shall not apply to the renewal or transfer of licenses presently issued.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the governing body of the Borough of Highlands, the County of Monmouth, in the State of New Jersey that the aforesaid annual license fees shall become effective January 1, 2026.

SECTION II. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance, which shall otherwise remain in full force and effect.

SECTION III. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION IV. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication as provided by law.

First Reading and Set Hearing Date for O-25-11:

	INTRODUCED	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CERVANTES						
CHELAK						
MELNYK						
OLSZEWSKI						
BROULLON						

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DATE OF VOTE: May 21, 2025

Nancy Tran, Municipal Clerk
Borough of Highlands

Public Hearing for O-25-11:

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DATE OF VOTE: June 4, 2025

Carolyn Broullon, Mayor

Nancy Tran, Municipal Clerk
Borough of Highlands