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## **Deadline for Businesses to Apply for Major Event Waiver Approaching**

**CLEVELAND** – The deadline for businesses to apply for the Ohio Division of Liquor Control “major event” waiver permit is March 21, 2016. Under a recently enacted Ohio statute, holders of certain Ohio liquor permits (A-1, A-1-A, A-1e, A-2 and D) may apply for a “major event” waiver that would allow the holder to extend service time for beer or intoxicating liquor from 1:00 a.m. or 2:30a.m. to 4:00a.m. the following day during a major event.

Under the provisions of this new law, the Republican National Convention would be considered a “major event”; thus, certain permit holders may apply for this waiver subject to the following conditions:

- **The location of the permit holder must be in Cuyahoga County (location of the RNC) or a county contiguous to Cuyahoga (Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage and Summit).**
- **The duration of the waiver will be from Sunday, July 17 thru Thursday, July 21, 2016.**
- **For businesses inside the City of Cleveland the permit holder must submit their request to Cleveland City Hall by mail, email (\*) or they can deliver to Susan Bungard in the Law Department, room # 106.**

The permit holder must complete the attached application and submit it to the Chief Executive Officer (Mayor or City Manager) of the municipal corporation in which the permit holder's premises is located or the fiscal officer of the township in which the permit holder's premises is located.

The City of Cleveland will review all applications and compile a list of the applicants to submit to the Division of Liquor Control. By June 17, 2016, the Division of Liquor Control will review the list and determine whether to issue a waiver. The division may remove the name of a permit holder from the list for good cause.

**(\*)Note: Email to Valarie McCall at [vmccall@city.cleveland.oh.us](mailto:vmccall@city.cleveland.oh.us) or Susan Bungard at [SBungard@city.cleveland.oh.us](mailto:SBungard@city.cleveland.oh.us).**



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**REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION OHIO  
"MAJOR EVENT" LIQUOR PROVISIONS OVERVIEW**

Under a recently enacted Ohio statute, holders of most Ohio liquor permits (A-1, A-1-A, A-1e, A-2 and D) qualify during a "major event" for a waiver from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control that would allow these holders to extend service time for beer or intoxicating liquor from 1:00 a.m. or 2:30a.m. to 4:00a.m. the following day during a major event. Under the provisions of this new law, the Republican National Convention is considered a major event; thus, certain permit holders may apply for this waiver subject to the following conditions.

- The location of the permit holder must be in Cuyahoga County (location of the RNC) or a county contiguous to Cuyahoga (Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage and Summit).
- The duration of the waiver will be from Sunday, July 17 thru Thursday, July 21, 2016
- **Prior to March 21, 2016** (120 days prior to the major event), the permit holder must complete the attached Application for Waiver and submit it to the chief executive officer (mayor or city manager) of the municipal corporation in which the permit holder's premises is located or the fiscal officer of the township in which the permit holder's premises is located.
- Within 30 days thereafter (April 18, 2016), the mayor or fiscal officer shall review all applications and compile a list of the applicants. In compiling the list, the mayor or fiscal officer shall consult with the chief law enforcement of either the city or township to determine whether an applicant shall be placed on the list.
- Within the next 30 days (May 18, 2016), the mayor or chief fiscal officer must submit the final list to the Ohio Division of Liquor Control.
- By June 17, 2016, the Division of Liquor Control shall:
  - Review the list and determine whether to retain each qualified permit holder on the list. The division may remove the name of a permit holder from the list for good cause. After the review, the division shall certify the list.
  - Return the certified list of approved waivers to the mayors and fiscal officers.
  - Issue the waiver to all approved applicant permit holders.



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## QUALIFYING MAJOR EVENT WAIVER APPLICATION

*This Form Is To Be Filed With The Municipality's Mayor Or Township's Fiscal Officer*

### Permit holder Eligibility:

For a major event in the City of Columbus the permit must be located in Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Pickaway or Union county.  
 For a major event in the City of Cleveland the permit must be located in Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage or Summit county.

Under Ohio Revised Code 4301.83, a qualifying major event waiver application authorizes a qualified permit holder, upon issuance of a waiver by the Division of Liquor Control ("Division"), to serve beer and/or intoxicating liquor between the hours of 5:30 a.m. and 4 a.m., the following day during a qualified major event.

### Qualified Permit Holder:

A person that is a holder of an A-1, A-1-A, A-1e, A-2 or D liquor permit (except D6 & D8); and the location of the premises for which the person has been issued a liquor permit is in a county in which a major event will occur or in a county contiguous to the county in which a major event will occur.

### Major Event Qualifications:

- (1) Qualified Major Event must be within the cities of Columbus or Cleveland
- (2) Expected to attract not less than 3,000 visitors
- (3) Scheduled to have a duration of not less than one day and not more than ten days

### Process:

- 120 days prior to the major event- A qualified permit holder must file this application with the mayor of the municipal corporation or fiscal officer of the township in which the permit holder's premises is located, requesting a waiver to serve beer and/or intoxicating liquor between the hours of 5:30 a.m. and 4:00a.m. during the qualified event.
- 90 days prior to the major event- Mayor or Fiscal Officer must review all applications received, consult with its chief law enforcement officer about the applications and compile a list of applicants
- 60 days prior to the major event- Mayor or Fiscal Officer must submit list of qualified permit holders with a copy of this completed application to the Division.
- 30 days prior to the major event- The Division must Return the certified list to the mayor or fiscal officer, and issue a waiver to each permit holder on the list that will allow the permit holder to serve beer and/or intoxicating liquor, between 5:30 a.m. and 4:00a.m. the following day during the major event.

Permit Number:										
Sole Proprietor, Corporate, LLC or Partnership Name The Permit is Issued To:										
DBA (doing business as):					Permit Premises Address:					
Township (if outside city limits):			City:			Zip Code:		County:		
Contact Information - Name:			Phone#: Business Phone#:			Email Address:				
Qualified Major Event Name:										
Date Event Begins:					Date Event Ends:					
Check Classes Issued:										
A-1	A-1e	D-1	D-3	D5	D5B	D5D	D5F	D5H	D5J	D5M
A-1-A	A-2	D-2	D-4	D5A	D5C	D5E	D5G	D5I	D5K	D5N
									D5L	D5O
I certify that the information provided on this form is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief:										
_____ (Signature of Permit Holder)				_____ (Position)				_____ (Date)		