

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

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(j) (1) In Worcester County, [these] CLASS D BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR licenses shall be issued only within:

(I) [the] THE corporate limits of Ocean City[.];

(II) THE BOUNDARY LINES OF THE 10TH ELECTION DISTRICT;

(III) THE BOUNDARY LINES OF THE 2ND PRECINCT OF THE 3RD ELECTION DISTRICT; AND

(IV) THE AREA BOUNDED BY MARYLAND ROUTE 589 TO THE NORTH AND EAST, U.S. ROUTE 50 TO THE SOUTH, AND U.S. ROUTE 113 TO THE WEST, ALL OF WHICH LIE WITHIN THE 1ST PRECINCT OF THE 3RD ELECTION DISTRICT.

(2) The annual fee for the six-day license is \$1,300.

(3) The annual fee for the seven-day license is \$1,625.

(4) Seven-day license holders may sell beer, wine and liquor (on-sale) and beer and light wine (off-sale).

(5) All license fees shall go to the general funds of the county. However, if the licensed premises are in a municipal corporation, 75 percent of the fees shall go to that municipal corporation.

(6) All licensees shall purchase all wines and liquors, except light wine and beer, from the Liquor Control Board for Worcester County. They shall be charged 85 percent of the retail price or any special sale price or discount price, whichever is lower, set by the Board for wines and liquors. However, the price the Board charges to the licensees may not be lower than 10 percent above the cost the Liquor Board must pay for the merchandise to wholesalers. All licensees may purchase beer and light wine from licensed wholesalers.

(7) The hours for sale are as provided in § 106(c).

(8) With respect to the Ocean City Convention Hall, only the Convention Hall Commission and its successors may be issued an alcoholic beverages license. The Commission may permit its vendors to dispense alcoholic beverages pursuant to whatever license the Commission is granted. Further, the Commission may contract to receive some proportion of the revenue derived from the vendor's sale of alcoholic beverages. This license shall be subject to the following restrictions:

(i) This monopoly [shall not] MAY NOT impinge upon the provisions of § 25(k-1) of this article;

(ii) Only on-sale transactions shall be permitted; and