

Article 1 – Rules of Interpretation

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[The] UNLESS SUCH A CONSTRUCTION WOULD BE UNREASONABLE, THE word person shall include corporation, PARTNERSHIP, BUSINESS TRUST, OR LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY [unless such a construction would be unreasonable].

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

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(a) A license may not be issued to a partnership, [nor] to a corporation, OR TO A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, but only to individuals authorized to act for a partnership, [or] corporation, OR LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY who shall assume all responsibilities as individuals, and be subject to all of the penalties, conditions and restrictions imposed upon licensees under the provisions of the Tax – General Article that relate to the alcoholic beverage tax and the provisions of this article. If the application is made for a partnership, the license shall be applied for and be issued to all the partners as individuals, all of whom shall have resided in the city or county in which the place of business is located for at least 2 years prior to the application, or shall have resided in the State of Maryland for that period in case the application is filed with the Comptroller.

(1) In Montgomery County, if the application is made for a partnership, the license shall be applied for and issued to at least 2 general partners as individuals, at least one of whom is a registered voter of Montgomery County and resides there at the time of the application. If there is only one general partner, the license shall be issued to that partner as an individual, if he is a registered voter of Montgomery County and resides there at the time of application.

(2) In Harford County, the applicant shall be a bona fide resident of Harford County at the time of filing the application and shall remain a resident as long as the license is in effect. The applicant is not required to be a registered voter.

(3) In Prince George's County, if an application is made for a sole proprietorship or partnership, the license shall be applied for and issued to all partners as individuals, all of whom shall have resided in Prince George's County for at least 2 years prior to the application, are registered voters in Prince George's County, and shall continue to be bona fide residents of Prince George's County as long as the license is in effect.

(4) (i) 1. In Frederick County, if an alcoholic beverages license application is made for a partnership, the license shall be applied for and issued to 3 individuals.

2. None of the 3 individuals need to be partners. However, all 3 individuals shall be authorized in writing to act for the partnership by making application for and becoming holders of the license for partnership.