

(1) SCHEDULE A PUBLIC MEETING TO DECIDE WHETHER TO HEAR THE CASE; AND

(2) NOTIFY THE PARTIES OF THE MEETING DATE.

~~(L)~~ (M) THE PROPOSED DECISION OF THE HEARING BOARD BECOMES FINAL IF:

(1) NO REQUEST FOR A HEARING IS SUBMITTED TO THE ~~COUNCIL~~ LIQUOR BOARD WITHIN THE TIME ALLOTTED FOR A REQUEST; OR

(2) THE ~~COUNCIL~~ LIQUOR BOARD DECIDES NOT TO HEAR THE CASE.

~~(M)~~ (N) (1) ~~WITHIN 60 DAYS~~ AFTER DECIDING TO HEAR A CASE, THE ~~COUNCIL~~ LIQUOR BOARD SHALL:

(I) SCHEDULE A HEARING DE NOVO AT WHICH THE ~~COUNCIL~~ LIQUOR BOARD MAY HEAR WITNESSES; AND

(II) NOTIFY THE PARTIES OF THE HEARING DATE.

(2) ~~WITHIN 30 DAYS~~ AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE HEARING RECORD, THE ~~COUNCIL~~ LIQUOR BOARD SHALL ISSUE TO THE PARTIES A FINAL DECISION.

~~(N)~~ (O) ~~A PARTY MAY TAKE AN APPEAL FROM A FINAL DECISION OF THE COUNCIL TO CIRCUIT COURT IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 10-222 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.~~

(O) THE HEARING BOARD SHALL GIVE THE LIQUOR BOARD REGULAR AND PROMPT NOTICE OF THE FILING OF:

(1) EACH APPLICATION FOR AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE OR CHANGE IN LICENSE; AND

(2) EACH PETITION ALLEGING THAT A VIOLATION OF AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LAW OR REGULATION HAS OCCURRED.

(P) BY GIVING NOTICE TO THE HEARING BOARD AND THE APPLICANT OR THE AFFECTED LICENSEE, THE LIQUOR BOARD MAY:

(1) ASSUME INITIAL JURISDICTION OF ANY MATTER BEFORE THE HEARING BOARD; AND

(2) HEAR THE CASE IN THE FIRST INSTANCE WHEN THE LIQUOR BOARD DETERMINES THAT EXERCISING INITIAL JURISDICTION IS DESIRABLE AND IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

~~(Q)~~ (Q) (1) A HOLDER OF A LICENSE, A PERSON APPLYING FOR AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE, OR A PERSON ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURE OR SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MAY NOT DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY OFFER TO PAY A COMMISSION, PROFIT, OR REMUNERATION OR MAKE A GIFT OF MORE THAN NOMINAL VALUE TO:

~~(A) A COMMISSIONER;~~