

(e) (1) Except as provided in subsection (j) of this section, in Harford County, a person, franchiser, franchisee, chain store operation, partnership, firm or corporation may not have interest in more than one license, whether held or controlled by direct or indirect ownership, by franchise operation, by stock ownership, interlocking directors or interlocking stock ownership, or in any other manner, directly or indirectly. It is the intention of this section to prohibit any person, franchiser, franchisee, chain store operation, firm, partnership or corporation from having any interest, directly or indirectly, in more than one license. This section does not apply to licenses issued under the provisions of § 7-101 of this article or to club licenses.

(2) AN INDIRECT OWNERSHIP INTEREST IS PRESUMED TO EXIST BETWEEN ANY COMBINATION OF INDIVIDUALS, CORPORATIONS, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES, PARTNERSHIPS, LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS, JOINT VENTURES, ASSOCIATIONS, OR OTHER PERSONS IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS EXIST BETWEEN THEM:

(I) A COMMON PARENT COMPANY;

(II) A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT;

(III) A LICENSING AGREEMENT;

(IV) A CONCESSION AGREEMENT;

(V) DUAL MEMBERSHIP IN A CHAIN OF BUSINESSES COMMONLY OWNED AND OPERATED;

(VI) A SHARING OF DIRECTORS, STOCKHOLDERS, PARTNERS, OR MEMBERS, OR A SHARING OF DIRECTORS, STOCKHOLDERS, PARTNERS, OR MEMBERS OF PARENTS OR SUBSIDIARIES;

(VII) COMMON DIRECT OR INDIRECT SHARING OF PROFIT FROM THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; OR

(VIII) A SHARING OF A COMMON TRADE NAME, TRADEMARK, LOGO, OR THEME, OR MODE OF OPERATION IDENTIFIABLE BY THE PUBLIC.

(j) [(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection, in Harford County, the Liquor Control Board may issue additional Class BDR (deluxe restaurant) licenses (on-sale only) to an individual for the use of a sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, unincorporated association, or limited liability company in the county.