

LAST CALL



SUNDAY SALES

D.C. Act 19-597 (Act) was signed by the Mayor on January 14, 2013 and is now in effect. The Act amends section 25-722 of the D.C. Code to allow Class A retailer's licensees to ABRA apply to sell and deliver alcoholic beverages on Sundays. The hours that alcoholic beverages are permitted to be sold and delivered on Sundays are between 7 a.m. and 12 a.m. midnight.

Licensees that wish to sell and deliver alcoholic beverages on Sundays can now submit the "Change of Hours Application" which is available on ABRA's website at www.abra.dc.gov. No fee is required to apply. Licensees are not required to apply for the change to Sunday sales on their license.

In order to be eligible for the Sunday hours you must register with ABRA and either: (1) not have a voluntary agreement or (2) possess a voluntary agreement without restrictions on operating or selling alcoholic beverages on Sundays.

If you have any questions, please contact ABRA's Licensing Division at 202/442-4423.

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UPCOMING RULEMAKING HEARINGS

Rulemaking Hearings will be held at ABRA offices in the ABC Board Hearing room at 2000 14th Street, NW, Suite 400S.

Thursday, February 28, 2013 :

- **10:00 a.m.:** Alcohol Awareness Training (*ABC Board approved training providers would need to train on how to reduce sexual assaults within establishments*)
- **11:00 a.m.:** Safety Plan Rulemaking (*Safety plans are required to apply for the extended holiday hours*)
- **1:30 p.m.:** Grocery Store Rulemaking (*The rulemaking clearly defines what is a "full-service grocery store"*)
- **3:30 p.m. :** Growlers Rulemaking (*The hours of growler sales would be set to align with off-premises hours of sales of 7 a.m. to 12 a.m. midnight*)
- **4:30 p.m.:** Technical Amendment Rulemaking

ANC TRAINING

ANC training will be held at ABRA offices in the ABC Board Hearing room at 2000 14th Street, NW, Suite 400S.

Reservations must be received by **Friday, February 1, 2013**. Training session dates and times are listed below:

Thursday, February 7, 2013 :

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Monday, February 11, 2013 :

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 16, 2013:

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. noon

Please call Sarah Fashbaugh for reservations at (202) 397-3971 or e-mail Sarah.Fashbaugh@dc.gov

NEW ABRA LICENSEE ORIENTATION

The Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) is offering an orientation training session for all new ABC license holders and the public. The orientation will be held on **Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.** The orientation training will be held in the ABC Board Hearing room located at 2000 14th Street, NW, Suite 400 South, Washington, DC 20009.

The orientation topics are listed below:

- D.C. Official Code Title 25 and DCMR Title 23
- Recent changes to the law
- Settlement agreements
- How to work effectively with your community
- Expectations of an ABC Licensee
- Noise Abatement and Sound management

Reservations must be received by **Friday, March 8, 2013**. If you have any questions regarding the registration process, please contact Bill Hager at 202/442-4425 or William.Hager@dc.gov

GROWLERS

The sale of growlers of beer are now permitted by certain license classes. This change was part of D.C. Act 19-597, the *Omnibus Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Emergency Amendment Act of 2012* (Act), which went into effect on **January 14, 2013**. The Act defines a **growler** as: "A reusable container that is capable of holding up to 64 fluid ounces of beer and is designed to be filled and sealed on premises for consumption off premises."

Growlers can be sold by current brewpub permit holders. Class A liquor stores and Class B full service grocery stores located in certain Wards. On **January 16, 2013** the ABC Board adopted a rulemaking which clarifies that brewpubs can sell growlers for beer for off premises consumption only between the hours of 7 a.m. and 12 a.m. midnight. Brewpub permit holders, liquor stores and Class B full service grocery stores do not need to file an application to sell growlers.



Hotels, Nightclubs and Multi-Purpose Facilities are also now able to apply for a brewpub permit.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME EXTENSION

D.C. Law 19-45, the Daylight Savings Time Extension of Hours Act of 2011 (Act) amended section § 25-723 of the D.C. Code to extend the hours that on-premises alcoholic beverage licensees may operate during the beginning of daylight savings time. The Act allows eligible on-premise retailers to register with ABRA by **Thursday, February 28, 2013**. To register you must complete and submit in person a "Daylight Savings Time Hour Extension Registration Form" to sell and serve alcoholic beverages during the beginning of daylight savings time between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m., on **Sunday Morning, March 10, 2013**. The fee to register is \$200.

In order to be eligible for the additional hour, you either must: 1) not have a voluntary agreement or 2) possess a voluntary agreement with-out any restrictions on your closing hours. On-premise establishments with voluntary agreements containing restrictions on their closing hours are not eligible to register for the extended hours permitted.

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact ABRA's Licensing Division at 202/442-4423.