

TIP SHEET:



Omnibus Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Amendment Act of 2018

The Omnibus Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Amendment Act of 2018, signed by the Mayor on September 5, 2018, makes significant changes to alcohol businesses across the city that improve regulatory compliance measures while easing some restrictions for licensees. Some of the more significant changes are as follows:

1. Collaborations

Manufacturers who make beer, wine or spirits may now create collaboration products with other manufacturers of the same class. Only one manufacturer is required to have its premises in the District. Containers of the collaboration product must display the names of both manufacturers.



2. Crowlers

Both class A and B off-premises licensees may now sell beer or wine in crowlers, with some exceptions. Crowlers are containers capable of holding up to 64 oz of beer or wine and are designed to be filled and sealed on-premises for off-premises consumption in a disposable can.



3. Pub Permits

If a licensee submitted a completed application or received a brew pub permit on or after February 7, 2018, they may sell beer brewed at the licensed location for off-premises consumption in growlers. Similar provisions are afforded to wine pubs and distillery pubs to provide their products in sealed containers with certain restrictions.



4. Extended Hours

Manufacturers with on-site sales permits may now participate in ABRA's Extended Holiday Hours program, as well as other types of extended hours programs, including Inaugural Week. They also may sell and serve alcohol until 2 am, Monday through Friday and 3 am Saturday and Sunday.



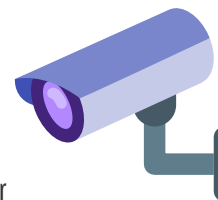
5. Substantial Changes

A holder of a manufacturer's license is now able to file for a one-day substantial change permit up to 12 times per calendar year, allowing for the on-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages for a specific event. Class A and B off-premises licensees are provided a similar option up to six times per calendar year.



6. Security Cameras

When security cameras are installed at an off-premises retailer due to a security plan or a settlement agreement, the licensee must now ensure that all cameras are operational and maintain footage of a crime involving violence or guns for at least 30 days. Footage must be made available to ABRA or MPD within 48 hours of request.



7. Class C Tastings



Class C manufacturers may now utilize a portion of their licensed premises for the sampling of alcohol-infused confectionery food products between the hours of 8 am. and 12 am, 7 days a week.

8. Farmer's Markets



Farmer's market licenses are now valid for one year instead of six months. The licensee must hold at least six markets within a one year period, but cannot exceed more than two markets in a week.

9. Bed and Breakfasts



Bed and breakfast licenses may now obtain entertainment, dancing, cover charge, summer garden and sidewalk café endorsements.