

Consumption & Package Sales - Frequently Asked Questions

Consumption on Premises/By the Drink

1. What are the hours and days of sale?

The county has **NOT** passed the brunch bill.

- **Distilled spirits** shall not be sold for consumption on the premises except between the hours of 12:30 p.m. until 12:00 midnight, or until one hour prior to closing, whichever is earlier, **Monday through Sunday**, unless otherwise prohibited by state law. Distilled spirits may be sold for consumption on the premises until 1:55 a.m. on any January 1, New Year's Day, of any year. If January 1 of any year is a Monday, then distilled spirits may be sold for consumption on the premises from 12:00 midnight to 1:55 a.m. *Ch. 4, Art. III, Sec. 4-70*
- **Beer and/or wine** shall not be sold for consumption on the premises except between the hours of 12:30 p.m. and 12:00 midnight, or one hour prior to closing, whichever is earlier, **Sunday through Saturday**, unless otherwise prohibited by state law. Beer and/or wine may be sold for consumption until 1:55 a.m. on any January 1, New Year's Day, of any year. If January 1 of any year is a Monday, then beer and wine may be sold for consumption on the premises from 12:00 midnight to 1:55 a.m. *Ch. 4, Art. IV, Sec. 4-101*

2. What are the permitted locations to sell for consumption on premises?

- **Distilled Spirits:** (1) In eating establishments, as defined in section 4-1, that are located in a restaurant or drive-in restaurant or where these eating establishments are incidental to a hotel or motel, or to a publicly owned golf course or indoor entertainment hall. (2) In indoor commercial recreation establishments as defined in section 4-1. (3) In an indoor publicly owned civic and cultural center as defined in section 4-1. (4) In indoor entertainment halls as defined in section 4-1. (5) By a farm winery as provided in section 4-154. (6) By a holder of a state license to manufacture distilled spirits as provided in section 4-193. (7) By a licensed alcoholic beverage caterer pursuant to section 4-290 et seq.
- **Beer/Wine:** In eating establishments, as defined in section 4-1, that are located in a restaurant or drive-in restaurant or where these eating establishments are incidental to a hotel or motel, or to a publicly owned golf course or indoor entertainment hall; (2) In indoor commercial recreation establishments as defined in section 4-1; (3) In an indoor publicly owned civic and cultural center as defined in section 4-1; (4) At a publicly owned golf course; (5) In an indoor entertainment hall as defined in section 4-1; (6) By a farm winery as provided in section 4-154; (7) In a brewpub pursuant to section 4-238; (8) By a holder of a state license to manufacture malt beverages as provided in section 4-193; (9) By a licensed alcoholic beverage caterer pursuant to section 4-290 et seq.

Retail/Package Sales – Beer & Wine

1. What are the hours & days of sale?

- Retail package licensees shall not engage in the sale of beer and/or wine except between the hours of **8:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight**, Monday through Saturday; On Sunday, beer and/or wine may be sold between the hours of **12:30 p.m. until 12:00 midnight**. *Ch. 4, Art. V, Sec. 4-132*

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2. What are the permitted retail establishments for package sales?

- Except for licensed farm wineries, licensed brewpubs, holders of a State license to manufacture malt beverages, and licensed alcoholic beverage caterers pursuant to section 4-290 et seq., no beer and/or wine shall be sold at retail except in establishments maintaining 50 percent or greater of the floor space and storage area in a manner which is devoted principally to the retail sale of products other than alcoholic beverages. No retail package licensee shall be permitted to hold any license for on-premises consumption of any alcoholic beverage. **The County does not allow "package stores."** *Ch. 4, Art. V, Sec. 4-131*

Excise Taxes

1. When are excise taxes due?

Excise taxes are due by the 10th of the month based on the previous month's sales. Taxes received after the 20th of the month shall be charged a fee of 10% of the taxes due.

Please note that Federal & State Law supersede County and local laws. The County Clerk cannot advise on matters regarding Federal or State Law.