



DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR AND LOTTERY DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL

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Outside Consumption Update

MONTPELIER, VT – May 22, 2020 – Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, and in response to the Governor’s Addendum 15 to Executive Order 01-20, the Office of Licensing in the Vermont Department of Liquor and Lottery, Division of Liquor Control (DLC) has implemented a provisional permitting process for any 1st, 3rd, or 4th Class Licensees wishing to engage in the sale or service of beverage alcohol pursuant to an “Outside Consumption Permit”.

Any licensee can visit the DLC website, liquorcontrol.vermont.gov and submit a “Provisional Outside Consumption Application” form. By submitting the form, with NO associated fee, the licensee will be granted a “Provisional Outside Consumption Permit” and allowed to lawfully engage in the sale or service of beverage alcohol in an outdoor space, lawfully controlled by the licensee, that has a defined physical barrier. The Provisional Outside Consumption Permit Application form can be found here: <https://liquorcontrol.vermont.gov/provisional-ocp> Those licensees who intend to modify or expand an existing Outside Consumption area will need to apply for a modified permit immediately, and can use this link: <https://liquorcontrol.vermont.gov/provisional-ocp>

Any licensee who has, at this time, an issued and valid Outside Consumption Permit, that needs no modification, need not take any action. Those valid permit holders may resume sale or service of beverage alcohol pursuant to the Governor’s Addendum 15 to Executive Order 01-20.

The Provisional Outside Consumption Permit issued by DLC will expire at midnight of June 12th, 2020. A licensee who wishes to continue the sale or service of beverage alcohol in an outdoor space must immediately file an Outside Consumption Permit application to the local control commissioners in their municipality or city with the accompanying \$20 fee. The Non-Provisional Outside Consumption Permit Application form can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2M3pStv> The Office of Compliance and Enforcement wishes to remind all licensees that outside consumption permits are an extension of your license to serve beverage alcohol, and the same rules apply in this area as do in the regularly licensed premise area. We encourage you to contact your area Liquor Investigator with questions or visit the DLC website at <https://liquorcontrol.vermont.gov/>.

About the Vermont Department of Liquor and Lottery, Division of Liquor Control (DLC)

The mission of the Vermont Department of Liquor and Lottery, Division of Liquor Control is to serve the public by encouraging responsible consumption and preventing the misuse of beverage alcohol and tobacco through the controlled distribution, education and licensing of sellers, as well as the wise use of enforcement. The Department works to provide excellent customer service in conjunction with our Agency Partners to operate efficient, convenient, and profitable liquor stores. All profits from the DLC’s operations are contributed to the State of Vermont’s General Fund with over \$300,000,000 being contributed since 2000.