

Howard County Board of License Commissioners

Whereas, the Governor has issued Executive Order 20-03-19-02, under which certain Alcoholic Beverage Retailers may deliver off-premises, or sell if promptly taken from the premises before consumption, alcoholic beverages in sealed containers to purchasers, subject to various conditions.

Now, therefore, the Howard County Board of License Commissioners adopts the following Resolution, which is effective until the termination of the current state of emergency or until rescinded, superseded, amended, or revised by subsequent Resolution or order of the Governor.

Resolution

1. This Resolution applies in Howard County to restaurants, bars, breweries, wineries, distilleries, liquor stores, and other entities holding a local license to sell alcoholic beverages.
2. A licensee may deliver alcoholic beverages to a customer in the County at a residence or business or at a curbside pickup location proximate to the licensee, subject to the conditions of this Resolution.
3. A licensee shall not allow on-premises consumption; however, a licensee may sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption, provided the alcoholic beverages are promptly removed from the premises. This Resolution does not change the types of alcoholic beverages that a particular licensee may sell.
4. A licensee may deliver beer, wine, and liquor under this Resolution. This Resolution does not change the types of alcoholic beverages that a licensee may sell. Purchasers are not required to be on site to order the delivery of alcohol.
5. Alcoholic Beverages shall be in containers that are sealed at the place of manufacture or in refillable containers sealed by the licensee. A Class D licensee or Class B licensee may not sell liquor except as an ingredient in a mixed drink delivered in a sealed container that does not exceed 12 ounces; however, a Class D licensee with a liquor store attached may also sell liquor that is sealed at its place of manufacture.
6. A licensee shall comply with any social-distancing recommendations of the Maryland Department of Health.
7. A licensee shall comply with all other legal requirements pertaining to alcoholic beverage sales, including sales limitations, recordkeeping, and verification of the age of recipients.
8. A Class B licensee may only deliver alcoholic beverages as part of an order that includes food. A licensee of another Class need not include food with the order.
9. Alcoholic beverages may only be delivered by an individual who is at least 21 years of age and who is Alcohol Awareness Certified. This does not apply to curbside delivery proximate to the licensee.
10. A license shall keep a delivery log with the purchaser's name and address, date of the purchase, and verification that the purchaser is of age to purchase alcoholic beverages.

This Resolution was Adopted by the Board of License Commissioners on March 20, 2020.

Certified by 
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator to the County Council