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Dear OLCC Licensee,

As you are aware, our goal at the OLCC is to focus on public safety and community livability.

As of July 1st, recreational marijuana became legal in Oregon. There have been many questions raised concerning the impact of the law and how it relates to the privilege of having an OLCC liquor license.

We wanted to take this opportunity to communicate with you on how the law will be enforced within an OLCC liquor licensed premises. There are limits to the law; marijuana is not allowed to be consumed in a public place. In order to keep Oregonians safe and in compliance with the law it is important we provide clarity to licensees and individuals applying for temporary sales licenses on how “public place” is defined as it relates to having a liquor license.

According to Measure 91, a public place is defined as a general place where the public has access. This would include all OLCC annually licensed business and all special events licensed with temporary sales licenses. Therefore, please be aware that all licensees could be subject to administrative sanctions for allowing public consumption of marijuana at their licensed premises.

Thank you for your ongoing support of public safety for the citizens of Oregon.

If you need further clarification on the definition of a public place please call the recreational marijuana hotline at 503-872-6366.

More information is available at www.whatslegaloregon.com.

Sincerely,

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