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OLCC Commissioners Amend Promotional Activities Rules for Retail Liquor Locations and Direct Shipper Rules for Beer, Wine, and Cider

PORTLAND, Ore. – At its monthly meeting on June 17, 2016, the Commissioners of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission amended **OAR 845-015-0155, 845-015-0175, 845-015-0177, 845-015-0190** and repealed **845-015-0130 (Agent Promotional Activities Package)** to update and simplify the rule language for Agent promotional activity including clarifying definitions and processes for promotional activities and sweepstakes, updating language from “sales agency” to “liquor store” and removing “sample” from the tastings language. The Commissioners also amended **845-005-0417, 845-006-0392, 845-006-0396**, and repealed **845-005-0420 (Direct Shipper Package)** to align the rule with statutory changes made in SB 583 which revised the qualifications and requirements for the direct shipment of malt beverages, wine, and cider directly to a resident of Oregon.

The Commissioners approved the following liquor license with restrictions:

The Vault Bistro & Lounge, 209 E. 2nd Street, The Dalles; will be issued a Full-Commercial Liquor License. Licensee is SB Harris, LLC; Susan Harris, member.

The Commissioners appointed the following incoming retail liquor agents to replace outgoing agents at pre-established location:

Brent Bolander – Scappoose, #1156

Retail liquor agents are private, independent contractors; they are not state employees. The Retail Services Division of the OLCC works closely with liquor agents to help them understand and follow liquor regulations and store operating procedures.

The Commissioners ratified the following fines and liquor license suspensions based on stipulated settlement:

Stars Cabaret & Steakhouse, 4570 SW Lombard, Beaverton; has accepted responsibility for five violations and has begun the process of selling the business. Stars Cabaret will surrender its liquor license on the date the transfer of ownership is complete or at 7:00 a.m. on August 1, 2016, whichever is earlier. The first violation is for permitting unlawful activity when on multiple occasions patrons had sexual intercourse with a 13-year-old female on the licensed premises. The second violation is for permitting unlawful activity when on multiple occasions patrons engaged in deviate sexual intercourse with a 13-year-old female on the premises. The third violation is for permitting unlawful activity when on multiple occasions the licensee’s employee induced or caused a 13-year-old female to engage in prostitution and aided or facilitated the commission of the prostitution on the premises. The fourth violation is for permitting unlawful activity when the licensee’s employee accepted money from a patron to “buy a dancer off the floor” for the purpose of prostitution. The fifth violation is for permitting a 13-year-old female to be on the licensed premises or in an area of the premises that is prohibited to minors. Licensee is Freehoo, Inc.; Jeff Struhar, Todd Mitchell, and NPC Concept, corporate principals.

(An earlier press release issued June 11, 2015 incorrectly stated that Jeff Struhar was personally involved in a violation. The charges were later amended and his name was removed.)

Growlers LLC, 6141 SW Macadam Ave., #101, Portland; will pay a fine of \$2,640 or serve a 16-day liquor license suspension for two violations. The first violation is for failing to verify the age of an OLCC minor decoy before allowing her to buy or be served an alcoholic beverage, when she reasonably appeared to be under 26 years old. The second violation is for permitting an employee to mix, sell, or serve alcoholic beverages, or supervise those who do, without a valid service permit. Licensee is Growler, LLC; John Morgan, James Morgan, and David Morgan, members.

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Up The Creek Tavern, 245 S 8th Street, Lakeside; will pay a fine of \$1,485 or serve a nine-day liquor license suspension for permitting an employee to mix, sell, or serve alcoholic beverages, or supervise those who do, without a valid alcohol service permit. Licensee is Up The Creek Tavern, LLC; Heather Field, managing member.

The Commissioners ratified the following stipulated settlements for failing to verify the age of a minor before allowing him or her to buy or be served an alcoholic beverage when he or she reasonably appeared to be under 26 years of age:

Wise Buy Market, 3827 SE Gladstone, Portland; will pay a fine of \$2,640 or serve a 16-day liquor license suspension. Licensee will also install age verification equipment and will use the equipment to verify the age of every person purchasing alcohol who reasonably appears to be under 26 years old. Licensees are Riziq Abu-Lawi and Naseem Abu-Lawi.

FG Tobacco, 3034-B Pacific Ave., Forest Grove; will pay a fine of \$3,795 or serve a 23-day liquor license suspension. Licensee is FG Tobacco, Inc.; Michael Johnson and Song Johnson, corporate principals.

Tyson's Pub N Grub, 2104 Main Street, Forest Grove; will pay a fine of \$3,795 or serve a 23-day liquor license suspension. Licensee is Saunders Investment Corporation; Jesse Saunders, Tyson Saunders, and Jan Saunders, corporate principals.

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