OLCC Commissioners issue six sanctions and grant a new liquor license

PORTLAND, Ore. – At their monthly meeting Dec. 16 & 17, the commissioners of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission ratified the following sanctions based on stipulated settlements:

**El Patron Sports Bar & Grill**, 3960 Center Street, NE, Salem; will receive a letter of reprimand for two violations. The first violation is for the licensee making false statements to the Commission in order to induce or prevent action by the Commission when he answered “No” to a question which says, “In the past twelve years, have you been convicted of any violation, misdemeanor or felony?” The second violation is also for making a false statement to the Commission when he submitted a license renewal application on which he failed to include all arrests and convictions in answer to a question which says, “Please list all arrests or convictions for any crime, violation or infraction of any law during the last 18 months even if they are not liquor related for anyone who holds a financial interest in the licensed business.” The letter of reprimand will become a part of the licensee’s permanent file. The licensee is Boom’s Restaurant Corp., Jose Duarte, corporate principal.

**Fox Den Eatery**, 2224 Santiam Hwy, SE, Albany has paid a fine of $1,485 for permitting an employee to mix, sell, or serve alcohol or supervise those who do without a service permit. The licensee will install age verification equipment and will use the equipment to verify the age of every customer purchasing alcohol who reasonably appears under 26 for failing to verify the age of a minor before allowing her to buy or be served an alcoholic beverage when she reasonably appeared to be under 26. The licensees are James Fox and Lorraine Fox.

**House of Chen**, 1861 Franklin Boulevard, Eugene; 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 a minor before allowing him to buy or be served an alcoholic beverage when he reasonably appeared to be under 26. The second violation is for permitting an employee to mix, sell, or serve alcohol or supervise those who do without a service permit. The licensee is Chan Bros Enterprises, Inc., Hua Binh Tran, Tom D. Chan and Qui Duc Tran, corporate principals.

For an employee(s) failing to verify the age of a minor before allowing him/her to buy or be served an alcoholic beverage when he/she reasonably appeared to be under 26:

**Downtown Grocery**, 306 SW 4th Ave., Portland; has paid a civil penalty of $330. Licensee will also install age verification equipment and will use the equipment to verify the age of every customer purchasing alcohol who reasonably appears to be under 26. The licensee is Samil, LLC, Kim Young, managing member.

For permitting an employee(s) to mix, sell, or serve alcohol or supervise those who do without a service permit:
Captain Ron’s Sports Bar & Grill, 21900 SW Alexander Lane, Sherwood; will pay a civil penalty of $1,815 or serve an 11-day liquor license suspension. Licensee is Captain Ron’s, Inc.; Jill Scrivner, corporate principal.

Riley’s Billiardroom, 124 Broadalbin, Albany; will pay a fine of $1,485 or serve a nine-day suspension. Licensee is Jeff Boatwright.

The OLCC commissioners voted to issue liquor licenses to the following business:

Koken Market, 6732 NE MLK Jr. Blvd., Portland; the licensee is Amanuel Mebrahtu.

The following liquor rules were adopted by the commissioners:

**Distilled Spirits Retail Price** (OAR 845-015-0138) – This rule will set forth a required public input process for changes in the distilled spirits pricing formula – resulting in a retail price increase. The new process will include 45 days public notice, including a public meeting for verbal comment and an opportunity for written comment. This new rule is the result of a petition from the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States.

**Privilege Tax Package** (OAR 845- Division 8) – This rule package covers tax reporting & liability, small winery exemption, export exemption, penalties & interest, and refunds. These new rules are the result of a petition from the Oregon Winegrowers Association.

**Prohibited Conduct (Drinking on Duty)** (OAR 845-006-0345 – This rule describes a variety of acts which both licensees (including their employees or agents) and service permittees are prohibited from engaging in. This rule change expands the definition of “on duty” to include working outside of a scheduled work shift which is consistent with legal case precedent. The new definition will hinge upon their performing acts on behalf of the licensee which involve the mixing, sale or service of alcoholic beverages, checking identification or controlling conduct on the premises.

**Temporary Sales License Package** (OAR 845 – Division 5 & 9) – This is an amendment of two rules due to current inconsistencies between the Temporary Sales License rule (OAR 845-005-0440) and the Service Permit rule (OAR 845-009-0010) with regards to the required minimum age of servers at temporary sales events. This rule change states that alcohol servers at temporary events must be at least 21 years of age with limited exceptions for the performance of non-alcohol related duties, which is consistent with the rules for minors who hold a service permit (ages 18-20) at annually licensed businesses.

**Retained Authority of Commissioners** (OAR 845-003-0670) – This rule describes the specific authorities that the Commissioners delegate to others in connection with contested cases and states that the Commissioners retain all authority not specifically delegated. Amendment is needed to delegate to the Administrator the specific authority to prepare and issue orders addressing procedural matters such as deposition and discovery matters and requests to participate as a party in a contested case.

The five citizen commissioners are the policy-making body of the OLCC. They meet monthly for one or two days to make decisions on liquor licenses, rules, contested case hearings and appointments of liquor store agents. Commission meetings are held every other month at OLCC’s main office, 9079 SE McLoughlin Blvd., Room 103A in Portland. Subsequent months, the meetings are held via phone. Agenda items can be obtained on-line at [http://www.oregon.gov/OLCC/public_meetings.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/OLCC/public_meetings.shtml)

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