OLCC Commissioners Adopt Rules and Appoint Retail Liquor Store Agents

PORTLAND, Ore. – At its monthly meeting February 24, 2017, the Commissioners of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission appointed the following incoming retail liquor store agents to replace outgoing agents at pre-established locations:

Milwaukie Oak Grove #1105 – Frank Steele
Portland Moreland #1166 – Ninko Spirits, LLC

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 adopted the following rule and amendment:

Remote Distiller Shipments to a Retail Sales Agent (OAR 845-015-0142), will allow remote distillery licensees to directly ship products to local retail liquor store agents on a limited basis. This would be limited to distillery licensees that send less than 25 cases to the Commission on a monthly basis.

Wholesale-Retail Relations; Sale at Both Wholesale and Retail (OAR 845-013-0100), will allow an employee of a manufacturer or wholesaler to also work at a separate retail establishment. Further, employees of a brewery or brewery public house (brew pub) will be able to sell alcoholic beverages at a retail licensee, as long as the retail licensee does not sell beverages from the brewery or brew pub where the employee works.

The Commissioners voted to deny a petition for rulemaking on Production Size Limits (OAR 845-025-2040):

The petition requested to expand the outdoor marijuana Tier II grow canopies from 40,000 sq. ft. to 80,000 sq. ft. for licensed recreational marijuana producers within the City of Huntington.

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

Barrel Room, 105 NW Third Ave., Portland; will pay a fine of $1,485 or serve a nine-day liquor license suspension for permitting noisy activities on the licensed premises after OLCC received confirmation of Portland city code violations paid in full as reported by Portland Police Bureau. Licensee is Pala Investment, LLC; B & R Entertainment, LLC, member.

Church, 2600 NE Sandy Blvd., Portland; will serve a 32-day liquor license suspension or pay a fine of $1,485 and serve a 23-day liquor license suspension for two violations. The first violation is for the licensee being under the influence of intoxicants while on duty at the licensed premises. The second violation is for permitting an employee to mix, sell, or serve alcoholic beverages, or supervise those who do, without a valid alcohol service permit. Licensee is BCS Portland, LLC; Steven Cook, Christopher Cook, and Jake Goss, members.

Food Mart, 16515 Reed Rd., La Pine; will pay a fine of $1,485 or serve a nine-day liquor license suspension. Licensee is Dunya Food Mart, LLC; Masoud Aria and Storai Aria, members.

American Legion Post #158 Tigard, 8635 SW Scoffins St., Tigard; will pay a fine of $1,485 or serve a nine-day liquor license suspension. Licensee is American Legion Post #158 Tigard; James Waggoner and Bernie Healy, corporate principals.

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