OLCC Commissioners Direct Staff to Initiate Phase Four of Retail Expansion and Ratify Stipulated Settlements on Liquor Licenses

PORTLAND, Ore. – At its monthly meeting September 29, 2017, the Commissioners of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission directed staff to move forward with phase four of Retail Expansion Open Recruitment. Phase four will be advertised in December 2017 for the following counties: Coos, Curry, Douglas, Harney, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Malheur, and Washington. Applications for retail liquor locations in these counties will be accepted December 1, 2017 through February 15, 2018.

Marijuana Program Action:
The Commission also approved the For-Hire Trimmers Package. This rules package allows recreational marijuana wholesale licensees to, under specific circumstances, provide for-hire trimming services to licensed producers. The rule does not apply to non-licensed staffing service agencies that only provide “marijuana worker permitted” employees. The rule is listed under 845-025-3500 Wholesale License Privileges; Prohibitions and 845-025-3505 For-Hire Trimming Privilege.

Liquor Program Action:
The Commissioners amended OAR 845-005-0329, 845-005-0331 and 845-006-0309 (Outdoor Areas) to remove the requirement for owners and tenants to create an additional documentation that expressly allows the sale, service, and consumption of alcohol in the outdoor area. The Commission found that the previous requirement was redundant, as leases already provide tenants to the right occupy a premises, and when appropriate for that business, define the premises to include one or more outdoor areas. The amendment is effective October 1, 2017.

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

**La Bu La Chinese Restaurant**, 1073 Hwy 101 S., Florence; will pay a fine of $2,310 or serve a 14-day liquor license suspension for two violations. The first violation is for permitting unlawful activity when an employee provided private security services without being certified to do so. The second violation is for making alcoholic beverages available to a visibly intoxicated person. Licensee is La Bu La Chinese Restaurant, LLC; Weiye Zhen, member.

**Half Moon Sports Bar/New Chinese Cuisine**, 1927 & 1933 Main Street, Forest Grove; will receive a Letter of Reprimand and will surrender the liquor license for two violations. Both violations are two instances of 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 years old. Co-Licensees are New Chinese, Inc.; Weiming Chen, corporate principal and TPC Enterprise, Inc.; Ming Chen and Dong Chen, corporate principals.

**Heat**, 12131 SE Holgate Blvd., Portland; will pay a fine of $4,950 or serve a 30-day liquor license suspension for a history of serious and persistent problems involving disturbances, lewd, or unlawful activities or noise either in the premises or involving patrons of the establishment in the immediate vicinity of the premises. The Commission also imposed 10 restrictions on the license. Licensee is SKC Investments, Inc.; Mitchell Stanley, Martin Kneip, and Wesley Carter, corporate principals.
The Commissioners ratified the following stipulated settlements for 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 years of age.

**Tri Valley Food Mart #102**, 5500 SW Philomath Blvd., Corvallis; will pay a fine of $1,155 or serve a seven-day liquor license suspension. Licensee is Jatinder Singh.

**Tienda La Rosa**, 3012 Pacific Ave. #F, Forest Grove; will pay a fine of $1,155 or serve a seven-day liquor license suspension. Licensee is Marbec Mexican Trade Products, Inc.; Miguel Martinez and Leticia Gorgonio, corporate principals.

**The Tigard Tap House**, 9230 SW Burnham St., Tigard; will pay a fine of $1,815 or serve an 11-day liquor license suspension. Licensee is Gravity Tap House, LLC; Mike Miller, member.

The Commissioners ratified the following stipulated settlements for permitting employee(s) to mix, sell, or serve alcoholic beverages, or supervise those who do, without a valid alcohol service permit:

**Wildhorse Bar & Grill**, 110 S. Molalla Ave., Molalla; will pay a fine of $1,485 or serve a nine-day liquor license suspension. Licensee is Quikie Corp.; Sarah Quier, corporate principal.

**Bohemian Club Tavern**, 1025 Long St., Sweet Home; will pay a fine of $1,485 or serve a nine-day liquor license suspension. Licensee is Black Sheep Investments, LLC; Clinton Pollock and Heather Pollock, members.

**Alberta Street Pub**, 1036 NE Alberta St., Portland; will pay a fine of $1,485 or serve a nine-day liquor license suspension. Licensee is El Pescador, Inc.; Django Amerson and Laina Amerson, corporate principals.

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