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Small Distiller

Manufacturer & Wholesalers Section License & Permit Types

Small Distiller -License issued by the Commission to manufacture spirits, also includes the manufacture of Brandy. Can not exceed 60,000 gallons annually of all brands combined. A Small Distiller must be located in Michigan. May offer free samples to consumers at the manufacturing premises. May sell spirits to consumers at the manufacturing premises for either on-premises consumption or take-out. Can not sell directly to any retail licensee. May sell spirit products to the Liquor Control Commission to be sold through the spirit distribution system. An investigation by the Commission's Enforcement Division is required along with local law enforcement approval and local governing body approval. Annual license fee is \$100.00.

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RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AN APPLICATION FEE FOR
A SMALL WINE MAKER LICENSE AND
A BRANDY MANUFACTURER LICENSE

Whereas, The Michigan Liquor Control Code establishes requirements for small wine maker licenses and brandy manufacturer licenses;

Whereas, The City has received its first request for approval of a small wine maker license and brandy manufacturer license;

Whereas, There is currently no application fee established by City Council for these licenses;

Whereas, City Council by previous resolution established a general policy of conducting a public hearing prior to establishment of fees;

Whereas, City Council may alter its general policy if it deems it appropriate;

Whereas, The applicant has provided the City Administration with information that its ability to produce wine/brandy is impacted by the summer fruit-growing season;

Whereas, The City Administration believes only a limited number of businesses in Ann Arbor would qualify for these licenses at this time; and

Whereas, The Police Department as the primary investigating department and coordinator for other department investigations and recommendations for liquor licenses has reviewed the current application fee process for liquor licenses and has made the following recommendation:

Liquor License Application Fee

A. Single license application for:

Micro-Brewer license	\$500
Small Wine Maker License	\$500
Brandy Manufacturer License	\$500

B. Multiple license application by same applicant and same licensed property

\$500 plus \$25 for each additional license in this category

RESOLVED, That City Council finds based on the impact of delay related to the summer fruit growing season on license applicants and the limited class of eligible license applicants that it is appropriate to except Small Wine Maker License and Brandy Manufacturer License from Council's general policy of public hearings prior to establishment of fees;

RESOLVED, That Liquor License Application Fees for the categories enumerated above are adopted until further action of Council; and

RESOLVED, That should the City Administration determine a future time that the class of potential applicants has increased or the administrative cost associated with the license application has increased/decreased, the City Administrator is directed to bring this matter before Council for further action, including a public hearing on modification of the fee schedule.

Sponsors: Council members Johnson, Reid and Woods
Date: July 7, 2003

**APPROVED
BY ANN ARBOR CITY COUNCIL**

July 7, 2003

**CITY CLERK
ANN ARBOR, MI**