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## NOTICE OF BOARD VOTE – GENERAL ON PREMISES LICENSE FEES

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On January 28, 2026, during a regularly scheduled meeting, the Board of License Commissioners (the “Board”) discussed the General on Premises License fee structure. Since 2017, the General on Premises License fee has been the alcohol type base fee with no consideration as to the size of the operation. For all business type models, except the private clubs, in terms of the license fee, the capacity or “size” of the operation is considered as enforcement and administrative costs rise.

Accordingly, the Board proposed changing the calculation to include a \$1 per occupant to the fee to equate the license with similarly situated on premises serving businesses. The Board’s reasoning stemmed from the manner in which these businesses operate and the administrative and enforcement costs to regulate these operations.

Based on all factors, the Board voted (2-0) to, **effective 2027**, include in the new and renewal fee for General on Premises a \$1 per allowed occupant.

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