



Alcohol Sales

The City of Huntington ordinances regulate the control of alcohol sales and establishments in partnership with the WV Alcohol and Beverage Control Administration and City licensing. It is unlawful for anyone to manufacture or sell any alcoholic beverage without a license from the City.

To obtain an alcoholic beverage license, the business must first contact the City Planner to determine if the location allows for the sale or consumption of alcohol. Please email the City Planner, Shae Strait at straits@huntingtonwv.gov for additional information. You also need to contact the WV Alcohol and Beverage Control Administration and obtain a license application. For more information pertaining to Alcoholic Beverage Licenses, please see the City of Huntington Ordinance Article 521: Liquor Control.

WV Alcohol and Beverage Control Administration (ABCA) Licensing Information:

- Phone: (304) 356-5500
- Email: ABCC.Licensing@wv.gov
- Website: <http://www.abca.wv.gov/licensing>

Cabell Huntington Health Department Information:

- Phone: (304) 523-6483, ext. 264
- Website: <http://www.cabellhealth.org/environmental.htm>

In general, the permit submittal will adhere to the following review process:

- Determine if you will be selling alcohol for:
 - Retail sales only
 - On-premise consumption at a restaurant
 - On-premise consumption at a bar
 - Craft beverage production and consumption
- If selling alcohol for on premise consumption, please fill out the form: *“Application for on-site Alcohol Consumption”*.
- If defined as a bar, contact the City Planner to determine the zoning requirements
 - All applicants must turn in a completed ABCA application
 - All partners for the project must be listed and submit to a background check
 - If the background check passes, then they can proceed forward to apply.
 - If the location has previously been a Bar, you may be required to petition the Board of Zoning Appeals to continue at that location
 - If the location has not previously been a Bar, the location may not allow that use OR you may be required to petition the Board of Zoning Appeals for approval
 - If it is an existing bar owner moving locations:
 - ABCA form and background check are required.

- Once the City verifies all zoning requirements have been met, applicant retrieves application from ABCA website
- City Planner verifies zoning and certifies the application
- City Clerk must sign the zoning portion of the application
- Restaurants, Bars, and Taverns will need a permit from the Cabell Huntington Health Department.
- Applicant shall apply for a Certificate of Use and Occupancy Permit
- Applicant submits original application and appropriate fee to ABCA
- Applicant shall apply and pay for a City of Huntington Business License

Related Ordinances:

Article 521: Liquor Control

Article 777: Intoxicating Liquor

Article 781: Nonintoxicating Beer

Article 785: Wine Dealers

Article 1315: Definitions of Bar and Restaurant

Article 1359.01: Special Permit Procedures

The City of Huntington Ordinances can be online:

https://www.municode.com/library/wv/huntington/codes/code_of_ordinances