



Planning and Zoning
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Alcohol Sales Information

The City of Huntington ordinances regulate the control of alcohol sales and establishments in partnership with the WV Alcohol and Beverage Control Administration (WVABCA). There are different regulations depending on how the business plans on distributing alcohol at their location. Please see the following information to determine which requirements will apply.

1. Determine type of alcohol sales:
 - a. Retail sales only
 - b. On-premise consumption as a restaurant
 - c. On-premise consumption as a bar
 - d. Craft beverage production and consumption
2. Craft Production and Consumption. If a location is interested in doing any sort of craft alcohol production, please reference the **Craft Beverage Production and Consumption** information sheet to determine categories and requirements.
3. On-Premise Consumption. If selling alcohol for on premise consumption, please fill out the form: **On-Premise Alcohol Consumption** application to determine status as a bar or a restaurant.
 - a. All new Bars, Brewpubs, and Restaurants Serving Alcoholic Beverages or existing establishments that are relocating, are required to meet the transparency requirements of the districts they are located in. The only exception to this requirement is if a bar has a change of ownership.
 - i. There is no grandfather provision for the Transparency requirements applicable to the structure to which the Bar, Brewpub, or Restaurant Serving Alcoholic Beverages is located in.
 - ii. If there is no Transparency requirements for the district, the structure shall have a minimum of 20% Transparency on all street facing facades on the floors in which the Bar, Brewpub, or Restaurant Serving Alcoholic Beverages is located.
 - b. If defined as a bar, contact the City Planner to determine the zoning requirements.
 - i. All applicants must complete the **Background Check Authorization** form.
 1. All partners for the project must be listed and submit to a background check
 - ii. If the background check passes, then they can proceed forward to apply.
 1. If the location has previously been a Bar, petitioning the Board of Zoning Appeals to continue at that location may be required.
 2. If the location has not previously been a Bar, the location may not allow that use OR it may be required to petition the Board of Zoning Appeals for approval.
 - iii. If it is an existing bar that is changing ownership:
 1. Only a background check is required for the new owner.
4. Once the City verifies all zoning requirements have been met, the applicant retrieves their application from ABCA website.
 - a. City Planner verifies zoning and certifies the application.
 - b. City Clerk must sign the zoning portion of the application.
 - c. Applicant submits original application and appropriate fee to ABCA.
 - i. The City Clerk's office, Zoning, and Business Licensing all receive a copy of the Zoning Approval Form.
5. Restaurants, Bars, and Taverns need a permit from the Cabell Huntington Health Department.
6. Applicant will then apply for a Certificate of Occupancy Permit and a City of Huntington Business License and pay the applicable fees.

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>

Related Ordinances:

Article 521: Liquor Control

Article 777: intoxicating liquor

Article 781: Nonintoxicating beer

Article 785: Wine dealers

Article 1315: Definitions and measurements

- Bar
- Brewpub
- Restaurant Serving Alcoholic Beverages

Article 1341: General Regulations

- 1341.02 – Bars, Brewpubs, and Restaurants Serving Alcoholic Beverages

Article 1359: Conditional use, requirements and procedures

The City of Huntington Ordinances can be found online:

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