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Craft Beverage Production and Consumption

If you are considering producing craft beverages in Huntington, please see the following definitions to see which best describes your business.

- BREWPUB - A restaurant (see definition) which includes the brewing of beer or the fermentation of wine or cider as an accessory use for sale at the same premises of not more than 5,000 barrels per year for either consumption on premises or sold directly to the consumer. (A barrel is equivalent to 31 U.S. gallons.)
- NANOBREWERY - A facility in which beer is brewed, fermented, and produced in quantities not to exceed 500 barrels per year and which meet the requirements of the zoning district and possess the appropriate license from the State of West Virginia. Tasting rooms for the consumption of on-site produced beer, wine, or distilled products are permitted on premises as an accessory use. Retail sales are also permitted in hand-capped or sealed containers in quantities up to one-half barrel or 15.5 gallons sold directly to the consumer.
- CRAFT PRODUCTION FACILITY (MICROBREWERY / MICRODISTILLERY / MICROCIDERY) - A facility in which beer, wine, or other alcoholic beverages are brewed, fermented, or distilled for distribution and consumption, and which possesses the appropriate license from the State of West Virginia. On premise production includes more than 500 barrels per year. Tasting rooms for the consumption of onsite produced beer, wine, or distilled products are permitted on premises as an accessory use. Retail sales are also permitted in hand-capped or sealed containers in quantities up to one-half barrel or 15.5 gallons sold directly to the consumer.

Below are the Zoning Districts and what types of businesses are allowed:

Zoning District	Home Occupation	C-1 Neighborhood Commercial District	C-2 Highway Commercial District	C-3 Central Commercial District	I-1 Industrial District
Nanobrewery	See Home Occ. Req. & 1341.50	C	P	P	P
Brewpub	-	C	P	P	P
Craft Production Facility (Microbrewery/ Microdistillery/ Microwinery/ Microcidery)	-	C	C	C	P

P: Permitted

C: Conditional Use (public hearing)

-: Not permitted

If you are a homebrewer who is interested in expanding your operations to become a licensed brewer, there is a new opportunity available to you in the City of Huntington. If you can meet the requirements of the federal, state, and county level on a small scale you can become a licensed brewer at your home under the home occupation ordinance (1341.22). The following regulations also apply:

Section 1341.50 Nanobrewery as Accessory Use to a Residential Use.

- A. The dwelling shall retain a residential appearance with no change to the exterior of the dwelling to accommodate the use, other than cosmetic and any needed health and safety improvements as required by the Health Department.
- B. All state and county requirements are to be met.
- C. The use shall be actively operated by a permanent resident of the dwelling.
- D. Outdoor storage at the site is prohibited.
- E. No retail sales or on premise consumption is permitted at the home.
- F. Residential nanobreweries are only permitted to produce 1000 gallons per year (32 barrels) on site by right and up to 15,750 gallons (500 barrels) with a special permit.
- G. No adverse effect on neighboring properties may be caused by the scale of the home craft production facility.