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CLERK OF GAHANNA CITY COUNCIL 200 S HAMILTON RD GAHANNA, OH 43230

## NOTICE TO LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITIES Objections to Renewal of a Retail Liquor Permit

Dear Clerk of Legislative Authority:

All Class C and D retail permits that sell alcoholic beverages in your political subdivision will expire on **February 1, 2026**. Every retail permit holder must timely file an online renewal application with the Division to maintain their permit privileges and ability to sell alcoholic beverages.

Ohio Revised Code Section 4303.271(B) provides the legislative authority with the right to object to the renewal of a retail permit and to request a hearing. This will be your only opportunity to object to the renewal of liquor permit premises, which might be a problem in your community.

To register a valid objection with the Division of Liquor Control and request a hearing, the legislative authority must pass a resolution that specifies the problems at the liquor permit premises and the legal grounds for the objection as set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 4303.292(A). We suggest that a separate resolution be passed for each permit premises. The Chief Legal Officer of your political subdivision must also submit a statement with the resolution that, in their opinion, the objection is based on substantial legal grounds within the meaning and intent of Ohio Revised Code Section 4303.29(A).

The resolution and Chief Legal Officer's statement must be emailed to <a href="mailed-to-liquorlegal@com.ohio.gov">liquorlegal@com.ohio.gov</a> or mailed to the Division of Liquor Control, Attn: Legal Section, 6606 Tussing Road, P.O. Box 4005, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068-9005 and postmarked no later than January 2, 2026.

You can find retail permit holders within your jurisdiction by going to <a href="mailto:com.ohio.gov/liquorinfo">com.ohio.gov/liquorinfo</a> and selecting the "retail (Class C/D) tab. Enter the search criteria like "issued, issued-pending transfer," the classes (C/D), and your taxing district number in the report. You can also contact your local law enforcement agency in case it has any information that will help you decide whether to object and request a hearing. For more information on other ways to deal with problem establishments, including a copy of the text of this letter, go to <a href="mailto:com.ohio.gov/govhelp">com.ohio.gov/govhelp</a>.

If you decide that there are no permit premises within your jurisdiction that you wish to object to, you do not need to take any further action. The renewal applications for those premises will be submitted by the permit holders and will be processed by the Division as appropriate.

If you have questions, please contact the Legal Section at <a href="liquorlegal@com.ohio.gov">liquorlegal@com.ohio.gov</a>. For more information, sign up for our emails at <a href="mailto:com.ohio.gov/stayinformed">com.ohio.gov/stayinformed</a>.

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