



Social District Permit Information



Local Governmental Approval Required Before You Apply

The city, township, or village where your business is located must have first designated a Social District before you may apply. Your licensed business must be contiguous to the commons area inside the Social District to qualify. Check with your local governmental unit to see if you qualify.

Your licensed business must also be approved individually by the city, township, or village before you apply for a Social District Permit. A local governmental unit approval form is attached to this application.

The governing body of a local governmental unit may designate a Social District within its jurisdiction that contains a commons area in which the patrons of qualified licensees may consume alcoholic liquor (beer, wine, mixed spirit drink, spirits, or mixed drinks/cocktails) in the commons area.

At least two (2) qualified licensees must have their licensed premises contiguous to a commons area for the area to qualify to be part of a social district.

The local governmental unit must define and clearly mark the commons area with signs. The local governmental unit must establish a management plan, including the hours of operation, for the commons area. These plans must be submitted to the Commission.

A qualified licensee may apply to the Commission for a Social District Permit using the attached application. The licensee must first obtain approval from the governing body of the local governmental unit before applying for the permit.

A licensee that has been issued a Social District Permit may sell alcoholic liquor for on-premises consumption on its licensed premises only, but then customers may remove the alcoholic liquor from the premises to be consumed in the commons area. A licensee must not sell alcoholic liquor in the commons area.

The commons area is not considered part of any licensee's licensed premises. Nevertheless, a licensee that has been issued a Social District Permit must make every effort to ensure that it does not sell alcoholic liquor to a minor or intoxicated person.

Any alcoholic liquor sold to customers for consumption in the commons area by a licensee with a Social District Permit must comply with all of the following:

- The serving container must prominently display the licensee's trade name or logo or some other mark that is unique to the licensee that sold the alcohol.
- The serving container must prominently display a logo or some other mark that is unique to the commons area.
- The serving container is not made of glass.
- The serving container does not have a liquid capacity over 16 ounces.

A customer that purchases alcoholic liquor to be consumed in a commons area must not transport that alcoholic liquor onto the licensed premises of another licensee contiguous to the commons area from which the customer did not purchase the alcoholic liquor. A licensee shall not allow alcoholic liquor purchased from another licensee to be brought onto its licensed premises.

A customer that purchases alcoholic liquor to be consumed in a commons area must not transport that alcoholic liquor outside of the commons area.

Qualified licensees for Social District Permits are:

- A retailer licensee that is licensed to sell alcoholic liquor for consumption on the premises, such as a Class C, Tavern, A-Hotel, B-Hotel, Club, G-1, or G-2. A Special License issued to a nonprofit organization is not a qualified licensee.
- A manufacturer with an On-Premises Tasting Room Permit.
- A manufacturer with an Off-Premises Tasting Room License or a Joint Off-Premises Tasting Room License. For Joint Off-Premises Tasting Room Licenses, all licensees that have licenses at that same location must be approved for and issued a Social District Permit.



Local Governmental Unit Approval For Social District Permit

Instructions for Governing Body of Local Governmental Unit:

A qualified licensee that wishes to apply for a Social District Permit must first obtain approval from the governing body of the local governmental unit where the licensee is located and for which the local governmental unit has designated a social district with a commons area that is clearly marked and shared by and contiguous to the licensed premises of at least two (2) qualified licensees, pursuant to MCL 436.1551. Complete this resolution or provide a resolution, along with certification from the clerk or adopted minutes from the meeting at which this request was considered.

At a _____ meeting of the _____ council/board
(regular or special) (name of city, township, or village)

called to order by _____ on _____ at _____
(date) (time)

the following resolution was offered:

Moved by _____ and supported by _____

that the application from _____
(name of licensee - if a corporation or limited liability company, please state the company name)

for a **Social District Permit** is _____ by this body for consideration for approval by the
(recommended/not recommended)

Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

If not recommended, state the reason: _____

Vote

Yeas: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and is a complete copy of the resolution offered and adopted by the _____
council/board at a _____ meeting held on _____
(regular or special) (date) (name of city, township, or village)

I further certify that the licensed premises of the aforementioned licensee are contiguous to the commons area designated by the council/board as part of a social district pursuant to MCL 436.1551.

Print Name of Clerk

Signature of Clerk

Date

Under Article IV, Section 40, of the Constitution of Michigan (1963), the Commission shall exercise complete control of the alcoholic beverage traffic within this state, including the retail sales thereof, subject to statutory limitations. Further, the Commission shall have the sole right, power, and duty to control the alcoholic beverage traffic and traffic in other alcoholic liquor within this state, including the licensure of businesses and individuals.



LARA Revenue Services **is not** a part of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (see note below).

Credit Card Authorization Form

**** FAX COMPLETED FORM TO SECURE FAX LINE: 517-284-8557 ****

**** DO NOT EMAIL OR MAIL THIS FORM ****

Requests with credit card payments that are not faxed to the above secure fax line will be destroyed along with the credit card authorization in order to ensure the security of applicants' personal credit card numbers.

****IF YOU ARE NOT SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION FORM WITH THIS CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION, YOU MUST PROVIDE AN ITEMIZATION OF THE FEES FOR WHICH YOU ARE SUBMITTING PAYMENT OR YOUR PAYMENT WILL NOT BE PROCESSED****

Name: _____

Transaction Amount: _____

Address: _____

Card Number: _____

City: _____

Check One:

State: _____

MasterCard

Visa

Discover

Zip Code: _____

Security Code/CVV Code: _____

Phone: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Applicant/Licensee Name: _____ Request or Business ID #: _____

Payment is for: _____

Signature _____

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Credit Card Payment Itemization:

Fee Type	Fee Amount	MLCC Fee Code
<input type="checkbox"/> Inspection Fee:	_____	4036
<input type="checkbox"/> Social District Permit Fee:	_____	4081

LARA Revenue Services **is not** a part of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC). Receipt of payment and application forms by LARA Revenue Services does not constitute receipt of an application by the MLCC. **Applications submitted through LARA Revenue Services may take up to two (2) additional business days to be received by the MLCC after receipt by LARA Revenue Services.**

For requests that require a timely receipt of an application by the MLCC to be processed, such as Special Licenses and temporary requests, please ensure that your application will be received in adequate time to be processed by the MLCC after the payment is received and processed by LARA Revenue Services.