



Licensing Board for the City of Boston

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RULES & REGULATIONS FOR BYOB (Bring Your Own Bottle)

Special Additional Rules for Common Victuallers holding BYOB Permits:

Common Victualler license holders must obtain a BYOB permit prior to allowing patrons to bring alcoholic beverages into their premise.

Eligibility:

- A. Restaurants holding any type of alcoholic beverage license granted by this Board and the ABCC are not eligible to hold a BYOB permit.
- B. Restaurants in the Downtown, North End, South End, Bay Village, Fenway, Chinatown, Seaport, West End, Beacon Hill and Back Bay neighborhoods of Boston **are not eligible** for a BYOB permit.

Restaurant Types:

- A. Common Victualler license holders with a **capacity of 30 or less** may apply for a BYOB permit.
- B. Only Common Victualler license holders who offer on premise dining with table service provided by wait staff may apply for a BYOB permit.

Liability Requirements:

In order to issue a BYOB license, you are required to obtain a liquor liability policy as well as keep it current and renewed throughout the life of the license.

- Bodily injury or death for a minimum amount of \$250,000 on account of injury to or death of 1 person.
- \$500,000 on account of any 1 accident resulting in injury to or death of more than 1 person.

Training Requirements:

- The licensee, manager of record, and all employees must complete an in-person, insurance industry-approved safe service of alcohol training program, prior to issuance of a BYOB permit.
- Employees hired after the issuance of a BYOB permit must complete an in-person, insurance industry-approved safe service of alcohol training program prior to beginning their employment.

Permitted Types/Sizes of Alcohol:

- Patrons may **only bring wine and malt beverages** into the licensed premise.
- Patrons are prohibited from bringing distilled spirits and/or liqueurs/cordials into the licensed premise.
- Patrons may only bring malt beverages in containers no larger than 64 oz., and may bring in no more than a total of 64 oz. per person.
- Patrons may only bring wine in containers no larger than 750 ml., and may bring in no more than a total of 750 ml. per person.
- Patrons are prohibited from re-entering the premise with additional alcohol.

Miscellaneous:

- Licensees shall not charge a "corkage" or any other fee or surcharge for permitting BYOB or providing any service or amenity relative to BYOB.
- Licensees are not prohibited from providing glassware and/or a bottle opener.
- Nothing in this section shall prohibit a licensee from discarding an empty or abandoned alcoholic beverage container or its content.

Hours of Operation:

- Licensees shall only allow BYOB between the hours of 5:00 P.M. and 11:00 P.M.

Renewal and Annual Fee:

- Licenses shall be renewed each year within the month of October, to coincide with the renewal of the Common Victualler license.
- The annual fee is \$400.00

Licensees under this section are subject to all applicable general rules for licensees set out in Sections 1 and 2, above, with the exception of those rules that refer to sales of alcoholic beverages on the premise.



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Application for BYOB (Bring your Own Bottle) Wine & Malt Beverages Only

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Instructions: Please complete the form to apply for your BYOB license. Email it to LicensingBoard@boston.gov. Obtain the District Police Captain signature for the business neighborhood. You may visit this website (bit.ly/bpdlookup) to find the Police Station for the District.

Section 1. Business Information

1. Name of Entity (Individual/Corporation): _____
2. Doing Business As (d/b/a): _____
3. Physical Business Address: _____
4. City: _____ State: MA Zip Code: _____
5. Common Victualler License Number: LB- _____
6. Business Phone #: _____
7. Business Contact Email Address: _____
8. Manager of Record: _____
9. Manager Address: _____
10. Manager City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
11. Manager Phone #: _____
12. Description of Premises (specify floors/areas to be licensed): _____

Section 2: BYOB Information

13. Do you offer on-premise dining with table service provided by wait staff? Yes No
14. What is the capacity limit stated on your Certificate of Inspection? _____
15. Hours and Days of Operation: _____

STATEMENT OF APPLICANT: Under the pains and penalties of perjury, I affirm that the answers contained in this application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that there are no other indirect interests in this license other than those indicated in this application. I affirm that I have read and understand the instructions provided.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____ DATE SIGNED: _____

PRINT NAME: _____

Boston Police District Captain Signature

SIGNATURE OF CAPTAIN: _____ DATE SIGNED: _____

PRINT NAME: _____ DISTRICT: _____

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GRANTED

REJECTED

Restrictions/Conditions: _____

