

## **City of Melrose Farmer Series Pouring Permit**

### **Additional Regulations**

#### **License Description:**

***Farmer Series Pouring Permit:*** issued to qualified applicants holding a Farmer Brewery License from the ABCC pursuant to M.G.L. c.138 §19C to sell malt beverages, for consumption on the premises and at retail for consumption off the premises pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, § 19C, and in accordance with the applicable regulations of the Massachusetts General Laws, the City of Melrose Rules & Regulations Governing the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages and any and all conditions stipulated for in the specific license. This license allows for the sale of malt beverages manufactured by the licensee on the premises, and sale of items produced for the licensee off the premises in the licensee's name, to be consumed on premises and to be sold at retail for consumption off premises. This permit only permits the licensee to sell its own products which have either been brewed on premises, or off premises in the licensee's name, and no other alcoholic beverages may be sold under this license. For purposes of these regulations, the word "License", "Licensee" and "Licensed Premises" shall include a "Farmer Series Pouring Permit", "Farmer Series Pouring Permittee", and "premises subject to a Farmer Series Pouring Permit", respectively, unless otherwise noted. (M.G.L. c. 138, § 19C)

#### **Additional Rules Applicable to Farmer Series Pouring Permits:<sup>1</sup>**

##### **A. Purpose**

The issuance of Farmer Series Pouring Permits shall be utilized so as to foster the economic development of the City by encouraging and promoting patronage in those areas where Farmer Series Pouring Permittees are located. The Commission shall consider when deciding upon a license application the foregoing factors and any other matter deemed appropriate by the Commission including by way of description but not limitation: proximity to residential neighborhoods, traffic, parking, community engagement, and other aesthetic considerations including the physical layout of the interior of the establishment.

##### **B. Applicants**

Applicants for a Farmer Series Pouring Permit shall hold a Farmer-Brewery License (M.G.L. c.138, §19C) from the ABCC at all times. If an Applicant for a Permit does not have a valid ABCC Farmer-Brewery License at the time of Application, issuance of the Permit shall be conditioned on receipt of such ABCC license.

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<sup>1</sup> Additional, General Liquor Licensing Commission rules and regulations not mentioned here are applicable to Farmer Series Pouring Permits.

### **C. Water Station**

At all times, there shall be a free, self-service water station for patrons and customers to use without staff assistance. This provision may be waived by the Liquor Commission upon a showing of good cause and only if a sign is posted by the bar stating that tap water is available upon request and free of charge.

### **D. Occupancy**

Where required by the Commission, the Licensee shall delegate a staff member to keep and maintain an accurate count of all individuals occupying the premises to ensure compliance with building code occupancy limits.

### **E. Food Service**

Malt beverages may only be served with food ordered from the menu of a licensed premises. Menus shall reflect the requirement that malt beverages may only be ordered in conjunction with the consumption of food ordered from the menu. Notwithstanding, an establishment may elect to serve up to one (1) malt beverage to a customer without requiring food.

Food service shall be available to its patrons at all times that alcohol is served for on-premises consumption. The Permittee may satisfy this provision by (i) holding a Common Victualler's license and operating a full-service kitchen; or (ii) arranging for food to be brought onto the premises by a licensed food providers; or (iii) such other arrangement as the Liquor Commission deems appropriate. The Permittee shall submit a plan for food service with its application.

### **F. Hours of Operation**

The hours during which sales of malt beverages may be made under any license issued in accordance with G.L. c.138 §12, §14, or §19C shall be as set forth by the Commission but in no event shall the hours exceed the following: Sunday 11:00a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; Monday through Wednesday - 11:00a.m. to 11:00p.m.; Thursday through Saturday– 11:00a.m. to 12:00a.m.. The hours during which sales of alcoholic beverages may be made under any license issued in accordance with G.L. c.138, §15 shall be from 10:00a.m. – 10:00p.m., Monday through Saturday, and from 1:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. on Sunday.

### **G. License Fee**

The annual fee for licenses issued pursuant to these regulations for a Farmer Series Pouring Permit shall be \$1,500 annually.