

## **Alcoholic Beverage Control**

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**December 8, 2021** 

COMMISSIONERS: Norman A. Mitchell, Sr. Charlotte

Karen L. Stout Black Mountain

Deputy Commissioner: Terrance L. Merriweather

LOCATION: 400 East Tryon Road Raleigh NC 27610

MAILING: 4307 Mail Service Center Raleigh NC 27699-4307

PHONE: (919) 779-0700 http://abc.nc.gov/

## NORTH CAROLINA ABC COMMISSION HOLDS REGULAR MEETING

RALEIGH – The North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Commission held its regular monthly meeting by conference call on December 8, 2021 and ratified 59 hearing cases that resulted in penalties in excess of \$70,800 and/or imposition of suspensions of permits for three days or more. Fines are due on or before December 31, 2021, and suspensions begin January 7, 2022.

The Commission approved the extension of an exemption request pursuant to §18B-1116(b) for Crown Imports, LLC; Hornets Basketball, LLC and Charlotte Arena Operations, LLC.

The exemption request for Old Armor Beer Company, Inc. and Tipsy Hare Ciderworks, Inc was continued until the January Meeting.

The Commission proposed a Permanent Expand Allowable Growler Size Rule – 14B NCAC 15C .0307. The proposed rule will be filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings for publication in the NC Register.

The Commission approved a six-month extension of a memorandum of understanding for the off-site receipt, storage, and transport of alcoholic beverages at the RDU Airport.

The Commission also approved March 16, April 13, and May 11 of 2022 as future Commission meeting dates.

Immediately following the business portion of the meeting, Commissioner Mitchell introduced the next Chairman of the ABC Commission, Hank Bauer. Chairman Bauer was appointed by Governor Cooper on December 6, 2021 and has 31 years of expertise and experience in the alcohol business.

"I am grateful to Governor Roy Cooper for this opportunity to lead the ABC Commission," Chairman Bauer said. "I'm also excited to work with the great team of Commission staff."

## ABOUT THE NC ABC COMMISSION

North Carolina is one of 17 states to regulate alcohol through a control system. Since 1937, the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission has provided regulation and control over the sale, purchase, transportation, manufacture, consumption, and possession of alcoholic beverages in the state of North Carolina. <a href="http://abc.nc.gov">http://abc.nc.gov</a>.

MEDIA CONTACT Jeff Strickland 919-632-4828 Jeff.Strickland@abc.nc.gov