

## **Alcoholic Beverage Control**

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## NORTH CAROLINA ABC COMMISSION HOLDS REGULAR MEETING

RALEIGH – The North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and ratified 65 hearing cases that resulted in penalties in excess of \$78,800 and/or imposition of suspensions of permits for three days or more. Fines are due on or before August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and suspensions begin September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

The Commission continued consideration of permit revocation for Delight Food Mart until a future Commission meeting.

The Commission approved an amended exemption request pursuant to §18B-1116(b) for Barrel's Brewhouse 3Play LLC T/A Bootleggers & Barrels; Blackbeard's Triple Play Jacksonville, NC LLC T/A Blackbeard's Triple Play Restaurant & Sports Bar; Triple Play Oasis, LLC; and Billy Dale Overbee.

The Commission approved an exemption request pursuant to §18B-1116(b) for Ghostface Brewing, LLC T/A Ghostface Brewing; Scratch Kitchen by Ghostface Brewing, LLC T/A Scratch Kitchen by Ghostface Brewing; Ghost Mode, LLC; and Michael Cuddy.

The Commission approved an exemption request pursuant to §18B-1116(b) for Percent Tap House, LLC T/A Percent Tap House; Percent Small Batch LLC T/A Percent; Carl-Jay Castenada; and Neil W. Grassi.

The Commission approved a proposed ABC store location at 585 Winston Road in Lexington, as requested by the Lexington ABC Board. This store will temporarily replace the current store at 419 N. Main Street as that facility is being demolished and reconstructed. The Lexington ABC Board anticipates relocation in January 2026.

The Commission approved a proposed ABC store location at 420 Capital Drive in Carthage, as requested by the Moore County ABC Board. The Moore County ABC Board anticipates the location to open in 2026.

The Commission approved a proposed ABC store location at the corner of N. Madison Boulevard and N. Main Street in Roxboro, as requested by the Person County ABC Board. This store will replace the store currently located at 712 N. Madison Boulevard.

The Commission proposed amendments to advertising rules, 14B NCAC 15B.1007 and 15B.1008. The proposed amendments will be filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings for publication in the NC Register. Copies of the proposed amendments will be emailed to the ABC Rulemaking list and posted on the ABC Commission's public website. A public hearing on the proposed amendments will be held at the Commission's monthly meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025. A public comment period on the proposed permanent rules will be open until November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025. The Commission also authorized staff to make non-substantive changes to the proposed rules, including spelling, grammar, etc.

The Commission appointed ABC Commission Assistant Counsel, Robert Nauseef, to serve as hearing officer for review of the wine distribution matter between Vinum USA, Inc. and Sour Grapes, LLC.

The Commission confirmed the next monthly meeting will be held at the NC ABC Commission (400 E. Tryon Road, Raleigh, NC 27610) on *Tuesday*, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 10:00 am. Please note this is different than the standard Wednesday schedule.

## ABOUT THE NC ABC COMMISSION

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

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