

# BRIEF Brewery Off-Site Permit & Non-Profit Beer Festival Permit



**The Brewery Off-Site Permit authorizes Class 5, 7 & 8 breweries to participate in events and/or festivals away from the brewery, with certain restrictions.**

**#1.** Class 5, 7 & 8 breweries may apply for a Brewing Company Off-Site Permit, authorizing certain activities away from the brewery. **#2:** A new beer festival permit was also created, in an effort to streamline the licensing process and also provide greater marketing and sales opportunities to breweries.

## **#1: Brewing Company Off-Site Permit**

The \$100/annual BC-OSP allows holders to engage in marketing and sales away from the brewery.

- Class 8 and Class 5/7 who produce <3,000 bbls may use the permit to provide 1oz samples per brand, sell up to 288 oz/pp of beer they produce for off-premise consumption, and (except for farmers markets) sell 288 oz /pp of beer they produce for on-premise consumption, at the following events:
  - Farmers markets officially listed by MDA;
  - Montgomery Co. Ag. Fair;
  - MD State Ag Fair;
  - Frederick Co. Ag. Fair;
  - North Beach Farmers Market (Fridays, June-Nov);
  - 7 other non-alcohol focused events annually;
- All Class 5/7/8 permit holders may attend any festival for which the organizer holds a NPBF Permit;
- Brewery must have certified staff at farmers markets.

## **#2: Non-Profit Beer Festival Permit**

The Non-Profit Beer Festival Permit (NP-BFP) is a \$100 permit issued by a local liquor board to a non-profit organization to host a 1-3 day beer festival with a primary focus on local beer. The permit allows for two things:

1. The non-profit can buy beer at wholesale (from wholesalers and breweries that hold wholesale licenses) for consumption on the premises of the event, and for purchase to go;
2. The non-profit must provide space for breweries that hold a BC-OSP to participate.

Breweries holding a BC-OSP may participate in the event and may sell their own beer for on- or off-premise consumption. The brewery must report its attendance to the Comptroller in advance of the event. The NP must report which breweries are attending no later than 30 days prior to the event. The NP must have individuals on-site who hold alcohol awareness certifications. The breweries must report their participation in the event by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the event.

## **For more information**

Contact Brewers Association of Maryland for information about the permits, applications and opportunities for use.

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