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CLERK OF LIMA CITY COUNCIL  
50 TOWN SQ  
LIMA, OHIO 45801

## NOTICE TO LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITIES Objections to Renewal of a Retail Liquor Permit

Dear Clerk of Legislative Authority:

All Class C and D retail permits that sell alcoholic beverages in your political subdivision will expire on **June 1, 2025**. To maintain permit privileges, every retail permit holder must file an online renewal application with the Division.

Ohio Revised Code Section 4303.271(B) provides the legislative authority with the right to object to the renewal of a retail permit and to request a hearing. The hearing may be held in the county seat where the permit premises is located if that specific request is made in writing. This will be your only opportunity to object to the renewal of a liquor permit premises which might be a problem in your community.

To register a valid objection with the Division of Liquor Control and request a hearing, the legislative authority must pass a resolution that specifies the problems at the liquor permit premises and the legal grounds for the objection as set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 4303.292(A). We suggest that a separate resolution be passed for each permit premises. The Chief Legal Officer of your political subdivision must also submit a statement with the resolution that, in their opinion, the objection is based on substantial legal grounds within the meaning and intent of Ohio Revised Code Section 4303.29(A).

**The resolution and Chief Legal Officer's statement must be emailed to [liquordocs@com.ohio.gov](mailto:liquordocs@com.ohio.gov) or mailed to the Division of Liquor Control, Attn: Legal Section, 6606 Tussing Road, P.O. Box 4005, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068-9005 and postmarked no later than May 2, 2025.**

You may wish to contact the law enforcement agency for your jurisdiction to determine if it has any information which will aid in your decision whether to object and request a hearing. You can find retail permit holders within your jurisdiction by going to [com.ohio.gov/liquorinfo](http://com.ohio.gov/liquorinfo). Select the "find a permit holder" tab and click on the "search" link. Then, enter your city/township name where asked and "issued" under "class issue status." For more information on other ways to deal with problems establishments, including a copy of the text of this letter, go to [com.ohio.gov/govhelp](http://com.ohio.gov/govhelp).

If you determine that there are no permit premises within your jurisdiction that you wish to object to, you do not need to take any further action. The renewal applications for those premises will be submitted by the permit holders and will be processed by the Division as appropriate.

If you have questions, please contact the Legal Section at [liquorlegal@com.ohio.gov](mailto:liquorlegal@com.ohio.gov). FYI, OPAL, our new online licensing system is coming this summer, for more information sign up for our emails at [com.ohio.gov/stayinformed](http://com.ohio.gov/stayinformed).

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