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## CHAPTER 5. ANNUAL FEES.

### § 25-501. ANNUAL FEES.

(a) License fees shall be paid annually. The fee for the first year shall be paid at the time of application and the renewal fee shall be paid on or before the anniversary date of issuance of the license.

(b) The applicant shall pay the initial license fee to the D.C. Treasurer. The applicant's duplicate receipt shall accompany the application for license. If the application for the license is denied, the fee shall be returned. This subsection shall not apply to an application for a temporary license.

(c) A licensee's failure to timely remit the annual fee shall be cause for the Board to suspend the license until the licensee pays the fee and any fines imposed by the Board for late payment. If a licensee is 90 days delinquent on payment of the renewal fee, the Board shall give notice to the licensee of its intent to revoke the license. The licensee shall have 14 days to respond to the notice. If the Board thereafter determines that the failure to pay the fees and fines is not for good cause, the Board shall revoke the license.

(d) The Board may establish license periods at intervals necessary to facilitate efficient processing of applications. If the Board changes a license period, the licensee shall pay the proportionate amount of the annual license fee. If the Board issues a license for less than one year, the licensee shall pay a fee reduced by the proportionate amount of the annual fee.

(e) The fee for a temporary license shall be assessed according to the number of days for which the license is issued and shall be paid at the time of the application.

(May 3, 2001, D.C. Law 13-298, § 101, 48 DCR 2959.)

#### *HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES*

D.C. Law 13-298 amended and enacted into law Title 25 of the District of Columbia Official Code.

#### *Legislative History of Laws*

For D.C. Law 13-298, see notes following § 25-101.

### § 25-502. MAYOR MAY PROPOSE ALTERATION IN LICENSE FEES.

The Mayor may propose regulations, subject to approval in accordance with § 25-211(b), to alter the license fees established by this chapter or to create additional license categories.

(Jan. 24, 1934, 48 Stat. 324, ch. 4, § 11; Apr. 30, 1934, 48 Stat. 654, ch. 181, § 1; June 18, 1934, 48 Stat. 997, ch. 588; July 2, 1935, 49 Stat. 444, ch. 359; Aug. 27, 1935, 49 Stat. 898, 899, ch. 756, §§ 3-7; June 15, 1938, 52 Stat. 691, ch. 396, §§ 1, 2; May 27, 1949, 63 Stat. 133, ch. 146, title V, § 501; June 29, 1953, 67 Stat. 103, ch. 159, § 404(d); May 31, 1962, 76 Stat. 89, Pub. L. 87-470, § 1; Dec. 8, 1970, 84 Stat. 1393, Pub. L. 91-535, § 2; Apr. 6, 1977, D.C. Law 1-102, § 2(a), (b), 23 DCR 8732; Apr. 18, 1978, D.C. Law 2-73, § 3, 24 DCR 7066; Mar. 5, 1981, D.C. Law 3-157, § 2(b), 27 DCR 5117; Sept. 29, 1982, D.C. Law 4-157, §§ 6, 15, 29 DCR 3617; Mar. 10, 1983, D.C. Law 4-204, § 2, 30 DCR 185; Aug. 2, 1983, D.C. Law, 5-16, § 3, 30 DCR 3193; Mar. 8, 1984, D.C. Law 5-51, § 2(a), 30 DCR 5927; Mar. 7, 1987, D.C. Law 6-217, § 5, 34 DCR 907; Aug. 17, 1991, D.C. Law 9-40, § 2(b), 38 DCR 4974; May 24, 1994, D.C. Law 10-122, § 2(e), 41 DCR 1658; Mar. 26, 1999, D.C. Law 12-202, § 2(b), 45 DCR 8412; Apr. 20, 1999, D.C. Law 12-261, § 2003(q)(1), 46 DCR 3142; May 3, 2001, D.C. Law 13- 298, § 101, 48 DCR 2959.)

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#### *Prior Codifications*

1981 Ed., § 25-502.

1973 Ed., § 25-111.

For D.C. Law 13-298, see notes following § 25-101.

*Delegation of Authority*

Delegation of Authority Pursuant to D.C. Law 13-298, the Title 25, D.C. Code Enactment and Related Amendments Act of 2001, see Mayor's Order 2001-96, June 28, 2001 (48 DCR 6277).

**§ 25-503. MINIMUM ANNUAL FEES FOR MANUFACTURER'S, WHOLESALER'S, AND OFF-PREMISES RETAILER'S LICENSES.**

The minimum annual fees for a manufacturer's, wholesaler's, and off-premises retailer's licenses shall be as set forth on the following:

License Class	Cost/year
MANUFACTURERS	
Manufacturer's license, class A. (rectifying plant)	\$6,000
Manufacturer's license, class A. (distillery)	\$6,000
Manufacturer's license, class A. (winery)	\$1,500
Manufacturer's license, class A. (distillery producing more than 50% nonbeverage alcohol)	\$3,000
Manufacturer's license, class B. (brewery)	\$5,000
WHOLESALERS	
Wholesaler's license, class A. (beer, wine, and spirits)	\$4,000
Wholesaler's license, class B. (beer and wine)	\$2,000
OFF-PREMISES RETAILERS	
Retailer's license (off-premises), class A. (beer, wine, and spirits)	\$2,000
Retailer's license (off-premises), class B. (beer and wine)	\$1,000

(Jan. 24, 1934, 48 Stat. 324, ch. 4, § 11; Apr. 30, 1934, 48 Stat. 654, ch. 181, § 1; June 18, 1934, 48 Stat. 997, ch. 588; July 2, 1935, 49 Stat. 444, ch. 359; Aug. 27, 1935, 49 Stat. 898, 899, ch. 756, §§ 3-7; June 15, 1938, 52 Stat. 691, ch. 396, §§ 1, 2; May 27, 1949, 63 Stat. 133, ch. 146, title V, § 501; June 29, 1953, 67 Stat. 103, ch. 159, § 404(d); May 31, 1962, 76 Stat. 89, Pub. L. 87-470, § 1; Dec. 8, 1970, 84 Stat. 1393, Pub. L. 91-535, § 2; Apr. 6, 1977, D.C. Law 1-102, § 2(a), (b), 23 DCR 8732; Apr. 18, 1978, D.C. Law 2-73, § 3, 24 DCR 7066; Mar. 5, 1981, D.C. Law 3-157, § 2(b), 27 DCR 5117; Sept. 29, 1982, D.C. Law 4-157, §§ 6, 15, 29 DCR 3617; Mar. 10, 1983, D.C. Law 4-204, § 2, 30 DCR 185; Aug. 2, 1983, D.C. Law 5-16, § 3, 30 DCR 3193; Mar. 8, 1984, D.C. Law 5-51, § 2(a), 30 DCR 5927; Mar. 7, 1987, D.C. Law 6-217, § 5, 34 DCR 907; Aug. 17, 1991, D.C. Law 9-40, § 2(b), 38 DCR 4974; May 24, 1994, D.C. Law 10-122, § 2(e), 41 DCR 1658; Mar. 26, 1999, D.C. Law 12-202, § 2(b), 45 DCR 8412; Apr. 20, 1999, D.C. Law 12-261, § 2003(q)(1), 46 DCR 3142; May 3, 2001, D.C. Law 13-298, § 101, 48 DCR 2959.)

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111, see § 25-110.

*Prior Codifications*

1981 Ed., § 25-503.

1973 Ed., § 25-111.

*Legislative History of Laws*

For D.C. Law 13-298, see notes following § 25-101.

## **§ 25-504. MINIMUM ANNUAL FEES FOR ON-PREMISES RETAIL LICENSES, CLASS C AND D.**

The minimum annual fees for an on-premises retailer's licenses, class C and D, shall be as set forth on the following schedule. Capacity shall be the posted level of occupancy approved under the Construction Codes, as defined under § 6-1401 and as set forth in Title 12 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations.

Type	Capacity	Class C (beer, wine, spirits)	Class D (beer & wine)
Restaurant	99 or fewer.	\$500	\$300
	100 to 199.	\$1,000	\$600
	200 to 499.	\$1,500	\$900
	500 or more.	\$2,000	\$1,200
Tavern	99 or fewer.	\$800	\$500
	100 to 199.	\$1,600	\$1,000
	200 or more.	\$2,400	\$1,500
Nightclub	99 or fewer.	\$1,500	\$1,000
	100 to 199.	\$2,000	\$1,250
	200 to 499.	\$2,500	\$1,500
	500 to 999.	\$3,500	\$2,000
	1,000 or more.	\$4,500	\$3,500
Hotel	99 or fewer guest rooms.	\$2,000	\$1,000
	100 or more guest rooms.	\$4,000	\$2,000
Club		\$1,500	\$500
Multipurpose facility		\$1,500	\$500
Marine vessel	Single vessel.	\$1,500	\$750

Marine vessel line	3 or fewer vessels and dockside waiting areas.	\$2,500	\$1,000
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	Each additional vessel or dockside waiting area.	\$1,500	\$500
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Railroad dining or club car	Single car.	\$500	\$250
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Railroad company	All dining or club cars.	\$1,500	\$750
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Caterer	More than \$1,000,000 per year gross annual receipts	\$5,000	--
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Caterer	\$1,000,000 or less per year gross annual receipts	\$4,000	--
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Caterer	\$500,000 or less per year gross annual receipts	\$3,000	--
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Caterer	\$300,000 or less per year gross annual receipts	\$2,000	--
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Caterer	\$200,000 or less per year gross annual receipts	\$1,000	--
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Caterer	\$100,000 or less per year gross annual receipts	\$750	--
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Caterer	\$50,000 or less per year gross annual receipts	\$500	--
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Caterer	\$25,000 or less per year gross	\$300	--

(Jan. 24, 1934, 48 Stat. 324, ch. 4, § 11; Apr. 30, 1934, 48 Stat. 654, ch. 181, § 1; June 18, 1934, 48 Stat. 997, ch. 588; July 2, 1935, 49 Stat. 444, ch. 359; Aug. 27, 1935, 49 Stat. 898, 899, ch. 756, §§ 3-7; June 15, 1938, 52 Stat. 691, ch. 396, §§ 1, 2; May 27, 1949, 63 Stat. 133, ch. 146, title V, § 501; June 29, 1953, 67 Stat. 103, ch. 159, § 404(d); May 31, 1962, 76 Stat. 89, Pub. L. 87-470, § 1; Dec. 8, 1970, 84 Stat. 1393, Pub. L. 91-535, § 2; Apr. 6, 1977, D.C. Law 1-102, § 2(a), (b), 23 DCR 8732; Apr. 18, 1978, D.C. Law 2-73, § 3, 24 DCR 7066; Mar. 5, 1981, D.C. Law 3-157, § 2(b), 27 DCR 5117; Sept. 29, 1982, D.C. Law 4-157, §§ 6, 15, 29 DCR 3617; Mar. 10, 1983, D.C. Law 4-204, § 2, 30 DCR 185; Aug. 2, 1983, D.C. Law 5-16, § 3, 30 DCR 3193; Mar. 8, 1984, D.C. Law 5-51, § 2(a), 30 DCR 5927; Mar. 7, 1987, D.C. Law 6-217, § 5, 34 DCR 907; Aug. 17, 1991, D.C. Law 9-40, § 2(b), 38 DCR 4974; May 24, 1994, D.C. Law 10-122, § 2(e), 41 DCR 1658; Mar. 26, 1999, D.C. Law 12-202, § 2(b), 45 DCR 8412; Apr. 20, 1999, D.C. Law 12-261, § 2003(q)(1), 46 DCR 3142; May 3, 2001, D.C. Law 13-298, § 101, 48 DCR 2959; Sept. 30, 2004, D.C. Law 15-187, § 101(v), 51 DCR 6525.)

#### *HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES*

D.C. Law 13-298 amended and enacted into law Title 25 of the District of Columbia Official Code. The text of this section is derived from provisions formerly found in D.C. Code § 25-111(a). For notes from former § 25-111, see § 25-110.

#### *Prior Codifications*

1981 Ed., § 25-504.

1973 Ed., § 25-111.

#### *Effect of Amendments*

D.C. Law 15-187 added a new row after the row designated "Nightclub"; deleted the five rows designated as "Caterer" which pertained to capacity in terms of annual revenue and also set forth the license fees; and added eight new rows designated as "Caterer".

#### *Legislative History of Laws*

For D.C. Law 13-298, see notes following § 25-101.

For Law 15-187, see notes following § 25-101.

### **§ 25-505. FEES FOR ARENA C/X BY MAYOR.**

The annual license fee for the retailer's licenses, class Arena C/X, for the DC Arena shall be established by the Mayor.

(May 3, 2001, D.C. Law 13-298, § 101, 48 DCR 2959; Mar. 3, 2010, D.C. Law 18-111, § 2082(n)(3), 57 DCR 181.)

#### *HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES*

D.C. Law 13-298 amended and enacted into law Title 25 of the District of Columbia Official Code.

#### *Effect of Amendments*

D.C. Law 18-111, in the section heading, deleted "and Washington Convention Center" following "C/X"; and deleted "and for the Washington Convention Center" following "DC Arena".

#### *Emergency Act Amendments*

For temporary (90 day) amendment of section, see § 2082(n)(3) of Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Support Second Emergency Act of 2009 (D.C. Act 18-207, October 15, 2009, 56 DCR 8234).

For temporary (90 day) amendment of section, see § 2082(n)(3) of Fiscal Year Budget Support Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2009 (D.C. Act 18-260, January 4, 2010, 57 DCR 345).

#### *Legislative History of Laws*

For D.C. Law 13-298, see notes following § 25-101.

For Law 18-111, see notes following § 25-101.

### **§ 25-506. MINIMUM FEES FOR TEMPORARY LICENSES.**

(a) The minimum fee for the issuance of a temporary license shall be the following:

Temporary license (class F) (beer and wine)	\$100/day
Temporary license (class G) (spirits, beer, and wine)	\$300/day

(b) Upon request, the Board has the authority to reduce the fee to \$150 per day, for a temporary license, class G, or to \$50 per day, for a temporary license, class F, for nonprofit organizations. This reduction shall only be available once each calendar year to any single organization.

(c) The Board may create regulations and fees, in accordance with §§ 25- 211(b) and 25-502, to permit an on-premises retailer under a restaurant license to apply for a one-day substantial change to the size of their licensed premises to expand the establishment's interior or exterior space in order to facilitate participation in community or street festivals. The Board shall not grant permission for this change more than twice in any calendar year for any establishment.

(Jan. 24, 1934, 48 Stat. 324, ch. 4, § 11; Apr. 30, 1934, 48 Stat. 654, ch. 181, § 1; June 18, 1934, 48 Stat. 997, ch. 588; July 2, 1935, 49 Stat. 444, ch. 359; Aug. 27, 1935, 49 Stat. 898, 899, ch. 756, §§ 3-7; June 15, 1938, 52 Stat. 691, ch. 396, §§ 1, 2; May 27, 1949, 63 Stat. 133, ch. 146, title V, § 501; June 29, 1953, 67 Stat. 103, ch. 159, § 404(d); May 31, 1962, 76 Stat. 89, Pub. L. 87-470, § 1; Dec. 8, 1970, 84 Stat. 1393, Pub. L. 91-535, § 2; Apr. 6, 1977, D.C. Law 1-102, § 2(a), (b), 23 DCR 8732; Apr. 18, 1978, D.C. Law 2-73, § 3, 24 DCR 7066; Mar. 5, 1981, D.C. Law 3-157, § 2(b), 27 DCR 5117; Sept. 29, 1982, D.C. Law 4-157, §§ 6, 15, 29 DCR 3617; Mar. 10, 1983, D.C. Law 4-204, § 2, 30 DCR 185; Aug. 2, 1983, D.C. Law 5-16, § 3, 30 DCR 3193; Mar. 8, 1984, D.C. Law 5-51, § 2(a), 30 DCR 5927; Mar. 7, 1987, D.C. Law 6-217, § 5, 34 DCR 907; Aug. 17, 1991, D.C. Law 9-40, § 2(b), 38 DCR 4974; May 24, 1994, D.C. Law 10-122, § 2(e), 41 DCR 1658; Mar. 26, 1999, D.C. Law 12-202, § 2(b), 45 DCR 8412; Apr. 20, 1999, D.C. Law 12-261, § 2003(q)(1), 46 DCR 3142; May 3, 2001, D.C. Law 13- 298, § 101, 48 DCR 2959.)

#### *HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES*

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#### *Prior Codifications*

1981 Ed., § 25-506.

1973 Ed., § 25-111.

#### *Legislative History of Laws*

For D.C. Law 13-298, see notes following § 25-101.

### **§ 25-507. MINIMUM ANNUAL FEE FOR SOLICITOR'S LICENSES.**

The minimum annual fee for a solicitor's license shall be \$250.

(May 3, 2001, D.C. Law 13-298, § 101, 48 DCR 2959.)

#### *HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES*

D.C. Law 13-298 amended and enacted into law Title 25 of the District of Columbia Official Code.

#### *Legislative History of Laws*

For D.C. Law 13-298, see notes following § 25-101.

### **§ 25-508. MINIMUM FEE FOR PERMITS AND MANAGERS'S LICENSE.**

The minimum fees for permits and manager's license shall be as follows:

Brew pub permit	\$3,000/year
Tasting permit for class A licensees	\$100/year
Importation permit	\$5



(May 3, 2001, D.C. Law 13-298, § 101, 48 DCR 2959.)

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*Legislative History of Laws*

For D.C. Law 13-298, see notes following § 25-101.

**§ 25-509. MINIMUM FEE FOR TRANSFER OF A LICENSE TO NEW OWNER.**

The minimum fee for transfer of a license to a new owner shall be \$150.

(Jan. 24, 1934, 48 Stat. 330, ch. 4, § 16; May 27, 1949, 63 Stat. 135, ch. 146, title V, § 503; Mar. 5, 1981, D.C. Law 3-157, § 2(d), 27 DCR 5117; May 3, 2001, D.C. Law 13-298, § 101, 48 DCR 2959.)

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*Prior Codifications*

1981 Ed., § 25-509.

1973 Ed., § 25-117.

*Legislative History of Laws*

For D.C. Law 13-298, see notes following § 25-101.

**§ 25-510. MINIMUM FEE FOR AMENDMENT TO LICENSE.**

The minimum fee for an amendment to a license which results in an inspection of the licensed premises shall be \$25.

(Jan. 24, 1934, 48 Stat. 324, ch. 4, § 11; Apr. 30, 1934, 48 Stat. 654, ch. 181, § 1; June 18, 1934, 48 Stat. 997, ch. 588; July 2, 1935, 49 Stat. 444, ch. 359; Aug. 27, 1935, 49 Stat. 898, 899, ch. 756, §§ 3-7; June 15, 1938, 52 Stat. 691, ch. 396, §§ 1, 2; May 27, 1949, 63 Stat. 133, ch. 146, title V, § 501; June 29, 1953, 67 Stat. 103, ch. 159, § 404(d); May 31, 1962, 76 Stat. 89, Pub. L. 87-470, § 1; Dec. 8, 1970, 84 Stat. 1393, Pub. L. 91-535, § 2; Apr. 6, 1977, D.C. Law 1-102, § 2(a), (b), 23 DCR 8732; Apr. 18, 1978, D.C. Law 2-73, § 3, 24 DCR 7066; Mar. 5, 1981, D.C. Law 3-157, § 2(b), 27 DCR 5117; Sept. 29, 1982, D.C. Law 4-157, §§ 6, 15, 29 DCR 3617; Mar. 10, 1983, D.C. Law 4-204, § 2, 30 DCR 185; Aug. 2, 1983, D.C. Law, 5-16, § 3, 30 DCR 3193; Mar. 8, 1984, D.C. Law 5-51, § 2(a), 30 DCR 5927; Mar. 7, 1987, D.C. Law 6-217, § 5, 34 DCR 907; Aug. 17, 1991, D.C. Law 9-40, § 2(b), 38 DCR 4974; May 24, 1994, D.C. Law 10-122, § 2(e), 41 DCR 1658; Mar. 26, 1999, D.C. Law 12-202, § 2(b), 45 DCR 8412; Apr. 20, 1999, D.C. Law 12-261, § 2003(q)(1), 46 DCR 3142; May 3, 2001, D.C. Law 13- 298, § 101, 48 DCR 2959.)

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1981 Ed., § 25-510.

1973 Ed., § 25-111.

*Legislative History of Laws*

For D.C. Law 13-298, see notes following § 25-101.

**§ 25-511. MINIMUM FEE FOR POOL BUYING GROUP RETAIL IMPORTATION PERMIT.**

The minimum annual license fee for a pool buying group agent importation permit shall be \$1,000, in addition to any other license fees prescribed in this title.

(Sept. 30, 2004, D.C. Law 15-187, § 401(j), 51 DCR 6525; Mar. 2, 2007, D.C. Law 16-191, § 47(d)(2), 53 DCR 6794.)

#### *HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES*

##### *Effect of Amendments*

D.C. Law 16-191 validated a previously made technical correction.

##### *Legislative History of Laws*

For Law 15-187, see notes following § 25-101.

For Law 16-191, see notes following § 25-101.

##### *Miscellaneous Notes*

Sections 402 and 403 of D.C. Law 15-187 provide:

"Sec. 402. Rules and regulations.

"The Mayor shall promulgate proposed rules and regulations to administer this title within 180 days of its effective date. The proposed rules and regulations, as well as any subsequent rules and regulations amending this title, shall be submitted to the Council for a 45-day period of review, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, legal holidays, and days of Council recess. If the Council does not approve or disapprove the rules and regulations, in whole or in part, by resolution with the 45-day review period, the proposed rules and regulations shall be deemed approved.

"Sec. 403. Applicability.

"Section 401 shall apply upon the effective date of the regulations promulgated under section 402."