

MEMORANDUM

August 25, 2009

TO: Lawbook Holders

FROM: Jennifer Huntsman, Rules Coordinator

RE: Commission action on rules – August 2009 meeting

At the August 21, 2009 meeting, the Commissioners took the following actions on rules:

INITIAL ACTION

- **OAR 845 – Division 5 – Special Event Package**

This package contains two new rules describing the qualifications, application process, and requirements for two new Special Event licenses that are soon to be available to current Brewery-Public House and Oregon Distillery licensees. These new Special Event licenses were created by the 2009 legislature (HB 2528 & SB 802), effective January 1, 2010.

Action: The Commission initiated action to adopt OAR 845-005-0413 & OAR 845-005-0414. An advisory committee meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2009. A rulemaking hearing is scheduled for December 8, 2009.

- **OAR 845 – Division 20 – Beverage Container/Redemption Center Package**

Due to the receipt of our first redemption center application, staff recommended the amendment and repeal of rules in Division 20 in order to both clarify redemption center requirements and eliminate outdated beverage container certification rules.

Action: The Commission initiated action to amend OAR 845-020-0020, OAR 845-020-0025 & OAR 845-020-0030, and to repeal OAR 845-020-0010 & OAR 845-020-0015. An advisory committee meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2009. A rulemaking hearing is scheduled for December 15, 2009.

FINAL ACTION

- **OAR 845 – Division 5 & 6 – Distillery Package**

Staff recommended adoption of two new rules addressing the basic guidelines that a distillery licensee's tasting room must follow. This rulemaking was prompted by a statutory change (SB 451) which opened up the possibility of tasting rooms to a lot more distillery licensees. (Note: the rule numbers adopted are slightly different than those proposed at initiation of this rule matter.)

Action: The Commission adopted OAR 845-005-0431 & OAR 845-006-0452,

effective November 1, 2009. This is a slightly delayed effective date in order to give distillery licensees who currently run tasting rooms time to get their application for tastings approved before the new rules take effect.

- **OAR 845-007-0025 Advertising Signs on Licensed Premises**

This rule limited each licensed premises to only four alcoholic beverage signs that are visible from the outside. Based on a recommendation from the Business Partners Joint Steering Committee, staff recommended repealing this rule.

Action: The Commission repealed OAR 845-007-0025, effective September 1, 2009.

I've attached copies of documents related to this rulemaking. If you have questions about these or other rules matters, please call me at 503-872-5004 or Laura Paul at 503-872-5105.

Att.