

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

### FRANKLIN COUNTY, KY ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE FEES

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, pursuant to Gov. Andy Beshear issued Executive Order 2020-215 declaring a state of emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of COVID-19 virus, a public health emergency, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, the Department of Public Health, and the Public Protection Cabinet, Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control promulgated an Order prohibiting the onsite consumption of food and beverages, including alcoholic beverages, in the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, effective on March 19, 2020, the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, in order to diminish the economic impact to restaurants and bars caused by this sudden closing and pursuant to KRS 39A.180, ordered supplemental rules while the prohibition of onsite consumption of food and beverage persists under Executive Order 2020-215; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, I, County Judge/Executive Huston Wells issued a Joint Executive Order with Mayor Bill May, declaring a state of emergency in the County of Franklin and City of Frankfort due to the outbreak of COVID-19 virus, a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, applicable Kentucky laws authorize the County Judge/Executive to exercise emergency powers to efficiently and effectively provide for the health, safety and welfare of citizens; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County issues local Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) licenses in accordance with relevant state statutes, regulations, and directives; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County may expressly adopt any temporary State ABC directives and/or rules to remain consistent with the State ABC regulatory process and for the convenience and ease of Franklin County licensees; and

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2020, the State ABC, by and through Public Protection Cabinet Secretary Kerry B. Harvey, extended state license renewal deadlines through December 31, 2020;

WHEREAS, Kentucky law requires local ABC licenses periods and deadlines to match corresponding state periods and deadlines;

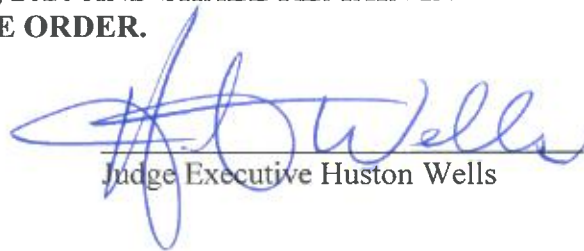
WHEREAS, on November 5, 2020, Governor Beshear *announced* the State ABC would be providing additional financial relief in the form of state ABC license fee waivers to bars and restaurants;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Huston Wells, Franklin County Judge/Executive pursuant to the authority vested in me by KRS Chapter 39A do hereby order:

1. All Franklin County alcoholic beverage control licenses expiring on or before December 31, 2020 shall remain in effect and authorize alcoholic beverage sales until December 31, 2020. Licensees must submit license renewal applications to continue alcoholic beverage sales thereafter.
2. Franklin County licenses for restaurants, bars and event venues holding a local license matching those state licenses identified in the attached guidance from the State ABC will receive a 12-month renewal fee waiver.
3. Franklin County licensees who have not paid renewal fees for 2020 will not be required to renew until 2021. Franklin County licensees who paid renewal fees for 2020, will not in 2021. This waiver applies to those licenses which would have typically been valid from December 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Licensees must not have any outstanding delinquent accounts with the County to qualify for the fee waiver program.
4. Franklin County ABC license holders are reminded and encouraged to stay up to date on all state and local health and business regulations during the COVID-19 pandemic and take all necessary steps to comply with state and local health directives concerning safe business practices.
5. The County may take appropriate action to enforce this Order and any previously enacted Orders.

This Order shall remain in effect until terminated by the issuance of another Executive Order when I determine that a state of emergency no longer exists and the exercise of extraordinary measures are no longer required for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare.

**THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 15, 2020 AND SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL RESCINDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER.**



Judge Executive Huston Wells

Attest:



Tambra Harrod, Fiscal Court Clerk

Andy Beshear  
Governor



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## **12 Month Fee Waiver for Bars, Restaurants, and Related Licenses**

Only applies to license renewals for certain license types.

Licensees who paid renewal fees in 2020 will not pay in 2021.

Licensees who have not paid renewal fees for 2020, will not be required to renew until 2021.

Licenses with updated expiration dates will be available in the ABC online portal in the coming days.

The following licensees will receive a 12 month renewal fee waiver:

- Brewer's License
- Caterer's License
- Extended Hours Supplemental License
- Limited Restaurant License
- Microbrewery License
- NQ1 Retail Drink License – convention centers, racetracks, state parks, etc.
- NQ2 Retail Drink License – restaurants, hotel restaurants/bars, airport restaurants, etc.
- NQ3 Retail Drink License – private clubs, bed and breakfasts, etc.
- NQ4 Retail Malt Beverage Drink License – supplemental for small farm wineries, breweries, etc.
- Qualified Historic Site License
- Quota Retail Drink License (bars)
- Special Sunday Retail Drink License
- Supplemental Bar License
- Entertainment Destination Center License

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