Liquor Licensing in the Sandy Hook, NJ Unit of Gateway National Recreation Area



The State of New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) can issue Liquor Licenses at Sandy Hook. The State will look to NPS to determine whether a liquor license should be issued to a Lessee.

Sandy Hook is not subject to the limitations on the number of Licenses available in Middletown Township.

Lessee's wishing to acquire a Liquor License in connection with use and occupancy of facilities at Sandy Hook will have to work with NPS to do so.



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To Obtain A License:



- The State requires proof of exclusive and present possessory interest in the Premise. This is usually addressed by issuing the ABC a copy of the Lease
- The Lessee must fill out an application
- The Lessee will have to pay a \$2,000 annual fee to obtain the License
- The NPS will have to approve the application before it can be released
- The ABC will review the application and make a determination. The determination will be based on factors similar to those addressed when considering Licenses for locations such as Xanadu, Met Life Stadium, and County Golf Courses.

Once issued:

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There is a \$2000 annual fee associated with renewal of the License, which is required for every year the Lessee wishes to keep the License in effect..

Limitations:

 The License "disappears" if the Lease is terminated or if the Lessee otherwise loses possession of the facility.

The Licenses are limited to onsite consumption.

A separate Liquor License is required for on premise catering where alcohol is served unless the Lessees themselves hold the Liquor License.

No package services or liquor stores will be authorized by the ABC.

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