NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission will hold a public hearing pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 84-907, on <u>Tuesday</u>, the 2nd day of March, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., at its offices on the 1st Floor of the State Office Building, located at 301 Centennial Mall, South, Lincoln, Nebraska.

The purpose of the hearing is to take testimony and evidence about the amendments to Rule 237-LCC7-002 (Record Retention). The subject matter and scope of the rule-making action is:

1. To Adopt Amendments to Rule 237-LCC7-002 (Record Retention). This change affects all Nebraska Liquor Licensees. It expands and clarifies the Records Retention requirement of liquor license holders in order to maintain integrity in the tax collection required by the Nebraska Liquor Control Act. It will make the tracking of purchases by the Commission and the Nebraska State Patrol more consistent and effective.

Draft or working copies of the proposed rules are available at the office of the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission, or at the office of the Secretary of State, Regulations Division, 1201 N Street, Suite 120, Lincoln, NE 68508. There is a minimal fiscal impact from the excise tax collected from adopting this rule on state agencies, regulated persons or political subdivisions.

All interested persons may attend and testify orally or by written submission at the hearing. Interested persons may also submit written comments prior to hearing which will be made part of the hearing record at the time of hearing if received by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission on or before March 2, 2021. If auxiliary aids or reasonable accommodations are needed to participate in the hearing, please call the Commission at (402) 471-2571 a minimum of ten (10) days prior to the date of hearing.

Dated this _______ day of December, 2020

NEBRASKA LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

Executive Director)

CHAPTER 7 PERMITTEES REPORTS/RECORD RETENTION

002: RECORD RETENTION

002.01 All licensees and or holders of shipper's permits shall retain and preserve true books of accounts and records of all business receipts, disbursements and funds used in connection with the licensed business for a period of three years.

002.01 All licensees will keep complete, accurate and separate records for a period of three years. The records will be available for inspection and copies of such can be requested by NLCC and auditors. Licensees may use storage technologies for the storage of their records, and may store them off site, provided the records so stored are readily subject to retrieval and made available for viewing on a screen or in hard copy by NLCC, enforcement or auditors during reasonable hours. At any other time of day, if the licensee's records are not available for inspection, the licensee will provide the records within 24 hours after a request is made to inspect the records. "Reasonable hours" will be deemed to include all business hours of operation and any other time at which there exists any indication of activity upon the licensed premises.

002.02 All retailers shall keep invoices and records involving the purchase of alcoholic liquors for the previous twelve months, and make them available for inspection upon demand to the Commission or its agents.

002.02 All licensed manufacturers, bottlers or wholesalers of alcoholic beverages will keep a complete, accurate and separate record of all alcoholic beverages manufactured, bottled, purchased, sold or shipped by them. Such records will show the quantities of all such alcoholic beverages manufactured, bottled, purchased, sold or shipped by them; the dates of all sales, purchases, deliveries or shipments, the names and addresses of all persons to or from whom such sales, purchases, deliveries or shipments are made; the quantities and kinds of alcoholic beverages sold and delivered or shipped and the prices charged therefore and the taxes applicable thereto, if any. Every manufacturer and wholesaler, at the time of delivering alcoholic beverages to any person, will also prepare a duplicate invoice showing date of delivery, the quantity and value of each delivery and the name of the purchaser to whom the delivery is made. Bills of lading, properly executed with signatures, proving quantity are required for any shipments of alcoholic beverages being made out of the state and into the state of Nebraska.

<u>002.03</u> Every retail licensee will keep complete, accurate and separate records, including invoices, of the purchases and sales of alcoholic beverages, food and other merchandise. The records of alcoholic beverages will be kept separate and apart from other records and will include all purchases thereof, the dates of such purchases, the

kinds and quantities of alcoholic beverages purchased, the prices charged therefore and the names and addresses of the persons from whom purchased. Additionally, each retail licensee will keep accurate accounts of daily sales, and sales tax records, showing quantities of alcoholic beverages, food, and other merchandising sold and the prices charged therefore.

<u>002.04</u> The terms "sale" and "sell" will include exchange, barter or traffic, or delivery made otherwise that gratuitously, by any means whatsoever, of mixed beverages and other alcoholic beverages, and of meals or food.

<u>002.05</u> Federal forms that are required to be submitted and kept on file must be available to state and NLCC Auditors upon request. Federal forms that are required whether submitted or required to be kept on file must be available to enforcement officials and NLCC staff and auditors upon request and are subject to the record retention as above.