

## MEMORANDUM

To: Dublin City Council  
Dana McDaniel, City Manager  
Anne Clark, Clerk of Council

From: Jennifer D. Readler, Law Director  
Yazan S. Ashrawi

Date: February 23, 2017

Re: One OH Columbus ES Management LLC DBA Embassy Suites Dublin  
Transfer Application for D5A and D6 Liquor Permits

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### **I. INTRODUCTION**

The City of Dublin recently received a Notice to Legislative Authority (“Notice”) from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control concerning a transfer application for D5A and D6 liquor permits from Aimbridge Concessions Inc. DBA Embassy Suites Dublin to One OH Columbus ES Management LLC DBA Embassy Suites Dublin (“Embassy Suites”). Dublin received this Notice pursuant to R.C. 4303.26 because the proposed location for the permit premises is within the corporate limits of Dublin. As such, Dublin may request a hearing regarding the advisability of the issuance, transfer of ownership, or transfer of location of the permit.

### **II. BACKGROUND**

Embassy Suites is a foreign limited liability company that is actively registered with the Ohio Secretary of State. The address designated for the permit premises is 5100 Upper Metro Place, Dublin, Ohio 43017, which is the same location of Aimbridge Concessions Inc. DBA Embassy Suites Dublin, the current holder of the liquor permits. It appears One OH Columbus ES Management LLC DBA Embassy Suites submitted its transfer application because it is the new owner of the permit premises; therefore, it will be acquiring the liquor permits that are currently held at that location.

Embassy Suites is seeking a transfer of a D5A permit, which is identical to a typical D5 permit, but is specific to hotels and motels with 50 or more rooms for transient guests. It permits spirituous liquor for on premises consumption only, and beer, wine, and mixed beverages for on premises or off premises consumption in original sealed containers, until 2:30am. Embassy Suites is also seeking the transfer of a D6 permit, which permits the sale of intoxicating liquor on Sunday between the hours of 10:00am and midnight. The transfer application is currently pending before the Division. Embassy Suites also has a pending application for a new D5A liquor permit for the same location. Typically, when a new owner applies for a transfer of

currently-existing liquor permits for the premises, a new permit application will be submitted as well. Ultimately, only one permit is accepted and the other application is eventually canceled. New owners do this for expedience in order to obtain the permit(s) as quickly as possible.

According to the Division's records, Embassy Suites does not have a history of violating Ohio liquor permit laws.

### **III. RECOMMENDATION**

It would appear that it is unnecessary to request a hearing in this matter because Embassy Suites does not have a history of liquor law violations. Regardless whether Dublin desires to request a hearing, the Notice must be signed and returned to the Ohio Division of Liquor Control by March 9, 2017.

NOTICE TO LEGISLATIVE  
AUTHORITY

OHIO DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL  
6606 TUSSING ROAD, P.O. BOX 4005  
REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO 43068-9005  
(614)644-2360 FAX(614)644-3166

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RESPONSES MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN. 03/09/2017

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM TO THE DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL  
WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS A REQUEST FOR A HEARING.

REFER TO THIS NUMBER IN ALL INQUIRIES **B TRFO 6547809**

(TRANSACTION & NUMBER)

(MUST MARK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING)

WE REQUEST A HEARING ON THE ADVISABILITY OF ISSUING THE PERMIT AND REQUEST THAT  
THE HEARING BE HELD  IN OUR COUNTY SEAT.  IN COLUMBUS.

WE DO NOT REQUEST A HEARING.

DID YOU MARK A BOX? IF NOT, THIS WILL BE CONSIDERED A LATE RESPONSE.

PLEASE SIGN BELOW AND MARK THE APPROPRIATE BOX INDICATING YOUR TITLE:

(Signature)

(Title)-  Clerk of County Commissioner

(Date)

Clerk of City Council

Township Fiscal Officer

CLERK OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL  
5200 EMERALD PARKWAY  
DUBLIN OHIO 43017

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ONE OH COLUMBUS ES MANAGEMENT LLC  
DBA EMBASSY SUITES DUBLIN  
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DUBLIN OHIO 43017

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TOWER ROCK HOTEL & RESORT 02/02/2017 ACTIVE  
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[ORC 4303.18](#) Spirituous liquor for on premises consumption only, beer, wine and mixed beverages for on premises, or off premises in original sealed containers, until 2:30am.

**4303.18 D-5 permit.**

Permit D-5 may be issued to the owner or operator of a retail food establishment or a food service operation licensed pursuant to Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code that operates as a restaurant or night club for purposes of this chapter, to sell beer and any intoxicating liquor at retail, only by the individual drink in glass and from the container, for consumption on the premises where sold, and to sell the same products in the same manner and amounts not for consumption on the premises as may be sold by holders of D-1 and D-2 permits. A person who is the holder of both a D-3 and D-3a permit need not obtain a D-5 permit. The fee for this permit is two thousand three hundred forty-four dollars.

Effective Date: 2003 HB95 09-26-2003

### Sunday Sales

Permit Class	Permit Fee	Description
D6	\$400-c \$500-d	<a href="#">ORC 4303.182</a> Sale of intoxicating liquor on Sunday between the hours 10:00am or 11:00am and midnight.

## 4303.182 D-6 permit.

(A) Except as otherwise provided in divisions (B) to (K) of this section, permit D-6 shall be issued to the holder of an A-1-A, A-2, A-3a, C-2, D-2, D-3, D-3a, D-4, D-4a, D-5, D-5a, D-5b, D-5c, D-5d, D-5e, D-5f, D-5g, D-5h, D-5i, D-5j, D-5k, D-5l, D-5m, D-5n, D-5o, or D-7 permit to allow sale under that permit as follows:

(1) Between the hours of ten a.m. and midnight on Sunday if sale during those hours has been approved under question (C)(1), (2), or (3) of section [4301.351](#) or [4301.354](#) of the Revised Code, under question (B)(2) of section [4301.355](#) of the Revised Code, or under section [4301.356](#) of the Revised Code and has been authorized under section [4301.361](#), [4301.364](#), [4301.365](#), or [4301.366](#) of the Revised Code, under the restrictions of that authorization;

(2) Between the hours of eleven a.m. and midnight on Sunday, if sale during those hours has been approved on or after October 16, 2009, under question (B)(1), (2), or (3) of section [4301.351](#) or [4301.354](#) of the Revised Code, under question (B)(2) of section [4301.355](#) of the Revised Code, or under section [4301.356](#) of the Revised Code and has been authorized under section [4301.361](#), [4301.364](#), [4301.365](#), or [4301.366](#) of the Revised Code, under the restrictions of that authorization;

(3) Between the hours of eleven a.m. and midnight on Sunday if sale between the hours of one p.m. and midnight was approved before October 16, 2009, under question (B)(1), (2), or (3) of section [4301.351](#) or [4301.354](#) of the Revised Code, under question (B)(2) of section [4301.355](#) of the Revised Code, or under section [4301.356](#) of the Revised Code and has been authorized under section [4301.361](#), [4301.364](#), [4301.365](#), or [4301.366](#) of the Revised Code, under the other restrictions of that authorization.

(B) Permit D-6 shall be issued to the holder of any permit, including a D-4a and D-5d permit, authorizing the sale of intoxicating liquor issued for a premises located at any publicly owned airport, as defined in section [4563.01](#) of the Revised Code, at which commercial airline companies operate regularly scheduled flights on which space is available to the public, to allow sale under such permit between the hours of ten a.m. and midnight on Sunday, whether or not that sale has been authorized under section [4301.361](#), [4301.364](#), [4301.365](#), or [4301.366](#) of the Revised Code.

(C) Permit D-6 shall be issued to the holder of a D-5a permit, and to the holder of a D-3 or D-3a permit who is the owner or operator of a hotel or motel that is required to be licensed under section [3731.03](#) of the Revised Code, that contains at least fifty rooms for registered transient guests, and that has on its premises a retail food establishment or a food service operation licensed pursuant to Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code that operates as a restaurant for purposes of this chapter and is affiliated with the hotel or motel and within or contiguous to the hotel or motel and serving food within the hotel or motel, to allow sale under such permit between the hours of ten a.m. and midnight on Sunday, whether or not that sale has been authorized under section [4301.361](#), [4301.364](#), [4301.365](#), or [4301.366](#) of the Revised Code.

(D) The holder of a D-6 permit that is issued to a sports facility may make sales under the permit between the hours of eleven a.m. and midnight on any Sunday on which a professional baseball, basketball, football, hockey, or soccer game is being played at the sports facility. As used in this division, "sports facility" means a stadium or arena that has a seating capacity of at least four thousand and that is owned or leased by a professional baseball, basketball, football, hockey, or soccer franchise or any combination of those franchises.

(E) Permit D-6 shall be issued to the holder of any permit that authorizes the sale of beer or intoxicating liquor and that is issued to a premises located in or at the Ohio history connection area or the state fairgrounds, as defined in division (B) of section [4301.40](#) of the Revised Code, to allow sale under that permit between the hours of ten a.m. and midnight on Sunday, whether or not that sale has been authorized under section [4301.361](#), [4301.364](#), [4301.365](#), or [4301.366](#) of the Revised Code.

(F) Permit D-6 shall be issued to the holder of any permit that authorizes the sale of intoxicating liquor and that is issued to an outdoor performing arts center to allow sale under that permit between the hours of one p.m. and midnight on Sunday, whether or not that sale has been authorized under section [4301.361](#) of the Revised Code. A D-6 permit issued under this division is subject to the results of an election, held after the D-6 permit is issued, on question (B)(4) as set forth in section [4301.351](#) of the Revised Code. Following the end of the period during which an election may be held on question (B)(4) as set forth in that section, sales of intoxicating liquor may continue at an outdoor performing arts center under a D-6 permit issued under this division, unless an election on that question is held during the permitted period and a majority of the voters voting in the precinct on that question vote "no."

As used in this division, "outdoor performing arts center" means an outdoor performing arts center that is located on not less than eight hundred acres of land and that is open for performances from the first day of April to the last day of October of each year.

(G) Permit D-6 shall be issued to the holder of any permit that authorizes the sale of beer or intoxicating liquor and that is issued to a golf course owned by the state, a conservancy district, a park district created under Chapter 1545. of the Revised Code, or another political subdivision to allow sale under that permit between the hours of ten a.m. and midnight on Sunday, whether or not that sale has been authorized under section [4301.361](#), [4301.364](#), [4301.365](#), or [4301.366](#) of the Revised Code.

(H) Permit D-6 shall be issued to the holder of a D-5g permit to allow sale under that permit between the hours of ten a.m. and midnight on Sunday, whether or not that sale has been authorized under section [4301.361](#), [4301.364](#), [4301.365](#), or [4301.366](#) of the Revised Code.

(I) Permit D-6 shall be issued to the holder of any D permit for a premises that is licensed under Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code and that is located at a ski area to allow sale under the D-6 permit between the hours of ten a.m. and midnight on Sunday, whether or not that sale has been authorized under section [4301.361](#), [4301.364](#), [4301.365](#), or [4301.366](#) of the Revised Code.

As used in this division, "ski area" means a ski area as defined in section [4169.01](#) of the Revised Code, provided that the passenger tramway operator at that area is registered under section [4169.03](#) of the Revised Code.

(J) Permit D-6 shall be issued to the holder of any permit that is described in division (A) of this section for a permit premises that is located in a community entertainment district, as defined in section [4301.80](#) of the Revised Code, that was approved by the legislative authority of a municipal corporation under that section between October 1 and October 15, 2005, to allow sale under the permit between the hours of ten a.m. and midnight on Sunday, whether or not that sale has been authorized under section [4301.361](#), [4301.364](#), [4301.365](#), or [4301.366](#) of the Revised Code.

(K) A D-6 permit shall be issued to the holder of any D permit for a premises that is licensed under Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code and that is located in a state park to allow sales under the D-6

permit between the hours of ten a.m. and midnight on Sunday, whether or not those sales have been authorized under section [4301.361](#), [4301.364](#), [4301.365](#), or [4301.366](#) of the Revised Code.

As used in this division, "state park" means a state park that is established or dedicated under Chapter 1541. of the Revised Code and that has a working farm on its property.

(L) If the restriction to licensed premises where the sale of food and other goods and services exceeds fifty per cent of the total gross receipts of the permit holder at the premises is applicable, the division of liquor control may accept an affidavit from the permit holder to show the proportion of the permit holder's gross receipts derived from the sale of food and other goods and services. If the liquor control commission determines that affidavit to have been false, it shall revoke the permits of the permit holder at the premises concerned.

(M) The fee for the D-6 permit is five hundred dollars when it is issued to the holder of an A-1-A, A-2, A-3a, D-2, D-3, D-3a, D-4, D-4a, D-5, D-5a, D-5b, D-5c, D-5d, D-5e, D-5f, D-5g, D-5h, D-5i, D-5j, D-5k, D-5l, D-5m, D-5n, D-5o, or D-7 permit. The fee for the D-6 permit is four hundred dollars when it is issued to the holder of a C-2 permit.

Amended by 131st General Assembly File No. TBD, HB 64, §101.01, eff. 9/29/2015.

Amended by 131st General Assembly File No. TBD, HB 141, §1, eff. 9/29/2015.

Amended by 128th General Assembly File No.38, HB 519, §1, eff. 9/10/2010.

Amended by 128th General Assembly File No.9, HB 1, §101.01, eff. 10/16/2009.

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**Related Legislative Provision:** See 128th General Assembly File No.9, HB 1, §743.11.