


CITY COMMISSION POLICY

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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION DATED MAY 14, 1965

PURPOSE:

POLICY:

The following is a copy of the letter from Edward F. Maloney, Director of the License Division of the Liquor Control Commission:

"Mr. William J. Garlington
City Attorney
Department of Law
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Dear Sir:

This is in reply to your letter of inquiry dated May 11, 1965.

1. You ask, 'Is it legal to sell a Class C license?'

The answer, of course, is 'no' due to the fact the license belongs to the Liquor Control Commission and is not the property of the licensee.

However, under the Liquor Control Act, the privileges granted by any license are transferable along with the sale of the business with which the license is associated.

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2. 'Under what condition is it legal to transfer a Class C license?'

Any owner of a Class C licensed establishment may sell his business and request transfer of the license to suitable persons who can obtain a favorable recommendation from Commission investigators, the local legislative body and local law enforcement agency.

In the event the purchaser of the business also desires a transfer of location, the investigation then necessitates a favorable neighborhood survey, and locations not within 500 feet of a church or school.

Further, along with the right to transfer ownership, location or a combination of both, the licensee is also entitled to annual renewal of the license privileges, provided, of course, there has been no request for a 'Stop' on renewal received from the local legislative body by April 1 of any year.

We trust this to be the information desired.

Very truly yours,

MICHIGAN LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

/s/ Edward F. Maloney_a

Edward F. Maloney, Director
License Division"

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In Committee of the Whole meeting on June 22, 1965 it was decided to incorporate the above-written letter in the City Commission Policy Manual.