



MEMORANDUM

TO: Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

DATE: November 12, 2024

FROM: Sonya Irwin, Licensing Supervisor

RE: 5448 Firetap, 3rd Waiver of
Operations

Applicable statute: AS 04.11.330(a)(3). An application requesting renewal of a license or endorsement shall be denied if the applicant has not operated the licensed premises for at least 240 hours during each of the two preceding calendar years, unless the board determines that the licensed premises are under construction or cannot be operated through no fault of the applicant;...

Applicable regulation: [3 AAC 305.120 Waiver of annual operating requirement and minimum operating requirements](#). (a) Except as provided in this section, the board will deny an application for renewal of a license or a license with one or more endorsements if the licensed premises were not operated for the time required under [AS 04.11.330\(a\)\(3\)](#) or (d).

(b) A licensee may submit a waiver application to the board to request a waiver of the operating requirement in [AS 04.11.330](#) (a)(3) or (d). Under [AS 04.11.330\(a\)\(3\)](#), the board will determine whether, through no fault of the licensee or because the premises are under construction, the licensed premises could not be operated for the required time during the preceding calendar year.

(c) A waiver application for a calendar year must be made in writing to the board and must be accompanied by the non-refundable application fee of (1) an amount equal to one-half the applicable biennial license fee if a waiver application was not made for the previous year; or (2) double the amount of the fee paid for the previous waiver application.

(d) A waiver application must include a statement from the licensee explaining why the licensed premises was not in compliance with [AS 04.11.330\(a\)\(3\)](#) or (d). The licensee must provide a copy of the waiver application to any local governing body with jurisdiction over the license and licensed premises.

(e) The board may deny a third or subsequent, consecutive application for waiver (1) unless the licensee clearly shows that the licensed premises were not operated, because the premises were condemned or substantially destroyed by any cause; or (2) the licensee holds a common carrier dispensary license and is a boat weighing over 1,000 tons;

(f) Absent circumstances to the contrary, the board will deny a third or subsequent, consecutive application for waiver in the event of condemnation or destruction of the premises if the premises

identified on an applicant's license are not leased or owned by the licensee. Additionally, a third or subsequent consecutive application for waiver that does not identify a licensed premises location will be denied.

(g) The board may impose conditions along with the approval of a waiver application.

(h) If a waiver application is denied, an application for license renewal for the succeeding license period will be denied by the board under [AS 04.11.330\(a\)\(3\)](#).

(i) In addition to the application fee under (c) of this section, the applicant shall pay \$1,000 for an application that is received too late for board consideration at its last meeting of the calendar year for which the waiver is requested.

(j) In the event of the death of a licensee, destruction of the premises, or comparable circumstances showing extraordinary hardship, the board may waive the fees required under (c) and (i) of this section.

(k) If a license is exercised only to satisfy the minimum operating requirement under [AS 04.11.330\(a\)\(3\)](#) or [3 AAC 305.110](#), a licensee shall operate in a similar fashion to other licensed premises of the same type by meeting the following operating requirements as appropriate for the license type: (1) provide signage of sufficient size and visibility to show that the premises is open for business, including the business name and hours of operation; (2) offer a variety of brewed beverages, wines, and distilled spirits for sale at the licensed premises, as appropriate to the type of license, (3) for a licensed package store premises, visibly display the alcoholic beverages stock; (4) for a beverage dispensary licensed premises, provide seating for at least one-half of the maximum number allowed by the occupancy permit; (5) comply with all state or municipal health, fire, and zoning laws or ordinances required for the operation of business; (6) maintain a record of all purchases of alcoholic beverages for resale on the licensed premises; and (7) record sales with a cash register or point of sale system that retains a record of transactions.

(l) The licensee has the burden of proof to show that the licensed premises were operated for the minimum required period of time and met the operating requirements under (k) of this section. The licensee may provide receipts, invoices, photographs, permits, timecards, and other records to meet the burden of proof. If the licensee fails to provide proof that one or more of the operating requirements was met, the board may consider additional documentation provided by the licensee to determine whether the licensee has met the burden of proof.

(m) If a new license is issued between November 20 and December 31, the licensee is exempt from filing a waiver of annual operating requirement for that year.

Background: This is the third waiver requested for this license. Licensee states that the owners decided not to open the package store. There is a transfer application that will be submitted as soon as advertising has been completed.

Attachment: Memo, 3rd Waiver Application for 2024, 2nd Waiver Application for 2023 (approved administratively), 1st Waiver Application for 2022 (approved administratively).



Alaska Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Form AB-29: Waiver of Operation Application

Why is this form needed?

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This application must be accompanied by a non-refundable waiver application fee of:

- for a 1st request, an amount equal to ½ the applicable biennial license fee; or
- for a 2nd or subsequent request, double the amount of the fee paid for the previous waiver application.

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Section 1 – Establishment Information

Enter information for the license that has not been operated for the time required under AS 04.11.330.

Licensee:	O'Malley Alehouse & Pizza LLC	License Number:	5448		
License Type:	Package Store				
DBA:	Firetap Package Store				
Premises Address:	10950 O'Malley Centre Drive Unit A				
City:	Anchorage,	State:	Alaska	ZIP:	99515
Local Governing Body:	Municipality of Anchorage				

Section 2 – Request Number and Calendar Year

☐ 1st Request ☐ 2nd Request ☒ 3rd Request ☐ Other _____

Request for Calendar Year 2024



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Section 3 – Reason for Non-operation

Provide an explanation as to why the licensed premises were not operated:

The license is in the process of transferring to new ownership. Advertising is in the 2nd week. Transfer application will be submitted to AMCO when advertising is completed.

Section 4 – Certifications

The following must be completed for establishments located within the boundaries of a local governing body:

Read the line below, and then sign your initials in the box to the right of the statement:

Initials

I certify that I will provide a true copy of this application to the local governing body listed on Page 1 of this form prior to ABC Board consideration of this application.

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I hereby certify that I am the person herein named and subscribing to this application and that I have read the complete application, and I know the full content thereof. I declare that all of the information contained herein, and evidence or other documents submitted are true and correct. I understand that any falsification or misrepresentation of any item or response in this application, or any attachment, or documents to support this application, is sufficient grounds for denying or revoking a license/permit. I further understand that it is a Class A misdemeanor under Alaska Statute 11.56.210 to falsify an application and commit the crime of unsworn falsification.

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Diane Thompson

Printed name of licensee

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Signature of licensee

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Waiver Application Fee:	\$3,000.00	Late Fee:	None	Transaction #:	100947278
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Waiver Application Fee:	\$1,500	Late Fee:	\$1,000	Transaction #:	100831909
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