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Dear Sir/Madam,

LICENSING ACT 2003 PREMISES LICENCE VARIATION APPLICATIONS

My Ref : ER/PP/LIC

Please Ask For: Licensing

Your Ref:

Date: 06 April 2017

A variation to a premises licence is typically required when a venue is already licensed under The Licensing Act 2003 and the licence holder wishes to make substantial changes to its operating permissions.

The Licensing Authority cannot provide detailed interpretation of legal requirements and you may wish to consider seeking professional advice.

How to apply

- Complete and sign the enclosed application form to vary a premises licence.
- Pay the correct application fee (see fee chart below) using any of these methods:
 - by card by phoning 020 8545 3969 during office hours Mon-Fri (but this needs to be done before you send us your application rather than after);
 - by arranging a BACS transfer by phoning 020 8545 3969 (allow three working days for the payment to clear before submitting your application);

– by enclosing a cheque (or postal order) with your application (payable to 'The London Borough of Merton'). Put today's date on the cheque, make sure the amount is correct in both words and figures and do not forget to sign it;

- The Council's Cash Office closed on 30 September 2013. The only way to pay licensing fees in cash now is by reporting to Reception at Merton Civic Centre. When it is your turn, you will be asked for the amount and a cost code (G00740RB34). Keep one receipt and put the second with your application.

[Please note that you cannot pay licensing fees at post offices or PayPoint - this only applies to certain Council payments such as Council Tax. Also, please do not send cash in the post under any circumstances.]

- Enclose the existing premises licence certificate (both Parts A and B, originals only). If you do not have this, or only parts of it, you will need to explain why on the form.

- Complete a blue A4 notice (available on request from the Licensing Section) and place it on the premises where it can readily be seen by passers by. This notice must be put up for 28 consecutive days starting the day after the application was submitted to The Licensing Authority.

- Place an advertisement in a newspaper or newsletter with circulation in the area where the premises is situated, giving details of the licence applied for (see example form enclosed). This advertisement must appear within 10 working days of the day the application was submitted to The Licensing Authority.

- Then **either**
 - apply electronically by scanning your application and sending it as one or more e-mail attachments to licensing@merton.gov.uk, explaining in the body of the e-mail what it is and quoting any payment reference that you have been given,

 - or**

 - Post the original application form(s), enclosures and cheque (or proof of payment in paper form) to: Licensing, London Borough of Merton, 14th Floor, Civic Centre, London Road, Morden, Surrey, SM4 5DX.

[It is when we receive the application that matters, not when it was sent. You may wish to give extra attention to envelope weight and size and possibly recorded delivery etc.. Alternatively you can hand over the application in person at Merton Civic Centre Reception and ask for it to be put in the 'Licensing Folder'.]

- If you apply electronically, we will forward your e-mail to the responsible authorities below as required by the regulations and you will not have to. **If you are not applying electronically but on paper, you must fulfil this requirement yourself** by sending a copy of your application documentation (without the fee) to each of the following bodies:

It is recommended that you send your copies by recorded delivery (or similar), so that you can prove that this requirement has been met.

The Chief Officer of Police,

Russ Stevens 852VW, Licensing Office, Wimbledon Police Station, 15 Queens Road, London, SW19 8NN

London Fire & Emergency Planning Authority,

Fire Safety Regulation: South West Area 4, London Fire Brigade, 169 Union Street, London, SE1 0LL

Planning Manager,

9th Floor Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden, SM4 5DX

Merton Local Safeguarding Children Board,

12th Floor Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden, SM4 5DX

Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures,

Trading Standards Service, 1st Floor Annexe, Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden, SM4 5DX

Environmental Health (Commercial) Manager,

1st Floor Annexe, Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden, SM4 5DX

Environmental Health (Pollution) Manager,

1st Floor Annexe, Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden, SM4 5DX

Environmental Health (Licensing) Manager,

1st Floor Annexe, Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden, SM4 5DX

Director of Public Health, 3rd Floor Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden, SM4 5DX

Home Office Immigration Service, Alcohol Licensing Team, Lunar House, 40 Wellesley Road, Croydon, CR9 2BY

Any other licensing authority (Local Council), other than the relevant licensing authority, in whose area part of the premises is situated. (This would only apply to premises located on the boundary between Merton, Wandsworth, Kingston, Croydon, Lambeth or Sutton)

[Health & Safety at Work Act 1974 matters are already covered by your sending a copy of the application to the Environmental Health (Commercial) Manager]

Fees

There is a fee to apply for the licence to be varied and the annual fee charged for each year the licence is held remains payable regardless and at its usual time. The level of these depends on the fee band for the premises in question.

To work out the correct fee band you will need to know the current 'non-domestic rateable value' for the premises and then see which fee band this falls into in the table below.

Non-Domestic Rateable Value	Band A Nil - £4,300	Band B £4,301 - £33,000	Band C £33,001 - £87,000	Band D £87,001 - £125,000	Band E £125,001 +
Variation application fee	£100	£190	£315	£450	£635
Annual fee each year	£70	£180	£295	£320	£350

There are higher fees payable by premises whose non-domestic rateable value falls into band D or E and whose business is primarily the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises:

Band	D	E
Variation application fee	£900	£1,905
Annual fee each year	£640	£1,050

Yours faithfully,

Caspar Bates
Business Information Officer

