

340A.413 RESTRICTIONS ON NUMBER OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSES THAT MAY BE ISSUED.

Subdivision 1. **On-sale licenses.** No on-sale intoxicating liquor license may be issued in any city except as provided in this section in excess of the following limits:

- (1) in cities of the first class, one license for every 1,500 population, up to 200 licenses;
- (2) in cities of the second class, not more than 18 licenses plus one for every 2,500 population over 45,000;
- (3) in cities of the third class, not more than 12 licenses;
- (4) in cities of the fourth class, including cities whose acts of incorporation were repealed by Laws 1973, chapter 123, article V, section 5, not more than seven licenses;
- (5) in statutory cities of 5,000 to 10,000 population, not more than six licenses;
- (6) in statutory cities of 2,500 to 5,000 population, not more than five licenses;
- (7) in statutory cities of 500 to 2,500 population, not more than four licenses; and
- (8) in statutory cities under 500 population, not more than three licenses.

Subd. 2. **Additional on-sale licenses permitted for cities in St. Louis County.** For cities in St. Louis County no on-sale liquor license may be issued in excess of the following limits, without the approval of the commissioner:

- (1) in cities of the third class, not more than 15 licenses;
- (2) in cities of the fourth class, not more than nine licenses; and
- (3) in statutory cities of 2,500 to 5,000 population, not more than six licenses.

Subd. 3. **Referendum for additional on-sale licenses.** (a) The governing body of a city may issue on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses over the number permitted under subdivision 1 when authorized by the voters of the city at a general or special election.

(b) The governing body may direct that either of the following questions be placed on the ballot:

(1) "Shall the city council be allowed to issue 'on-sale' licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquor at retail in excess of the number permitted by law?

Yes
No "

(2) "Shall the city council be allowed to issue (a number to be determined by the governing body) 'on-sale' licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquor at retail in excess of the number now permitted by law?

Yes
No "

(c) If a majority of voters voting on the question in clause (1) vote yes, the governing body may issue an unlimited number of on-sale licenses. If a majority of voters voting on the question in clause (2) vote yes, the governing body may issue additional on-sale licenses in the number stated in the question.

Subd. 4. **Exclusions from license limits.** On-sale intoxicating liquor licenses may be issued to the following entities by a city, in addition to the number authorized by this section:

- (1) clubs, or congressionally chartered veterans organizations;
- (2) restaurants;
- (3) establishments that are issued licenses to sell wine under section 340A.404, subdivision 5;
- (4) theaters that are issued licenses under section 340A.404;
- (5) hotels; and
- (6) bowling centers.

Subd. 5. **Off-sale licenses.** No off-sale intoxicating liquor license may be issued in any city, except as provided in this section, in excess of the following limits:

- (1) in cities of the first class, not more than one off-sale license for each 5,000 population; and
- (2) in all other cities the limit shall be determined by the governing body of the city.

Subd. 6. **Area that has been annexed or consolidated.** A license validly issued within the number prescribed in this section is not rendered invalid or illegal by reason of the consolidation or annexation of territory to a city and may continue to remain in effect and be renewed, except that the limitations as to ownership under section 340A.412, subdivision 2.

History: 1985 c 305 art 6 s 13; 1987 c 152 art 1 s 1; 1990 c 554 s 13; 1991 c 249 s 16; 1996 c 418 s 9; 2003 c 126 s 9