

Irvine finalizes ordinance on sale of alcohol in city

Second reading was given to an ordinance pertaining to alcohol sales in the city of Irvine on Monday to meet a deadline of 60 days after the wet-dry election was held October 9.

City Attorney Rodney Davis read a summary of the ordinance. Much of the summary included fines and penalties for violations of the sale of alcohol, as set forth by Kentucky Revised Statutes.

Most first and second violations appear to be misdemeanors, but third time offenders could face felony charges.

The ordinance appoints the city's chief of police as the alcohol administrator. Chief Brad Smith, who is already bonded as a police officer, said he will have a second bond for that position.

The city will also levy a 5% regulatory fee on sales, which will be passed on to the consumer. That means if you purchase \$10.00 of products containing alcohol, you will pay \$.60 in state sales tax and

.50 for the 5% regulatory tax bringing the total to \$11.10.

Businesses with liquor licenses must submit a quarterly report to the city and enclose the monies collected for the local regulatory taxes.

Those taxes can be used by the city only for alcohol related administration and enforcement. Smith said his department can use the money to pay salaries of officers who are on patrol looking for suspected drunk drivers and for road blocks.

"We are ready to being the process of taking applications," Smith stated.

He said that stores selling alcohol must be located in the city's business districts which are zoned either B1 or B2.

After applications are approved locally, they are sent to the state Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) which has the final say.

Currently, Irvine has only two restaurants and by the ordinance, they can apply to serve wine or beer if they

meet the fifty seats required. The restaurants must derive 70 percent of their sales from food.

Employees of all businesses selling alcohol must go through ABC's STARS training.

Some other type stores maintaining an inventory over \$5,000 can also apply to sell beer.

The Family Dollar on Winchester Road is within

the Irvine city limits. Family Dollar stores at some other locations do sell beer.

There will be only two packaged liquor stores in Irvine.

The ordinance passed by the council prohibits drinking on the premises of those stores, including samples. A state law also prohibits open alcoholic beverage containers in vehicles.

Estill Middle School Patriots 2013-14 Basketball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Mon., Dec. 2	Jackson County	Home	5:30
Tues., Dec. 3	Caudill	Home	5:30
Thur., Dec 5	Foley	Away	5:30
Tues., Dec. 10	Berea	Home	5:00
Thur., Dec. 12	McNabb	Home	5:30
Mon., Dec. 16	Wolfe County	Away	5:30
Tues., Dec. 17	Madison Middle	Home	5:30
Thur., Dec. 19	Farristown	Away	5:30
Mon., Jan 6	Morgan County	Away	6:00
Tues., Jan. 7	Model	Away	6:00
Thur., Jan. 9	Rockcastle	Home	5:30
Tues., Jan. 14	Clark-Moores	Home	5:30
Thur., Jan. 16	Caudill	Away	5:30
Tues., Jan. 21	Foley	Home	5:30
Thur., Jan. 23	Berea	Away	5:30
Mon., Jan. 27	Model	Home	5:30
Thur., Jan. 30	Madison Middle	Away	5:30
Tues., Feb. 4	Farristown	Home	5:30
Thur., Feb. 6	Conf. Make Up		
Feb. 7-15	Conference Tournament		

Stickeler's Puzzle

STICKELERS [sic]
by Terry Stickels

How many anagrams can you find for each of the following words?

1. cedar
2. excitation
3. licensed
4. lectures
5. misread

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Attention Veterans

A Veterans Benefits Field Representative will be at the National Guard Armory, 335 Cow Creek Road, Ravenna, on Thursday, December 5, 2013 and the first Thursday of each month. The hours are 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Veterans and their dependants will receive assistance filing for Federal and state veterans benefits. This service is provided free of charge by the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs. To apply, veterans need to furnish copies of pertinent documentation to verify eligibility. For further information, please call toll free within Kentucky, 1-866-376-0308, to speak with a Veterans Benefits Field Representative.

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606-723-7323
200 Wallace Circle
After December 18th,
you get to start over!

Madaline's Memories

Madalene Wasson now has another book out about her family. "Madalene's Memories" has stories about the Proffitt, McIntosh and Wasson families and other related families. The very informative 60-page books are \$15.00 each and can be bought from Madalene by calling 606-726-9705.

Welcome To Toys For Tots

Welcome to the Toys for Tots Program. We hope this program will benefit as many people as possible this Christmas season. Participation in the Toys for Tots program is as simple as completing a participation sheet. You will need to bring in the child's birth certificate and a utility bill to confirm your address.

Participation sheet can be picked up Wednesday - Sunday after 6 p.m. at the Ravenna Police Department. After completing the participation sheet your child's name will be added to the Christmas list provided they are not on any other list.

The Ravenna Police Department will be accepting names through December 15, 2013. No names will be accepted after the cut-off date.

If you have any questions, please contact Chief Ken White of the Ravenna Police Department at 606 723-3332 after 6 p.m.

Thank you,
Chief Ken White

Birding BITS BY Cindy Brook

Gifts of the Spirit
Gifts are not always material. My father was an artist and a lover of nature. He painted many pictures of birds and other scenes of nature. And that is a gift he passed on to me, a love for birds and nature. For that, I am grateful. Holiday greetings to you all.

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The Estill County Chamber of Commerce presents

Swing into Christmas

With The ECHS Jazz Band

Friday Night
December 13, 2013
6PM

Jazz Band begins at 7pm

ECMS Gymnasium

General Admission: \$1
Bleacher Seating

Table Tickets - \$30 per table
(Can accommodate 6)

Prizes for the top 3 Best Decorated Tables - Judging begins at 6:45PM

Table sponsors are welcome to bring refreshments.

For more information contact the Estill County Chamber Office at 606.723.2450