HOME BREW SPECIAL EVENT INFORMATION

Please be advised that homebrew is regulated by statute in LA R.S. 26:793(5).

Homebrew is defined in LA R.S. 26:793(5) as “the brewing of beer, mead, and other alcoholic beverages through fermentation on a small scale as a hobby for personal consumption, free distribution at residential social gatherings, and amateur brewing competitions or other noncommercial reasons.”

This statute allows for a three day special event permit in the following, limited circumstances.

Who can get a special event homebrew permit?

- The permit shall issue only to a retail dealer qualified for on premise consumption (Class A-G or A-R).

What type of events does this permit cover?

- The permit only allows the dealer to bring homebrew alcoholic beverage on his licensed premises for the purpose of possessing, consuming, and serving homebrew on the licensed premises in connection with the following events:
  - Homebrew club meetings
  - Homebrew organized affairs
  - Homebrew exhibitions
  - Homebrew competitions such as contests, tastings or judging

What other restrictions apply to this permit?

- Any of these events must meet the following criteria:
  - Homebrew shall not be sold or offered for sale
    - “sale” includes the supply of homebrew as part of a general admission fee
  - Homebrew shall be served only to those individuals attending the special event. Homebrew shall not be served to the patrons of the retail establishment or the general public.
  - All homebrew shall be removed from the licensed premises within a reasonable time upon conclusion of the special event.