

2.17.010 - Liquor Licensing Authority established.

- A. There is established a Liquor Licensing Authority ("Authority"), which shall have and is vested with the authority to grant or refuse licenses for the sale at retail of malt, vinous or spirituous liquors and fermented malt beverages, as provided by law, conduct investigations as are required by law and suspend or revoke such licenses for cause in the manner provided by law. Such Authority shall have all the powers of the local licensing authority, as set forth in Articles 3, 4 and 5 of Title 44, C.R.S.
- B. Subject to the delegation of authority in Section 2.17.020.B, the Authority shall consist of a sole Hearing Officer who shall serve at the pleasure of Town Council. The Hearing Officer shall be appointed by resolution of the Town Council and may be removed with or without cause by a majority vote of Town Council. Town Council shall establish compensation for the Hearing Officer. In the event the Hearing Officer becomes unavailable, the Castle Rock Municipal Judge or an Alternate Municipal Judge may serve as the Interim Hearing Officer until the Hearing Officer is available or a new Hearing Officer is appointed by Town Council. The term "Hearing Officer" shall be synonymous with "Liquor Licensing Authority" as used throughout this Chapter 2.17 and Chapter 5.08 of this Code.
- C. Qualifications of Hearing Officer. The Hearing Officer shall be an attorney currently licensed to practice in the State, in good standing with the Supreme Court of the State, have a minimum of three years' experience in the active practice of law at the time of appointment, and have sufficient knowledge and expertise to apply and enforce the State of Colorado Beer Code, Liquor Code, Special Events Code, and Code of Regulations. The Hearing Officer shall not hold any other Town office, appointment or position, except that Town Council may appoint the Municipal Court Judge as the Hearing Officer. Additionally, the Hearing Officer shall not have any financial interest in the operation of any business located or operating in the Town that holds a license pursuant to C.R.S. § 44-4-101, et seq., or C.R.S. § 44-3-101, et seq.

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