

Liquor License Violations Policy

The hierarchy of action to be taken by the Select Board, acting as the Local Licensing Authority, in the case of liquor license violations, both local violations and violations identified by the ABCC, will be, at a minimum, as follows, subject to a Hearing and discussion of each violation in accordance with Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws:

1. Warning
2. Two (2) to five (5) days license suspension
3. Six (6) to twenty-nine (29) days license suspension
4. Thirty (30) or more days license suspension, or revocation of license

If the violation is determined to be intentional, the Police Department will prefer criminal charges and recommend more substantial punishment.

If the employee of the license holder who caused the violation has not completed TIPS or Safe Serv training, the action to be taken by the Select Board will be one greater in the hierarchy.

The Select Board, on January 8, 1990 voted to adopt these guidelines, as recommended by the Police Chief, reserving the right to impose other penalties depending on the severity of the violation.

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