

The following information pertains to violations of the Forsyth County Alcohol Ordinance. If further information is needed, please refer to the complete Alcohol Ordinance found on the Forsyth County website at www.forsythco.com or contact alcohol@forsythco.com.

Progressive Actions for Violations

If the licensee or employee is found guilty or pays a fine at Magistrate Court, this subjects the licensee and employee to progressive actions by the Board of Commissioners.

(d) Progressive Actions for Violations.

(1) A finding of guilt, either by plea or adjudication*, in Magistrate Court of an employee's violation of this Chapter, excluding sales to underage persons, shall subject an employee of a licensed establishment to the following progressive actions;

- (A) Regarding a first violation, suspension of the employee's alcohol sale permit for a period of 14 days by the Department Head. **
- (B) Regarding a second violation, and alcohol sale permit suspension for a period of 180 days by the Department Head. **
- (C) Regarding a third violation, an alcohol sale permit suspension for a period of two (2) years by the Department Head.**
- (D) A fourth violation shall result in the permanent revocation of the employee's alcohol sale permit by the Department Head.**

(2) A finding of guilt, either by plea or adjudication in Magistrate Court of any employee conducting an underage sale, shall subject an employee of a licensed establishment to the following progressive actions;

- (A) Regarding a first violation, a minimum fine in Magistrate Court of \$500.00 and an automatic 30-day suspension of the alcohol sales permit, with the suspension to begin 30 days after the finding of guilt.
- (B) Regarding a second finding of guilt, an automatic 24-month suspension of the employee's alcohol sale permit, with the suspension to begin 30 days after the finding of guilty and a minimum fine in Magistrate Court of \$750.00. A reinstatement fee of \$75.00 shall be paid when the employee seeks the reissuance of an alcohol sale permit.
- (C) Regarding a third finding of guilt, the automatic permanent revocation of the employee's alcohol sale permit, with the suspension to begin 30 days after the finding of guilt, and a minimum fine in Magistrate Court of \$1,000.00.

(3) Adjudication means a formal judgment on a disputed matter.

** The Department Head shall provide written notice to the employee of the administrative sanction imposed pursuant to this subparagraph, with the suspension to begin 30 days after the finding of guilt.

The information regarding the right to appeal, is found in Section 1.4 subsections (b) and (c) and Section 1.12 of the Forsyth County Alcohol Ordinance.