ORDINANCE No. 645.

An Ordinance of the city of Kent, providing for the licensing for the purpose of regulation and revenue, certain persons, firms and corporations, to handle, sell, and distribute, beer and light wines, within the city of Kent, classifying the service therefor, and providing for violation.

Section 1: No person, firm, or corporation, shall sell or offer for sale, distribute or handle, beer or light wines within the city limits of Kent which contains more than three and two-tenths percent, (3.02%) by weight, of alcohol, and without complying with the provisions of this ordinance as to license for the same.

Section 2: There shall be no general saloon conducted or permitted, within the city, and no place for the sale of beer or light wines or liquors, other than as herein provided.

Section 3: This ordinance shall be construed and held to apply only to the license, control, sale and distribution of such beer and light wines, and the enforcement of the penalty as provided herein.

Section 4. Any person, firm, or corporation, desiring to sell or to engage in the business of sale or distribution of beer and light wines shall make application to the City Clerk on blanks to be provided for the same, giving the name of the applicant or applicants in full, and if a corporation giving the names of the officers thereof, and stating that the applicant, or if a corporation a majority of its officers, are citizens of the United States over 21 years of age, and that a regular place of business has been conducted in the city of Kent for a period of at least one year previous to the date of application. Said application shall be signed and endorsed by at least two members of the Police and License committee of the city council, who shall pass on the same, and said application shall be presented to the council at the next regular meeting, which application may be allowed or rejected by the vote of four members of the city council, or the same may be continued for a further hearing by a majority vote of the councilmen who are present at said meeting.
Section 5: The business of sale, distribution and delivery of beer and light wines under the provisions of this ordinance, is hereby classified as follows:

Class A: which shall include sale in either capped or uncapped bottles or cartons, by draught or other legal manner not prohibited in this ordinance; and same may be served and drank on the premises, or taken away if in sealed bottles or cartons; for which a license fee shall be charged for three months from date of license.

Class B: which shall include the sale and delivery to customers in uncapped and unsealed bottles, which shall be drank on the premises; and, in the original cartons or sealed bottles, which shall not be opened or drank on the premises; for which a license fee shall be charged of $12.50 for three months from date of application, and

Class C: which shall include the sale and delivery of same in the original cartons, or capped bottles only, and not to be opened or consumed on the premises, for which a license fee of $6.25 shall be charged for a period of three months from date of application.

The classification hereby stipulated as Class A, B, and C, respectively, shall be liberally construed for the purpose of fixing and charging the respective license fee according to the character of the service as stated in the application.

Section 6: No license shall be granted under the provisions of this ordinance to any person under the age of 21 years, nor to any person who is not a citizen of the United States of America either by birth or adoption, nor to any person who within one year preceding the date of application has been convicted of a violation of any of the liquor laws of the State of Washington, or of the United States Government under the provisions of the Volstead Law, or otherwise, or of any ordinance of the city of Kent pertaining to the sale, operation, consumption or distribution of intoxicating or non-intoxicating liquors.

Section 7: No such beer or wine shall be sold, delivered or consumed between the hours of 6 o'clock A.M. and 12 o'clock midnight of any day; and no license shall be granted by the council or such sale permitted at any location less than 300 feet from any school or within the immediate proximity of an exclusive resident district.

Section 8: Any person, firm or corporation, violating any of the provisions of this ordinance, upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine in any sum not exceeding $250.00, and imprisonment of not exceeding 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment; and any person or corporation so convicted shall, in addition to the penalty provided herein, forfeit the license granted under the provisions hereof, for the balance of the period, and no license shall afterwards be granted such person or corporation, for a period of one year after the date of such conviction.

Section 9: This ordinance shall be in force and take effect five days after its passage, approval and application as by law provided, but in any case not until April 7, 1933.

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Providing for Licensing of Beer & Wine Distributors