FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 163/18

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request:

I would like to know if your council has given licenses to alcohol delivery services in your area and if so, how many, and what the conditions are. We would also like the names of the companies.

It would be good to know the present figures, and figures for the last two four years if possible.

Response:

Rutland County Council has issued two licences for home delivery of alcohol:

Stoney Ford Brew Company Ltd.
Licence issued 15/09/2016

Conditions:

(1) Deliveries will only be made to residential or commercial premises. Delivery vans must only carry the stock required for each delivery, no excess stock to be carried in the van.

(2) Deliveries to be completed only by staff aged over 18 years. Signs to be displayed on the dash-boards of all vehicles used for deliveries to remind staff to check proof of age for under 21 by requesting I.D.

(3) No sales will be made to customers attempting to "flag down" a delivery van.

(4) The Premises Licence Holder or any one acting on its behalf shall not deliver any alcohol ordered by customers unless the quantity, description and price of the alcohol and the name and address of the person to whom it is to be delivered has been entered (before the alcohol is dispatched) in a register kept at the premises. Delivery staff must be able to produce proof of order / copy of invoice on reasonable request to a responsible authority.
(5) A refusals register shall be kept of any person who is requested to provide proof of age and is subsequently refused a delivery. The address of where the refusal took place will also be logged.

(6) The Premises Licence Holder shall make the register, delivery invoice records and refusals register immediately available for inspection to a Council Licensing Officer, Trading Standards Officer, or Police Officer when requested to do so.

(7) The Licence Holder shall ensure by way of training and conditions of employment that all staff involved in supply or delivery of alcohol are aware of their responsibilities in ensuring that:

a. All persons seeking to purchase alcohol are over 18 years of age.

b. That anyone who appears to be under 21 years of age and is attempting to accept delivery for the alcohol must be required to produce satisfactory photographic proof of age. If this is in doubt the delivery shall be refused.

c. All reasonable steps are taken to avoid proxy sales of alcohol to minors and deliveries to persons appearing to be under the influence of alcohol.

d. Evidence of training must be retained and provided to a Council Licensing Officer, Trading Standards Officer, or Police Officer on request.

(8) All customers ordering alcohol will be advised of Challenge 21 policy and the law relating to proxy sales and advised that they will be required to provide satisfactory photographic proof of age and identity upon order and/or delivery, and that if this is not forthcoming delivery will be refused.

Under Fine Wraps

Licence issued 26/05/2016

Conditions:

1. General public are not permitted access to the premises

2. Couriers making alcohol deliveries must carry out age verification checks when necessary

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Yours faithfully

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