

July 28, 2014

City of Cornersville Tennessee
Mr. Scotty Brock
Town Recorder
P.O. Box 128
Cornersville, Tennessee 37407

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Dear Mr. Brock:

You asked whether the Town of Cornersville is required to provide police services 24 hours a day, seven days a week following the successful passage of a referendum authorizing liquor by the drink or liquor package stores within the town limits. Your question was referred to MTAS Legal Consultant Melissa Ashburn who was instrumental in providing this response.

The Rules and Regulations of the Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission (ABC) include the following:

- (1) Full-time Municipal Law Enforcement Department Required. No retail liquor license shall be granted for a location which is not situated within the jurisdiction of a regular full-time municipal law enforcement department or within a jurisdiction that has contracted with a regular full-time law enforcement department to provide services to the jurisdiction.
Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0100-03-.09

Accordingly, the town itself does not need to have a 24/7 police department, but it does need to have coverage from the county when the police department is not manned. So an agreement with the county calling for the sheriff to answer 911 calls when the police department is closed will be required, and the ABC will likely want to see that contract or get details on the agreement so as to satisfy their own regulatory requirement.

Please let Melissa or I know if you have further questions regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,



Jeffrey J. Broughton
Municipal Management Consultant

Cc: Taylor Brandon, Town Administrator
Melissa Ashburn