



February 2, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND RULES REVIEW

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 4301.06, the Ohio Liquor Control Commission is required to hold no fewer than four public hearings each year to hear general comments, complaints, and suggestions as to its policies, adopted pursuant to Chapters 4301 and 4303 of the Ohio Revised Code, to consider other business and procedures of the Commission, and for the dissemination of information to the public.

Notice is also hereby given that the Commission, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119, has completed a review of the following Administrative Rules:

Proposed Amended:

- 4301:1-1-16 Closing authority.
- 4301:1-1-52 Entertainment – prohibition against improper conduct.

Rule 52 is subject to five-year review.

The Commission proposes to amend OAC 4301:1-1-16 (Rule 16) to no longer require that a request for temporary closing authority be notarized and signed by a majority of the officers, partners, shareholders, or managing members and to no longer require the Division of Liquor Control to issue a citation for a violation of the rule, but rather, provide the Division with discretion. Additionally, a permit holder seeking closing authority must include its liquor permit with the request and have the premises inspected at the end of closing authority.

The Commission also proposes to amend OAC 4301:1-1-52 (Rule 52) by eliminating the current paragraph (B)(8) in its entirety and include this exemption under the definition of "Nudity" in paragraph (A)(2). Additional amendments to the rule would prohibit a permit holder, their agents, and employees from selling or furnishing tobacco or nicotine products to a person under 21 years of age and prohibit a permit holder, their agents, and employees from knowingly or willfully allowing a person to possess, transfer, or sell a firearm or other dangerous ordinance in violation of Title 29 of the Revised Code and while on a permit premises.

Any proposed change to these rules may be reviewed at the following website:
www.registerofohio.state.oh.us.

The Commission will conduct the public hearing at 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, March 12, 2026, at the Ohio Department of Public Safety Building, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223.

At the public hearing, any person affected by the proposed action may appear and be heard in person, by the person's attorney, or both, or may present comments in writing. Additionally, anyone who wishes to speak to the issues of Commission policy or rules or wishes to make comments to the Commission relating to its business may do so at this time. Written comments should be submitted in advance to the Commission via email to dominic.panzera@lcc.ohio.gov or via US mail to 77 S. High Street, 18th Floor, Columbus, OH 43215 on or before Monday, March 9, 2026. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Commission at (614) 466-3132.

The Ohio Liquor Control Commission is committed to providing access and inclusion and reasonable accommodation in its services, activities, programs, and employment opportunities in accordance with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other applicable laws. To request a reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact Jennifer Gates, HR Manager/ADA Coordinator at (614) 466-3085 (Voice), or 711 (then dial) 614-466-3085 (TTY), or Jennifer.gates@obm.ohio.gov, no later than March 6, 2026.