

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 31, 2012

CONTACT

John Flynn, DOR Liquor Licensing Bureau Chief
(406) 444-0711, jflynn@mt.gov

Mary Ann Dunwell, DOR Public Information Officer
(406) 444-6700, 461-2648 cell, mdunwell@mt.gov

DOR Publishes Liquor License Availabilities for Billings and Broadwater and Liberty Counties

Helena – The Montana Department of Revenue (DOR) is publishing the availability of additional liquor licenses and accepting applications in three Montana communities. After reviewing this year’s population estimates by the U.S. Bureau of Census, DOR is adding one additional Floater All-Alcoholic Beverages License for Billings and new All-Alcoholic Beverages Licenses for Broadwater and Liberty counties. Every year about this time, DOR adjusts the number of licenses available in each quota area based on the population estimates and advertises for lottery applications.

“The population in Billings increased enough to allow one license to be floated into that quota area and the populations of Broadwater and Liberty counties grew, which increased the license quota,” said John Flynn, DOR Liquor Licensing Bureau Chief.

The notices began this week and continue for four consecutive weeks in the *Billings Gazette*, *Townsend Star* and *Liberty County News*. DOR will accept lottery applications for the available liquor licenses until 5 p.m. on October 1, 2012. To apply, please visit

http://revenue.mt.gov/content/formsandresources/current_year_downloadable_forms/Other_Forms_Not_Yearly/Liquor_Licensing_Forms/lotapp.pdf.

Once applications are received they will be reviewed to determine applicants’ eligibility to apply for the available licenses. If DOR receives more applications than available licenses, it will hold a lottery drawing in mid-October in Helena. Once the lottery drawing is completed, DOR will notify the successful applicants.

An All-Alcoholic Beverages License allows an establishment to sell liquor, beer and wine at retail for on or off-premise consumption. There are currently 1,594 All-Alcoholic Beverages Licenses in Montana. A total of 103 All-Alcoholic Beverages Licenses are currently issued in Billings, one All-Alcoholic Beverages License in Liberty County and four All-Alcoholic Beverages Licenses in Broadwater County. A Floater All-Alcoholic Beverages License is an All-Alcoholic Beverages License purchased and transferred by a successful applicant to a new location outside the quota area for which it was originally issued. Floater All-Alcoholic Beverages Licenses can’t be mortgaged or transferred to a new owner for five years after the approval. Also, any Floater All-Alcoholic Beverages License issued as a result of a lottery is gaming-restricted.

DOR makes every effort to continually offer more convenient and efficient services to our licensees and the public. For more information, please visit DOR’s website at www.revenue.mt.gov or follow us at

www.twitter/MTRRevenue.com.

##