Sec. 5-172. License required for sale; procedure and qualifications for applicant.

1. No person shall engage in the business of retailing beer and wine for consumption on the premises in the City of Grantville without first obtaining a license therefore under this article. The state laws and regulations relating to the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages in this state are incorporated into and made a part of this article as if fully set out herein. Any violation of such state law or regulations shall be grounds for suspension or revocation of any license issued under this article.
2. Each licensee shall keep a copy of this article in the licensed premises and shall instruct any person employed by the licensee with respect to the terms of this article, and it is the responsibility of the licensee that his agents and employees be familiar with all the terms of this article. The licensee is responsible for any acts of his agents or employees in violation of this article.
3. Each person holding a license issued pursuant to this article shall always display the license prominently on the premises for which the license is issued.
4. A license issued to an individual shall be issued in the name of the individual. A license issued to a partnership shall be issued in the name of the partnership and in the name of one of the partners who shall be the named licensee. A license issued to a corporation having as its business the sale of beer and wine for consumption on the premises shall be issued in the name of the corporation and in the name of the majority stockholder or a principal officer of the corporation; and such majority stockholder or officer shall be the named licensee. A license issued to a corporation having as its business an activity other than the sale of beer and wine for consumption on the premises shall be issued in the name of the corporation and in the name of the officer or employee of the corporation primarily responsible for the operation of the licensed premises; and such officer or employee shall be the named licensee.
5. In the case of a partnership, each partner shall join as an applicant for the license and each partner must meet the qualifications of an individual licensee, as provided herein.
6. In the case of a corporation having as its business the sale of beer and wine for consumption on the premises, the majority stockholder and each principal officer of the corporation shall join as applicants for the license; and each such person must meet the qualifications of an individual licensee.
7. In the case of a corporation having as its principal business an activity other than the sale of beer and wine for consumption on the premises, the officer or employee who is to be the named licensee shall be the applicant and must meet the qualifications of an individual licensee, as provided herein; provided, however, that the city clerk, with the approval of the city council, may require the fingerprinting and investigation of officers and shareholders of the corporation if they deem it necessary in making their investigation.
8. In the case of a partnership, each partner shall be responsible for the actions of the named licensee and the conduct of the licensed business. In the case of a corporation, the corporation shall be responsible for the actions of the named licensee and the conduct of the licensed business.
9. A licensee must be at least 21 years of age, of good moral character and a citizen of the United States.
10. A licensee shall not have been convicted within the past five years of any felony or, misdemeanor, or violation of city alcohol ordinances within the past two years, or at any time of any criminal offense relating to alcoholic beverages, drugs, taxes or gambling. This subsection shall apply with respect to the laws of this state, other states, the United States, and other countries. A plea of nolo contendere or the forfeiture of a bond shall be considered a conviction for purposes of this subsection. The city council may at its discretion waive the conviction of a misdemeanor for a non-alcoholic offense for purposes of this subsection if the city council determines that the misdemeanor does not have a bearing on the applicant's fitness for a license.
11. A licensee shall not have been denied or had revoked, within the five years next preceding his application, any license to sell alcoholic beverages issued by any governmental entity.
12. No license for the sale of alcoholic beverages by the drink for consumption on the premises shall be issued to any applicant who does not meet the requirements of a restaurant or private club as defined in sections 5- 462 and 5-463.