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**An Order** to Petition the General Court for Additional Licenses to Be Granted by the City Pursuant to Section 12 of Chapter 138 of the General Laws.

**Summary:** The City has reached its quota for the issuance of licenses permitting the sale of alcohol to be drunk on premises within certain establishments throughout the City. The City is unable to issue additional such licenses unless and until special permission to do so is granted to the City by the General Court.

**Be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Amesbury assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:**

That the City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor, on behalf of the City, to petition the General Court for special legislation authorizing the City of Amesbury to issue additional on premises alcohol licenses in the following form, provided, that the General Court may make such revisions of form as it deems appropriate within the scope of the legislation without the need for a further vote of the Council:

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:*

SECTION 1. (a) Notwithstanding section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, the licensing authority of the city of Amesbury may grant twelve (12) additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises pursuant to section 12 of said chapter 138. The licenses shall be subject to all of said chapter 138 except said section 17.

(b) The licensing authority may restrict the licenses issued pursuant to this act to holders of common victualler licenses.

(c) Once issued, the licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of a license granted pursuant to this act to any other location but it may grant a license to a new applicant at the same location if the applicant files with the licensing authority a letter from the department of revenue and a letter from the department of unemployment assistance indicating that the license is in good standing with those departments and that all applicable taxes, fees and contributions have been paid.

(d) If a license granted pursuant to this act is cancelled, revoked or no longer in use, it shall be returned physically, with all of the legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to the licensing authority and the licensing authority may then grant the license to a new applicant at the same location under the same conditions as authorized in this act.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.