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Village of Ruidoso

Attn: Jini S. Turri, Village Clerk

313 Cree Meadows Dr.

Ruidoso, NM 88355

License No. | Appl. No.:           **Application #BLA-9216**  
Name of Applicant:               **LH Brewing, LLC**  
Doing Business As:               **Lost Hiker Brewing Co.**  
Proposed Location:               **2536 Sudderth, Ruidoso, NM 88345**

The Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division (ABC) has reviewed the referenced Application and granted **Preliminary Approval**. It is being forwarded to you for Local Option District approval or disapproval of the Liquor License Application.

**Notice of the Public Hearing** required by the Liquor Control Act shall be given by the governing body by publishing a notice of the date, time, and place of the hearing twice during the 30 days prior to the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation within the territorial limits of the governing body. The first notice must be published at least thirty (30) days before the hearing. Both publications must occur before a hearing can be conducted. The notice shall include:

- (A) Name and address of the Applicant/Licensee;
- (B) The action proposed to be taken;
- (C) The location of the licensed premises.

In addition, if the Local Option District has a website, **the Notice shall also be published on the website.**

While the law states that “within forty-five (45) days after receipt of a Notice from the Alcoholic Beverage Control, the governing body shall hold a Public Hearing in the question of whether the department should approve the proposed issuance or transfer”, we recognize the potential for conflict between the requirement for publication of 30 day notice and the 45 day hearing requirement.

With that in mind, when a local governing body receives a liquor license application from ABC, that governing body has a couple of options:

- 1) Hold a hearing on the license application within the statutory time frame of forty-five (45) days, as required by the Liquor Control Act, and comply with all other statutory and regulatory procedures and notify ABC of your decision within thirty (30) days of the hearing;
- 2) Request from ABC an extension of time, past the forty-five (45) days, designating how much additional time will be needed to conduct the hearing in compliance with all statutory and regulatory procedures. After the extension is granted and the hearing is held, notify ABC of your decision within thirty (30) days of the hearing;



ABC has no preference in the option you choose.

The governing body is required to send notice by certified mail to the Applicant of the date, time, and place of the Public Hearing. The governing body may designate a Hearing Officer to conduct the hearing. **A record shall be made** of the hearing.

**The Applicant is seeking a SMALL BREWER OFF-SITE LOCATION Liquor License.**

**Within thirty (30) days** after the Public Hearing, the governing body shall notify ABC of their decision to approve or disapprove the issuance or transfer of the license by signing the enclosed original Page 1 of the Application. The original Page 1 of the Application must be returned together with the notices of publication. **If the Governing Body fails to either approve or disapprove the issuance or transfer of the license within thirty days after the Public Hearing, the Director may issue the license.**

If the Governing Body disapproves the issuance or transfer of the license, it shall notify ABC within thirty (30) days setting forth the reasons for the disapproval. A copy of the Minutes of the Public Hearing shall be submitted to ABC with the Notice of Disapproval (*Page 1 of the Application, noting disapproval*).

Respectfully,

Tammy M. Sandoval

**Tammy M. Sandoval**

Admin Law Judge | Hearing Officer  
NM Regulation & Licensing Department  
Alcoholic Beverage Control Division  
Phone: (505) 476-4548 | Fax: (505) 476-4595  
Email: [Tammy.Sandoval@rld.nm.gov](mailto:Tammy.Sandoval@rld.nm.gov)

Enclosures:

1. Original Application (*Page 1 must be signed and returned LOD Approval Letter and both Notices of Publication*)
2. Copy of the Zoning Statement





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**Small Brewer Off-Site Intake Application**  
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**Business Information**

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Business Name: LH Brewing, LLC  
Business Structure: Limited Liability Company  
State Tax ID Number: XX-XXXXXX5-00-6  
Business Email: steve.swangstu@losthikerbrewing.com  
Type of Business: Alcohol  
FEIN: XX-XXX7425  
Business Phone: 5754549258

**Contact Person Information**

Contact Person Name: Steve Swangstu  
Contact Person Email: steve.swangstu@losthikerbrewing.com  
Contact Person Phone: 5754549258

**Business Mailing Address**

Mailing Street: 113 Grindstone Canyon Road  
Mailing State: NM  
Mailing Country: US  
Mailing City: Ruidoso  
Mailing Zip Code: 88345

**Local Option District Use Only:** Local Governing Body of \_\_\_\_\_ City, County, Village

Public Hearing held on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_ Please check one:  Approved  Disapproved

Signature of City/County Official: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**Alcoholic Beverage Control Division Use Only:**  Approved  Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by Director: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Premises Information**

**Premises DBA**

Premises Doing Business As (DBA): LOST HIKER BREWING CO.

**Proposed Premises Physical Address**

Physical Street: 2536 Sudderth

Physical City: Ruidoso

Physical Zip Code: 88345

Physical State: New Mexico

Physical County: Lincoln

Local Option District: Ruidoso

*"Local Option District" means a county that has voted to approve the sale, serving or public consumption of alcoholic beverages, OR an incorporated municipality that falls within a county that has voted to approve the sale, serving or public consumption of alcoholic beverages, OR an incorporated municipality of over five thousand population that has independently voted to approve the sale, serving or public consumption of alcoholic beverages under the terms of the Liquor Control Act or any former act.*

**Ownership**

**The land and building which is proposed to be the licensed premises is:** Other

*The following information is required to ensure the issuance of a license to this location will not result in the violation of a county or municipal ordinance.*

**Other (provide details):** In accordance with the purchase agreement, LH Brewing LLC will assume the lease currently held by Lost Hiker Brewing Co

**Specify Owner(s) of the land and building:** Jenny

**Specify Date and Terms of Lease/Operating Agreement:** No lease has been signed yet.

**Zoning**

Is the proposed premises location zoned? Yes

*You will be required to upload "Copy of Zoning Statement" issued by the local municipality or county. If not applicable, you will be required to upload "Copy of Zoning Statement" or Letter from local government to indicate that there is no zoning for the proposed location.*

Specify the zone for proposed premises location (example C-1): C-1

**Distance from nearest School**

Name of School: .Region Nine Education Cooperative

School Street: 2002 Sudderth

School City: .Ruidoso

School State: New Mexico

School Zip Code: 88345

School Country: United States

School Distance (in feet): More than 1000

*Specify the shortest direct line distance from the nearest point of the proposed premises to the nearest point of the property line of the school.*

**Distance from nearest Church**

Name of Church: River Crossing Ministries

Church Street: 1950 Sudderth

Church City: Ruidoso

Church State: New Mexico

Church Zip Code: 88345

Church Country: United States

Church Distance (in feet): More than 1000

*Specify the shortest direct line distance from the nearest point of the proposed premises to the nearest point of the property line of the church.*



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**Premises Information 2**

**Please specify the appropriate option for the premises that you have specified in the application?**

- A license has never been issued to the location of the proposed premises.
- A license was once issued to the location of the proposed premises but is no longer being operated at the location.
- Alcohol operations are currently being performed at the proposed premises by the applicant business.
- Alcohol operations are currently being performed at the proposed premises by a business other than the applicant business.

**Please provide more details for the option selected in above question?**

*You can specify more details such as license has become expired non-renewable, business ownership has changed, planning to extend operations of existing premises or planning to buy premises etc.*

Our business is in the process of purchasing the business that is currently operating at the proposed location.

Licenses at Proposed Premises

**Please specify the active New Mexico licenses currently held by the proposed premises.**

*If you need to view, edit, or delete any records, click the down arrow under action for that specific record.*

License Number: 69063

License Type: Small Brewer

**Questions**

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| Has the applicant business ever had a liquor license denied, suspended, revoked, surrendered, or had any other form of discipline or disciplinary action by a licensing agency in another state or jurisdiction? | No |
| Has the structure and/or ownership disclosure for the applicant business changed since last reported to the department?  | No |
| Does the applicant business own any (direct/indirect) interest in a liquor license?  | No |



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**Payment**

| <b>Fee Name</b>          | <b>Fee Amount</b> |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Application Fee          | 200.00            |
| Resident Agent Fee       | 50.00             |
| <b>Total Fee Amount:</b> | <b>250.00</b>     |

**Attestation/Oath**

Under penalty of perjury, I hereby depose and state that I am the person identified in this application and the information given by me is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any information contained in this application may be investigated and any false or dishonest answer to any question in this application may be grounds for denial or revocation of my license.

Attestation Signature: Steven Swangstu

Date: 04/08/2025