



## CLERK & RECORDER

Liquor Licensing  
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### GENERAL INFORMATION LIQUOR LICENSING IN MESA COUNTY

Colorado is a dual licensing authority for the State's licensed retailers and special event permittees. This means a license is required from both local government and the State for approval. Liquor licensing in Colorado requires retailers to first obtain license approval at the local government level. The Mesa County Clerk & Recorder is responsible for evaluating liquor license applications and issuing licenses within its jurisdiction. Individual municipalities, such as the City of Grand Junction and Town of Palisade, are the licensing authorities for their jurisdiction.

Background investigations of liquor license applicants typically include a review of the following:

- ✓ Criminal history for applicant and company officer/manager
- ✓ Liquor license violation history
- ✓ Ownership interests in other liquor industry members (Colorado has statutory ownership limitation)
- ✓ Department approval by Planning and Environmental Health

State of Colorado forms and publications can be obtained at the following website:

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/enforcement/apply-license-or-permit-liquor-enforcement-division>

### LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL

The State of Colorado Liquor Enforcement Division mails liquor license renewal forms approximately 90 days before the license expires. The renewal form and the State and County fees must be submitted to Mesa County Clerk and Recorder at least 45 days prior to the expiration date of the liquor license. If you have not received your renewal application from the State you can download one from the State's website at:

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/enforcement/liquor-tobacco-forms>