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**ABC COMMISSION VOTES NO ON NEW CLEVELAND ABC STORE & TAKES ACTION ON 48 PERMIT VIOLATIONS**

RALEIGH – The three-member North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission today heard from representatives of the Rowan-Kannapolis ABC Board and citizens requesting a new ABC store in the community of Cleveland. The Commission also heard from concerned citizens protesting the ABC store proposed for 11713 Statesville Boulevard. At the conclusion of the remarks, the Commission voted not to approve the store, based on concerns about the public’s health, safety and welfare.

The Commission also heard from representatives of the state association of ABC Boards, requesting that the Commission reduce the fees by 8 cents per case that boards pay for the storages and shipment of liquor. The Commission chose to make no changes to the fee, since a 10 cents per case fee reduction was put in place in August 2012.

In other action, the Commission levied more than \$57,000 in fines or suspensions of five days or more on representatives of 48 clubs, convenience stores, restaurants and other businesses holding permits to sell alcohol in North Carolina. Fines begin Jan. 3 and suspensions Jan. 10.

**ABOUT THE NC ABC COMMISSION**

North Carolina is one of 17 states to regulate alcohol through a control system. Since 1937, the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission has provided regulation and control over the sale, purchase, transportation, manufacture, consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages in the state of North Carolina. The Commission oversees permits allowing alcohol sales by more than 18,000 retail outlets across the state. <http://abc.nc.gov>.

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