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## N.C. Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission Approves Charlotte and Waynesville ABC Stores and Hears 89 Permit Violation Cases

**RALEIGH** -- The North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission approved the opening of new ABC stores in Charlotte and Waynesville and reviewed and took action on the 89 permit violation cases on the Commission's March meeting agenda.

The Mecklenburg ABC Board requested approval for an ABC store location at 3904 Colony Road, Charlotte, and the Waynesville ABC Board requested approval for a store at Dayco Street, Waynesville. The three-member commission voted unanimously to approve both requests.

During the March 17 session, the ABC Commission imposed penalties and fines totaling approximately \$106,800 on representatives of retail bars, restaurants, groceries and clubs found to be in violation of their permits. In addition to the fines, many of the violations resulted in suspensions of permits for five days or more. The fines are to be paid by April 9, 2010 with suspensions beginning April 16, 2010. Fines benefit the local school systems where the violations occurred.

Jonathan S. "Jon" Williams, serves as chairman of the N.C. Alcoholic Beverage Commission. A.D. "Zander" Guy and J.D. Lyon Jr., are commissioners. The three are charged with regulating alcohol sales throughout the state of North Carolina.

"It is important to remember that the ABC Commission issues and oversees 25,000 alcohol permits across the state of North Carolina. The violations that we review at each Commission meeting represent a very small minority of the total number of retailers and wholesalers who follow the law," said Jon Williams, chairman of the North Carolina ABC Commission.

### ABOUT THE ABC COMMISSION

North Carolina is one of 19 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 more than 25,000 permits allowing alcohol sales by more than 17,000 retail outlets across the state. In fiscal year 2009, the Commission returned more than \$250 million in taxes and revenue to benefit the General Fund and the budgets of local cities and counties that sell alcoholic beverages.

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