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## N.C. Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission Approves Wake County and Asheville ABC Stores and Hears 51 Permit Violation Cases

**RALEIGH** – At its regular monthly meeting, the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission today approved the location of a new ABC store in Wake County, the location of a replacement store in Asheville, and reviewed and took action on 51 permit violation cases.

The Wake County ABC Board requested approval for a store at 4007 Davis Drive, Morrisville. The Asheville ABC Board requested approval for a store at 650 Hendersonville Road, Asheville. The three-member Commission approved both requests unanimously.

During the April 15 session, the ABC Commission imposed penalties and fines totaling approximately \$65,400 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 May 7, 2010 with suspensions beginning May 14, 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.

"In making decisions about store locations and determining the fines and suspensions that are appropriate for violations of ABC laws and regulations, the state ABC Commission considers the health and safety of the residents of the state of North Carolina as well as the interests of local communities," said Jon Williams, chairman of the North Carolina ABC Commission. "The NC ABC Commission is the chief regulator of alcohol in the state, and it takes its responsibility and authority seriously."

### 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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