

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Are package stores/liquor stores allowed in Westwood?

NO

Are bars or taverns allowed in Westwood?

NO

Are “paint” bars allowed in Westwood?

NO

Can convenience stores sell alcohol?

NO

Can gas stations with convenience stores sell alcohol?

NO

How many and what kind of alcoholic beverages licenses are available in Westwood?

Please contact Janice Barba, Licensing Administrator at 781-320-1366 or jbarba@townhall.westwood.ma.us

What is the “quota system” and what is it based on?

The Massachusetts Liquor Control Act places a quota or limit on the number of alcoholic beverages licenses a city or town can issue. The quota is based on the population of the community as determined by the most recent Federal census.

Is the Town of Westwood obligated to grant a license if the quota has not been met?

No. The issuance of a liquor license is at the discretion of the Local Licensing Authority, (LLA) the Westwood Board of Selectmen.