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The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission is pleased to announce that we have created an application for a license to sell wine at a Farmer’s Market. This application can be found on our website at www.mass.gov/abcc, under the “Forms and Applications” button and “Special Licenses/ Permits” tab. As you are aware, this type of license is issued at the sole discretion of the Local Licensing Authorities, and does not require the approval of the ABCC.

We drafted the application in an attempt to assist you with these licenses, and it is modeled after our Farmer-Winery License Application. The use of this application is not required, but merely an additional tool to assist in simplifying your process. Its use is solely at the discretion of the Local Licensing Authorities, which may require any additional information that it believes is appropriate.

All applicants must submit a certification from the Department of Agricultural Resources that the Farmer’s Market, for which they are seeking a license, is an “agricultural event.” These licenses are not subject to the quota or limit on the number of section 15 licenses that otherwise exist in each city and town. These licenses cannot overlap any area or premises that is already covered by an existing license

We hope this application will be useful. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions. Ralph Sacramone can be reached at 617-727-3040 ext. 31. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

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