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## **Application for Extended Hours Waiver during NBA All-Star Weekend Now Available to Venues in the City of Cleveland**

*Places interested in serving alcohol until 4 a.m. from Feb. 18-21 must apply by 12 p.m. January 20*

CLEVELAND (Jan. 12, 2022) – The Local Organizing Committee for the 2022 NBA All-Star today announced the availability of an Extended Hours Waiver [application](#) related to the 2022 NBA All-Star. Under a state law passed leading up to Cleveland’s hosting of the 2016 Republican National Convention, venues in the City of Cleveland can apply for a waiver with the Ohio Division of Liquor Control to serve alcohol until 4 a.m. during the hosting of major events.

Completed [applications](#) for a waiver to be used from Feb. 18 – 21, 2022, must be submitted with all required information by 12 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 20. Applications must be emailed as a PDF, JPEG or PNG attached file to [request@clevelandports.org](mailto:request@clevelandports.org) (PLEASE NOTE: This is an exception to the standard process given the compressed timeline for review and approval.). Late submissions will not be accepted.

“While the deadlines initially outlined on the application have passed, the Local Organizing Committee has worked with the City of Cleveland and State of Ohio to extend the process in light of the continuing challenges faced by hospitality businesses as well as the change of administration in the City of Cleveland,” said David Gilbert, co-chair of the Local Organizing Committee and president and CEO of Greater Cleveland Sports Commission and Destination Cleveland. “We appreciate the State and new City of Cleveland administration’s flexibility and willingness to amend the standard process. Given the compressed timeline, it is imperative that businesses submit completed applications to [request@clevelandports.org](mailto:request@clevelandports.org) to be considered for the waiver.”

The Local Organizing Committee will submit all completed applications to the City of Cleveland for review; the City of Cleveland will then provide a list of recommended waiver recipients to the State of Ohio Division of Liquor Control. Businesses will be notified by the State if they are granted a waiver.

NBA All-Star 2022 comes to Cleveland as the NBA celebrates its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary season. The NBA All-Star Game will take place on Sunday, Feb. 20 at Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse. Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse will also host Clorox Rising Stars on Friday, Feb. 18 and State Farm All-Star Saturday Night on Saturday, Feb. 19.

NBA All-Star 2022 is supported by a local organizing committee that is responsible for fundraising, promoting and executing all All-Star related events in Northeast Ohio. Greater Cleveland Sports Commission, Destination Cleveland, the Cleveland Cavaliers, the City of Cleveland, Downtown Cleveland Alliance and many other local partners are collaborating to ensure the event is a success and delivers economic and reputational benefit to our region.

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