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Michigan Communities Receive \$181,000 in Local Licensing Fees From the Michigan Liquor Control Commission

Lansing, MI (**November 2009**)—Michigan municipalities received more than \$181,000 in licensing fees collected on their behalf by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) during the last quarter of the fiscal year.

Fees are collected whenever a liquor license application is approved. The money is distributed to the municipality in which the license is located to help defray the cost of local law enforcement.

Michigan municipalities have received more than \$6.28 million to help defray costs during this past fiscal year.

"The Michigan Liquor Control Commission is, by law, the wholesaler of all spirits sold in Michigan," said Nida Samona, Chairperson of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. "All profits and taxes collected from this wholesaling activity are returned to the people of Michigan through the transfer of various state funds, such as the School Aid Fund and Community Mental Health."

MLCC oversees the licensure and regulation of more than 27,000 retail licenses and 6,200 special licenses, including restaurants, bars, stores and clubs. To maintain the privilege of selling and serving alcohol, licensees are required by Michigan Liquor Control Code to renew their licenses annually.

In addition to the \$6.28 million distributed to Michigan municipalities, MLCC has distributed almost \$400,000 to alcoholism prevention programs around the state.

Established in 1933 at the end of Prohibition, the MLCC has been promoting responsible alcohol sales and service.

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