

December 5, 2003

Bill Lyons
Town of Rogersville
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Dear Bill,

You have asked about the number of on-premise beer permits in Rogersville and if that number can be raised. You have received an application for another permit and want to know what your options are.

As you know, the *Rogersville Code of Ordinances* specifies in Section 2-209(3) that Rogersville can only issue 2 on-premise beer permits.

I have spoken with Melissa Ashburn, *MTAS Legal Consultant* in Knoxville, and she told me that the Town can regulate the number of on-premise beer permits. They can lower the number or raise the number.

So if you want to issue another permit you will need to raise the number to at least 3. This will need to be done by ordinance (amending Section 2-209(3) by raising that number to at least 3).

I hope I have answered your question. If not or if I can be of any further assistance please feel free to call.

Sincerely,

Patrick Hardy
Municipal Management Consultant

cc: Melissa Ashburn