

PETITION

FOR LOCAL OPTION REFERENDUM ON THE QUESTION OF GRANTING LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE SALE OF LIQUOR IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN, CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA MAY 21, 2019

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, COUNTY OF CHESTER, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

We, the undersigned, all of whom are registered electors of the Township of Franklin, Chester County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, being equal to at least 25% of the highest vote cast for any office on the Township of Franklin ballot in the last preceding general election, respectfully petition your Honorable Board for a referendum on the question of granting liquor licenses for the sale of liquor in the Township of Franklin, Chester County, Pennsylvania, as provided in the Liquor Code Section 472, 47 P.S. 4-472. Said question to be submitted at a special local option election to be held on May 21, 2019 and further request that said election question be submitted on the official ballot and voting machines at such election. Said proceeding shall be in the manner and subject to the provisions of the election laws which relate to the signing, filing and adjudication of nomination petitions insofar as such provisions are applicable. Said question to be submitted shall be as follows:

DO YOU FAVOR THE GRANTING OF LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE SALE OF LIQUOR IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN?	YES
	NO

Talking Points:

- Currently alcoholic beverages cannot be purchased in restaurants or retail outlets in Franklin Township.
- The Board of Supervisors supports changing this policy in order to foster economic development in the Township; 1 liquor license would be permitted “by right” and would have to be approved by the PA Liquor Control Board.
- The policy can only be changed via a voter referendum which requires at least 558 signatures of registered voters to get the issue on the May 2019 ballot.
- If you are a registered voter, you can help by signing this petition so we can put the referendum on the May 2019 ballot. Please remember to vote in May.

Q&A

- 1. Who can sign the petition to put the referendum on the May 2019 ballot?**
Franklin Township residents who are 18 years and older and are registered voters can sign the petition.
- 2. Who can vote on the referendum in May?**
All Franklin Township registered voters, which includes Independents as well as Democrats and Republicans can vote on the referendum in May.
- 3. Who can collect signatures?**
Franklin Township residents who are 18 years or older and registered to vote can collect signatures.
- 4. Why does the Board want to make this change now?**
We see this as an opportunity to support economic development in the township. We want to help the community continue to flourish with the growth of small businesses such as restaurants and shops.
- 5. What will be the impact of this change to the community?**
If the limitation on the sale of alcoholic beverages was removed, 1 liquor license would be permitted “by right” and would have to be approved by the PA Liquor Control Board. The Board of Supervisors would have direct control over any additional licenses, assuring local control of the number of establishments that could be located in the Township. Approval by the PA Liquor Control Board would also be required for any additional licenses. A change in policy could potentially allow the existence of a fine dining restaurant in the Township.
- 6. How many liquor licenses can be anticipated?**
If the limitation on the sale of alcoholic beverages was removed, 1 liquor license would be permitted “by right” and would have to be approved by the PA Liquor Control Board. The Board of Supervisors would have direct control over any additional licenses, assuring local control of the number of establishments that could be located in the Township. Approval by the PA Liquor Control Board would also be required for any additional licenses.