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City of Branson Finance Department to Host "Responsible Alcohol Selling" Class

The Branson Finance Department will be holding another "Responsible Alcohol Selling" class on Thursday, December 3rd for restaurant managers, servers, cashiers and bartenders. This training is required of all businesses selling liquor in the city of Branson and those that are in the process of obtaining a liquor license. The session begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers of Branson City Hall, 110 West Maddux.

The Community Partnership of the Ozarks will be conducting the liquor training, which lasts approximately 1½ hours. The cost is $5 per person, payable at the time of the training.

Under city code, liquor license holders are required to provide alcohol education programs for all managers, servers, bartenders and cashiers that sell alcoholic beverages within 60 days of their hire date and every two years thereafter. The managing officer at each business is also required to maintain, at the liquor licensed location, a list of servers, cashiers and bartenders, their hire dates and the last dates of their attending an alcohol selling class.

The intent is to have more responsible sellers of alcohol to minimize the risks of selling to those under the age of 21 and intoxicated buyers. Although this class is designed to fulfill the training requirements for the City of Branson, servers and cashiers from neighboring communities are also welcome to attend.

For additional information on the training or the city's liquor ordinance, contact Carl Garrett, Branson's supervisor of licensing and tax compliance, at 417-337-8575.

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