Private Manufacturer Club

“Private manufacturer club” means an applicant or licensee which is also licensed as a distillery, mini-distillery, micro-distillery, winery, farm winery, brewery, or resident brewery that manufacturers liquor, wine, nonintoxicating beer, or nonintoxicating craft beer, which may be sold, served, and furnished to members and guests for on-premises consumption at the licensee’s licensed premises and in the area or areas denoted on the licensee’s floorplan, and which meets the criteria set forth in this subsection and which:

- Offers tours, may offer complimentary samples, and may offer space as a conference center or for meetings;
- Operates a restaurant and full kitchen with ovens, four-burner ranges, a refrigerator, or freezer, or some combination of a refrigerator and freezer, and other kitchen utensils and apparatus as determined by the commissioner on the licensed premises and serves freshly prepared food at least 15 hours per week;
- Maintains $500 of fresh food inventory capable of being prepared in the private manufacturer club’s full kitchen. Food inventory may not include television dinners, bags of chips, or similar products, microwavable meals, frozen meals, prepackaged foods, or canned prepared foods;
- Owns or leases, controls, operates, and uses acreage amounting to at least 1 acre which is contiguous bounded or fenced real property that would be listed on the licensee’s floorplan and may be used for large events such as weddings, reunions, conferences, meetings, and sporting or recreational events;
- Lists the entire property and all adjoining buildings and structures on the private manufacturer club’s floorplan that would comprise the licensed premises, which would be authorized for the lawful sale, service, and consumption of alcoholic liquors, nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer, and wine throughout the licensed premises, whether these activities were conducted in a building or structure or outdoors while on the private manufacturer club’s licensed premises.
- 100+ members;
- Uses an age verification system approved by the commissioner; and
- Meets and is subject to all other private club requirements.

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