

START YOUR BUSINESS. CHICAGO CRAFT BREWERY

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FIND A LOCATION

Finding a viable location for your craft brewery is now easier with the City's Site Selector. This interactive map displays everything from available space to community area profiles as well as incentive program filters (tax increment financing, enterprise zones, etc.). The Site Selector tool is free and available at siterelector.worldbusinesschicago.com

OBTAIN LICENSES

The State of Illinois' Liquor Control Commission issues two types of microbrewery licenses. The **Brew Pub Specialty Retail License** allows for the production of beer on a premise which can be sold to distributors, allowing for the storage and retail sale of up to 50,000 gallons per year. A **Craft Brewer License** allows for the manufacture of up to 930,000 gallons a year and sale to distributors and retailers.

Additional City issued business and liquor licenses are required for the sale of packaged goods, consumption on premises and any food / entertainment. Visit cityofchicago.org/SBC for complete requirements and application instructions.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- eHow – How to Start a Microbrewery in Illinois (Brew Pub Specialty Retail License & Craft Brewer License) at bit.ly/1QCqKTO.
- Illinois Liquor Control Commission – Forms and Applications (includes applications for Specialty Retailer & Craft Brewer's license) at www.illinois.gov/ilcc.
- CraftBeer.com (published by the Brewers Association) – Find a U.S. Brewery ("Choose a State" > select "Illinois" to find a listing within this comprehensive, continually-updated list of breweries online).
- Illinoisbeer.com (published by Illinois Craft Brewers Guild) – Includes a brew map showing craft beer manufacturers in Chicago and throughout Illinois.