

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY ARCHIVES**

**Guide to the Records of**

**RECORD GROUP 14: LIQUOR CONTROL**  
**1952-1994, 2003-2004**

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### **ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY**

The Montgomery County Department of Liquor Control functions as a department of the County government and exercises monopoly control over the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages in the County. In this sense it shares the rights and privileges the “control” states, having been granted the authority to purchase all wines and liquors directly from the manufacturers by the Maryland Courts in 1955. The Liquor Control Board was established in December 1933, following the end of nationwide Prohibition and a fifty-three year period of prohibition in the County. The Board controlled the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages and served as the Board of License Commissioners. In 1951 the Annotated Code of Maryland assigned the powers of the Liquor Control Board to the newly established Department of Liquor Control, and retained the Board of License Commissioners as a separate entity with the authority to issue licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages and to carry out inspection and enforcement activities. Initially the Department operated seven stores and generated total net sales of about \$5.6 million. Today the Department provides wholesale distribution of alcoholic beverages to twenty-four retail stores throughout the county.

### **EXTENT**

One cubic foot (1 record box)

### **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection contains printed material dating from 1952 to 2004 documenting the activities of the Department, including brochures, reports, budget materials, policies, and other publications. Material is arranged in chronological order and alphabetically within each year.

These documents are arranged in two series:

Series I: Alcoholic Beverage Laws

Series II: Other Printed Material

### **RELATED MATERIAL**

For additional information about liquor control in Montgomery County, see the following Record Groups and Record Titles:

#### **Record Group 15: Boards, Committees and Commissions**

Records of the Merit System Protection Board

Series IV, Subseries 1: Liquor Control Department Investigation, 1979-1982

Records of the Alcoholic Beverages Advisory Board, 1977-1990

### **USING THESE RECORDS**

To request records listed in this finding aid, the following information should be given to the archivist:

Record Group 14, **Liquor Control Printed Material**, Series Number and Name, Box Number and Folder Title(s).

The preferred citation for materials from these records is:

Montgomery County Archives; Gaithersburg, Maryland. Record Group 14: Liquor Control.  
Records Title: Printed Material of Record Group 14. Series number and series name. Box  
number and folder title, if appropriate.

**LANGUAGE**

English

**PROVENANCE**

The collection was culled from various accessions of printed material.

**PROCESSING PROCEDURES**

General processing procedures consisted of discarding duplicates, unnecessary binders, and routine transmittals.

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**BOX INVENTORY**

**Series I: Alcoholic Beverage Laws, 1952-1980 (non-inclusive)**

**Box 1**

Alcoholic Beverages Laws, Montgomery County, Maryland, 1952, 1958, 1961  
Report of the Montgomery County Citizens Study Commission on Alcoholic Beverage Laws,  
1964  
Laws on Alcoholic Beverages, [1972]  
Laws on Alcoholic Beverages, 1980

**Series II: Other Printed Material, 1961-2004 (non-inclusive)**

**(Box 1, Cont.)**

Financial Statements and Supplementary Information Year Ended 30 June 1961, 1961  
Summary of Studies of the Department of Liquor Control. Montgomery County, Maryland,  
conducted by the Liquor Advisory Board, 1969  
Report of the Ad Hoc Committee to Study Wine Sales Operations of the Department of Liquor  
Control, 1970  
Alcoholic Beverages Advisory Board, Public Hearing, 1977  
FY 80 Budget Request, 1978  
FY 1981 Operating Budget, 1979  
29 Years of Responsible Service to Montgomery County, Maryland, 1980  
Audit Committee Report on the Operations Review of the Montgomery County Department of  
Liquor Control, 1981  
Cost Comparison of DLC (Department Liquor Control) With Those of Other Jurisdictions  
That Control Sales of Alcoholic Beverages, 1981  
Department of Liquor Control System Requirements, Volume I (2 folders), 1981  
Department of Liquor Control System Requirements, Volume II (3 folders), 1981  
Report on Findings Related to a Review of the Special Consultant's Study of Department of  
Liquor Control Practices, 1981  
A Study of Alcoholic Beverage Control in Montgomery County (The Institute of Governmental  
Service), 1983  
Liquor Control Policies, [ca. 1986]  
Administrative Review to Assess the Feasibility of Contracting Elements of the Department of  
Liquor Control, Final Report, 1991  
Report of the Task Force to Monitor and Evaluate a Pilot Test of Contracting Department of  
Liquor Control Retail Stores and to Consider Further Privatization and Contracting  
Strategies for Department of Liquor Control Operations, 1993  
Department of Liquor Control, Business Plan, 1994  
Annual Reports, 2003, 2004