

Elections and Boundaries Department
Belize City

18th February 2015

NOTICE

**RESTRICTION ON SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR ON
ELECTION DAY**

The Elections and Boundaries Department wishes to draw the attention of the general public and liquor licence holders to section 146 of the **Cities and Town Councils Acts and S.I. No.'s 32 and 33 of 2009** which states that every person who is the holder of any liquor licence authorizing the sale of intoxicating liquor in any premises maintained solely for that purpose shall take all necessary steps to cause such premises to be closed to the public on election day, between the hour appointed for the opening of the poll, that is, 7:00 a.m. **4th March 2015, and the completion of counting of ballot papers.**

The law further provides that any person who is the holder of any hotel licence, special hotel licence, restaurant licence or licence to sell liquor in any premises, not solely maintained for that purpose, granted under the provisions of any Act authorizing the sale of intoxicating liquor shall take all necessary steps to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquor at any time upon election day between the hour appointed for the opening of the poll **and the completion of counting of ballot papers.**

A breach of this section by any person is an offence and **a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars.**

(JOSEPHINE TAMAI)
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