

# **Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission**

Houston Region 3



# TABC's Role

TABC regulates all phases of the alcoholic beverage industry in Texas, including:

- Sales
- Taxation
- Importation
- Manufacturing
- Transporting
- Advertising

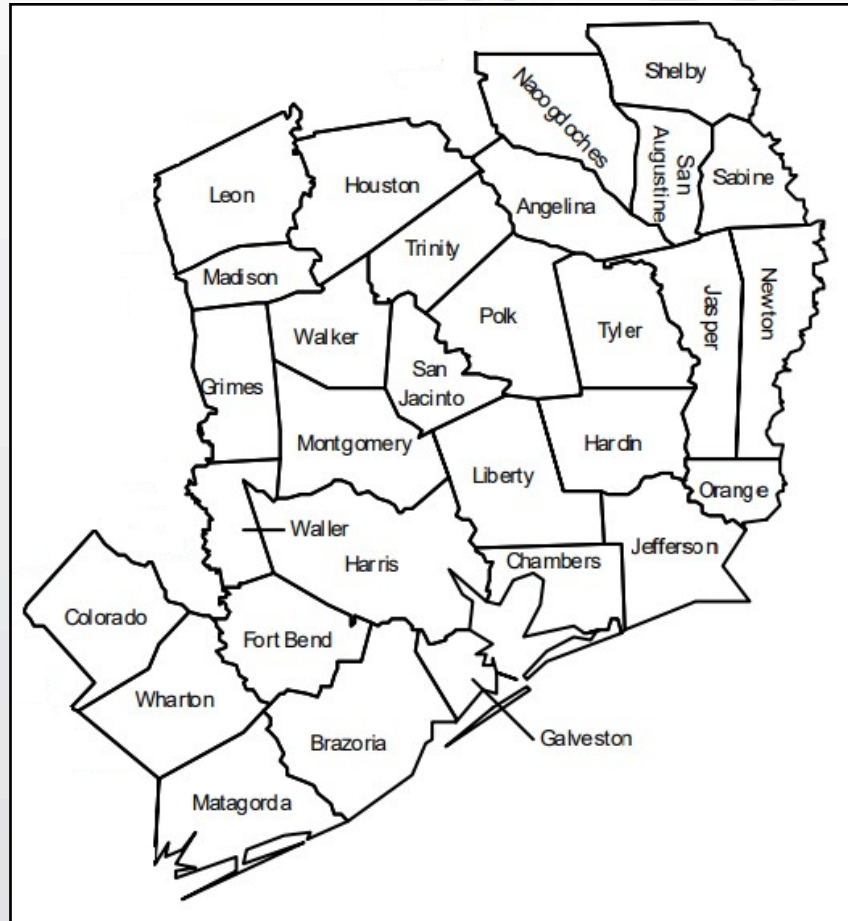


# TABC Field Divisions

- Licensing
- Audit and Investigations
- Enforcement
- Ports of Entry
- Legal



# Region 3



# Houston Region Statistics

Statistics reflect the following time periods:

- **Last year:** May 22, 2019 – Sept. 30, 2019
- **During COVID-19:** May 22, 2020 – Sept. 30, 2020



# Complaint Investigations

	City of Houston		Houston Region		Statewide	
Division	2019	COVID-19	2019	COVID-19	2019	COVID-19
Audit	227	258	399	453	1,025	1,400
Enforcement	286	445	536	867	2,274	3,023
Total	513	703	935	1,320	3,299	4,423



# Investigations Related to Governor's Orders

Division	City of Houston	Houston Region	Statewide
Audit	200	356	1,138
Enforcement	273	551	1,675
Total	473	907	2,813



# Emergency Orders Issued

Division	City of Houston	Houston Region	Statewide
Audit	3	3	8
Enforcement	16	44	182
Total	19	47	190





# Noise Complaints

- Since TABC is a state agency, we do not possess the statutory authority to enforce city ordinances. (Texas Administrative Code § 101.62 was repealed.)



# Protests

- Types of applications that can be protested:
  - Original
  - Reinstatement
  - Change of location
  - Renewal (*only by public officials*)



# Protests

- Types of permits and licenses that can be protested:
  - Brewpub License (BP)
  - Mixed Beverage Permit (MB)
  - Private Club Registration Permit (N)
  - Retail Dealer's On-Premise License (BE)
  - Wine and Beer Retailer's Permit (BG)



# Protest Policy Guidelines

- If applicant is seeking a Food and Beverage Certificate (FB):
  - Application **cannot** be protested [Protest Policy 4.3 (c) (2)]
- If primary business is a “*sexually-oriented business*”:
  - Application **can** be protested despite the FB and even if it’s a renewal [Protest Policy 4.3 (c) (2)]



# Who Can Protest?

- Citizens who live within 300 feet of the proposed premises (N/MB/BP/BE/BG) unless the business also applies for a Food and Beverage Certificate (FB).
- Public officials can protest any type of application for any type of permit or license. These include:
  - \*Mayor
  - \*City attorney
  - \*Chief of police
  - \*Sheriff
  - \*County judge
  - \*City council member
  - \*City marshal
  - \*County/district attorney



# Contact Information

- TABC website: [tabc.texas.gov](http://tabc.texas.gov)
- File a complaint or protest: [tabc.texas.gov/contact-us/file-a-complaint-protest/](http://tabc.texas.gov/contact-us/file-a-complaint-protest/)
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