



Administrative Regulations

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Issue 1

Subject: Policy and Procedures Relating to the Serving and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages in Designated Public Facilities.

I. PURPOSE:

To define and clarify City policy relating to the serving and consumption of alcoholic beverages in designated public facilities.

II. SCOPE:

This regulation is applicable to all City departments and offices directly responsible to the City Manager. It is also being distributed to elected offices and semi-autonomous departments for informational purposes.

III. POLICY:

In accordance with the provisions of Municipal Code Sections 4150.1 - 4150.4, alcoholic beverages may not be sold, served, and/or consumed on public property or in any City owned facility except upon premises which have been licensed by the State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control; and when authorized by the City Council through an agreement with a concessionaire or contractor.

- Examples of areas or facilities where alcoholic beverages may be served and consumed, if authorized by contract, include the Long Beach Convention & Entertainment Center, the Long Beach Airport, the municipal golf courses, and hotels/motels and restaurants located on City-owned land.

The sale, serving and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages are prohibited in or upon any beach, park and recreation center in accordance with the provisions of Municipal Code Section 4150.5. In accordance with the provisions of Municipal Code Section 4150.6, beer, wine and champagne may be served, dispensed, furnished and consumed upon the premises of the following public facilities under circumstances which do not require a permit or license from the State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, and provided that the requirements of all applicable laws, rules or regulations are met:

- (a) Long Beach Museum of Art;
- (b) Rancho Los Cerritos;
- (c) Rancho Los Alamitos;
- (d) Wightman Theater in the Recreation Headquarters Building;
- (e) Long Beach Art Association Gallery in the Recreation Headquarters Building lobby; and
- (f) Main Library

Department heads in charge of the City-owned facilities listed above may authorize the sale, serving and/or consumption of beer, wine or champagne for events to be held on those premises, in accordance with the basic authorization contained in Municipal Code Section 4150.6. It is not necessary to obtain Councilmanic approval, provided that only beer, champagne or wine are to be sold, served and/or consumed at such events.

The City Council has affirmed its policy that the provisions of Municipal Code Section 4150.6 do not apply to requests for the sale, serving and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages (other than beer, wine or champagne) in the six premises listed above.

If and when a community organization requests the use of the six aforementioned facilities for an event at which alcoholic beverages (other than beer, wine or champagne) are to be sold, served and/or consumed, the approval of the City Council must be obtained prior to the group filing an application with the State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control for a one day on-sale general license. The sale, serving and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages (other than beer, wine or champagne) on the aforementioned premises are, of course, contingent upon the granting of such a license by the State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

IV. PROCEDURES:

The sale, serving and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages in any City-owned facility licensed by the State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control are governed by the conditions of the license, as well as by the terms and conditions of the City's agreement with the lessee or concessionaire who has been granted the license.

If a community organization desires to sell or serve beer, wine or champagne at an event in the six City-owned facilities listed earlier in this AR, it shall apply directly to the concerned department head, who has the authority, in accordance with Municipal Code Section 4150.6, to grant permits for use of such public facilities.

If a community group desires to sell or serve alcoholic beverages (other than beer, wine or champagne) at an event in the six City-owned facilities listed earlier in this AR, it shall apply directly to the City Council for the necessary approval, after first determining that the desired facility is available on the date requested. If Councilmanic approval is granted, the community organization shall then apply to the State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control for issuance of a one-day on sale general license. If granted such a license, the community organization shall submit this license to the concerned City department as evidence of its right to sell or serve alcoholic beverages at the planned event for which it is to be issued a permit.