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Guidance on Alcoholic Beverages at City Facilities

Alcoholic beverages ARE NOT PERMITTED in any City park or playground. Alcoholic beverages are only permitted through the rental process according to the guidance shown below. For questions, contact our office at 910-363-0018.

The City of Boiling Spring Lakes follows the guidance shown below from the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission.

NON-TICKETED EVENTS

Non-ticketed events are events where there is no money exchanged between the renter and guests. You may not charge admission, have cash bars, sell tickets in advance or collect money at any event at which alcohol is served (Example: Wedding Receptions, Family Reunion, Birthday Parties, etc.)

- A bartender is required and responsible for the serving of all alcoholic beverages - no self serve is permitted.
- If only wine or beer is served at your function there is no ABC permit required.
- If spirituous liquor or fortified wine is served, a "Special Occasions Permit" is required by the State of North Carolina. <https://abc.nc.gov/Permit/QualificationLSO/>
- Any event wishing to have alcohol (Beer, Wine, and/or Liquor) at a City facility, requires an off-duty officer from BSL or Brunswick County. Charges will be paid in advance by the renter to the City. One officer per 100 people / \$35 per officer / per hour with a 3 hour minimum).
- If the event includes a cash bar, the renter is responsible for hiring a certified bartender or caterer that has an off-premise ABC license to provide bar services. Evidence of certification or off-premise license and proof of insurance with the City of Boiling Spring Lakes listed as additional insured is required 2 weeks before your event.
- If the renter is providing the alcohol to guests attending a wedding reception, birthday party, or similar event, at no cost (eg: open bar), the renter can purchase and provide evidence of a \$1,000,000 general liability special event policy in lieu of hiring a bartender or caterer. The **City of Boiling Spring Lakes** must be listed as an additional insured.

TICKETED EVENTS

A Ticketed-event is a function where tickets have been sold or money is required from your guest in order to attend, participate, eat or drink at your function.

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- The renter is responsible for hiring a certified bartender or caterer that has an off-premise ABC license to provide bar services. Evidence of certification or off-premise license and proof of insurance with the City of Boiling Spring Lakes listed as additional insured is required 2 weeks before your event.
- In order to serve alcohol at a ticketed event the organization must acquire a "limited special one-time permit" by the state of North Carolina and must be classified as a non-profit or political event. Brown bagging is permitted only with a Special One-Time Permit. Again, this is only issued to non-profit or political organizations.
- <https://abc.nc.gov/Permit/QualificationSOTNP/>
- Any event wishing to have alcohol (Beer, Wine, and/or Liquor) at a City facility, requires an off-duty officer from BSL or Brunswick County. Charges will be paid in advance by the renter to the City. One officer per 100 people / \$35 per officer / per hour with a 3 hour minimum).

Reminders for any events serving alcohol:

The renter must be aware that the legal drinking age in the state of North Carolina is 21 years of age. Self-serving of alcoholic beverages is NOT permitted.

One bartender for every 100 guest is recommended.

No glass bottles are permitted to be served; cans only. Glass bottles may be used to pour and serve guests only.

Open containers may NOT leave the Community Center building - Outdoor drinking is not permitted!

The bartender will close the bar 30 minutes before the event ends.

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Please be a responsible host and provide drivers or rideshare numbers if service is needed.