

Aurora Liquor Informational Bulletin

This is the fourth edition of City of Aurora Liquor Licensee informational bulletin. If you know of others that would benefit from subscribing, please forward them this link:

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/kJWE3xN/liquor>

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Renewals

Make sure to pay attention to emails from noreply@auroragov.org. This email address sends official notifications regarding your liquor license. All renewals are now processed electronically. Please watch your email 90 days prior to the expiration date of your license for an informative email regarding the renewal process. Submit your renewal as soon as possible, don't risk your license or an extra \$1,000 in late fees.

Make sure to print out your new license and post it in your business. Expired licenses of any type are required to be removed by law. Post the license in a place that is visible and readable by your patrons.

Note that processing of applications by the State Liquor Enforcement Division is still substantially delayed.

Amusement Device License Repealed

Aurora City Council provided final approval of ordinance 2022-34 which repeals the amusement device license requirement. This means that pool tables, juke boxes and arcade games are no longer required to obtain license. Amusement devices that reimburse the operator in prizes, crypto currency or cash more than the operator put into the device remain illegal. Coin pushers dispensing quarters are prohibited. However, crane games are allowed when dispensing prizes of nominal value. Colorado liquor rule 47-922(d) requires that licensees maintain operating manuals and vendor contracts on their premises for any devices that are on their premises and shall allow inspectors to access the interiors of any machine or device.

Gambling

Gambling in a liquor licensed premise is a felony in addition to a license violation. In order for something to be illegal gambling all three elements of

RISK, CHANCE, REWARD must be present. So a poker game is allowed if there are prizes as long as entry to play is free. Truly social games such as football squares are generally allowed when they are secondary entertainment for the patrons of the business, whether or not it is a social game will depend on subjective factors such as if the business advertised it and the value involved. The business should never take a cut of the proceeds. Bingos and raffles with entry fees can only be held by non-profit entities licensed by the Secretary of State. Bona fide games of skill such as darts are not considered gambling as there is no element of chance.

New Liquor Store Spacing Reduced

Aurora City Council also provided a reduction in liquor store spacing in the city's zoning code to match the state law of 1,500 feet for new liquor stores.

Statewide Initiatives

It is increasingly likely that two statewide initiatives regarding alcohol will be on the November ballot. Initiative 121 would allow for fermented malt beverage off premise licensees to also sell wine. Initiative 122 would allow for third party delivery of alcoholic beverages. The status and text of the initiatives can be found on the Colorado Secretary of State's website:

<https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/Initiatives/titleBoard/index.html>

Quick Links: Applications, Outdoor Dining, Takeout Permits

- [City application checklists and forms](#)
- [Guide for temporary outdoor restaurant and retail](#)
- [Takeout and delivery permits from the state \(DR8496\)](#)
- [City liquor licensing page and past newsletters](#)
- [Aurora South Metro Small Business Development Center](#)

Good Things To Know

1. Sales of single cigarettes are illegal. Cigarette sales require a State retail tobacco license.
2. Beer and Wine licensees cannot possess spirituous liquors on their premises at any time.
3. Rose in a glass tube pipes are used for cocaine or meth pipes and we are issuing tickets for sale of drug paraphernalia. Knowingly selling these knowing what they are is not being a good neighbor.
4. Along those lines, be a good neighbor and consider your role in the community as it will benefit your bottom line in the long run.

Other Aurora Newsletters

The city also has several other newsletters that you may be interested in that you can sign up for at the following links:

https://www.auroragov.org/city_hall/media___news_updates/newsletters

and one specifically for businesses at

<https://www.AuroraGov.org/BusinessEmails>.