

Aurora Liquor Informational Bulletin

This is the seventh edition of City of Aurora Liquor Licensee informational bulletin. Want to see prior editions? They are on the website at auroragov.org/liq. 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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Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine Licenses

On March 1, 2023 Fermented Malt Beverage licensees will automatically be permitted to sell wine as part of their licenses. New state and local licenses with the updated title will be issued automatically over several weeks. **City licenses are emailed from the portal**, so make sure we have your correct email or if you change your email, get that updated.

A modification of premises application is needed if you substantially change or modify your premises. If you are simply adding wine to your alcohol sales area or have a temporary display, no modification is needed.

For more information on the change and when a modification may be needed please refer to the state state liquor bulletin 22-04 here:

<https://sbg.colorado.gov/liquor-tobacco-bulletin-board>

The state is also offering a virtual training session on February 8th with more information available in the bulletin listed above.

State Liquor Advisory Group

At the direction of the governor, the State has convened an advisory group to generate a special report with recommendations and statutory opportunities to modernize, clarify, and harmonize the state liquor law. The advisory group has formed and has had two meetings. The third meeting is February 2nd. A webpage with minutes, recordings, agenda and opportunity for public comment was established by the State at this link:

<https://sbg.colorado.gov/liquor-advisory-group>

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month

January is Human Trafficking Awareness month. To learn more about what is human trafficking, common myths and misconceptions, and a hotline for reporting trafficking, visit the Laboratory to Combat Human Trafficking at

<https://combathumantrafficking.org/about-human-trafficking/>

ATM Burglaries

We are seeing an uptick in burglaries and specifically those targeting ATMs. Consider avoiding advertising an ATM in your business and also consider keeping out of site from the exterior. If you do have one, remove the cash each night and consider having a sign that no cash is left on premises. The burglars are able to break into the cash storage or steal the ATM altogether. Alcohol and smoking products are also stolen. We recommend having security cameras to provide evidence to PD and having at least 14 days of video retention. Some businesses place the empty cash drawers at an angle that it can be seen from windows to show there is no cash in the business.

Occupational Privilege Tax Repeal 2025

City Council gave approval for the repeal of the city's employment occupational privilege tax starting January 1, 2025. Additional information will be sent out through the city's tax portal as that date approaches. Until then this tax will still need to be collected and paid.

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. State and Local inspectors are working together to conduct weekly minor stings. We are still seeing failures. Check IDs for all liquor and tobacco sales. If the patron does not provide an ID, don't take their word for their age, don't sell.
2. Football squares or football pools are likely considered a legal social event as long as they are secondary to the business and the bar does not take a cut nor advertise it to draw in new customers.
3. Payment of state and local taxes are a requirement of a liquor license. Maintain an email address on the city's tax portal so you get notification of missed filings.

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>.