

# ALCOHOL POLICY

## City of Longview - Parks

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### CURRENT PARK CODE:

Park Code (**LMC 13.01.190 – Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages in public parks**) states that it is unlawful for any person to consume or possess any unsealed or opened container of alcoholic beverage in a public park; provided, this prohibition shall not apply to organized groups which have secured a permit from the director and, if required, from the Washington State Liquor Control Board.

### POLICY

The consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited at all City of Longview Parks and other outdoor public places, unless a Special Event Permit or Private Park Rental Permit has been awarded, permission for serving and consuming of alcohol has been granted, the event takes place within an approved site, and the subsequent conditions laid out within the following sections are followed.

#### SECTION 1: CONDITIONS

Any person, group, or organization seeking to host an event at City of Longview Parks at which alcohol will be consumed must meet the following conditions prior to approval:

- Applicant is required to submit a "*Parks and Recreation*" Special Event Application or Park Rental Application, Request to Serve Alcohol Application, and all accompanying documentation to the Parks and Recreation Department Office a minimum of 60 days prior to the event.
- Special Event applicants are required to submit a "*City of Longview*" Special Event Permit through the City Engineering Department to begin coordination with other departments such as street, fire, garbage, and police, etc.
- Permitted Site: Beer, wine, and champagne are only allowed to be served at R.A. Long Park

#### SECTION 2: PERMITTING

Any person, group, or organization seeking to host an event at City of Longview Parks at which alcohol will be consumed must meet the following conditions prior to permitting:

- Applicant must submit a signed Special Event Application or Private Event Application and pay applicable fees.
- A Request to Serve Alcohol Application must be submitted and is required to have:
  - a. A detailed site map which must include:
    - i. Clearly identifiable alcohol serving areas (must be enclosed areas with minimum barrier height of 60 inches)

- ii. Show specific location of all structures, fire lanes, streets, alleys, fencing (indicating location of exits and gates)
  - iii. Show specific location of all of tents or temporary structures, including dimensions (if applicable)
  - iv. Vendors, food trucks, merchandise areas (if applicable)
  - v. Stage location and sizes (if applicable)
- b. A security plan that provides control entry/exit point(s) to prevent minors from access to the serving consumption areas
- c. Any other pertinent details about areas applicable for event.
- d. Remit any applicable fees for serving alcohol

- Anyone who wishes to serve and/or sell alcoholic beverages at designated permitted site must complete and adhere to a Serving Alcohol Agreement Form which stipulates that conditions under which alcohol beverages may be served and/or sold and consumed.
- *Special Event Permit* holder is required to obtain a Special Occasion License from the Washington State Liquor Control Board, post the Special Occasion License during the event, and adhere to all its conditions.
  - a. You must be a non-profit organization to charge for alcoholic beverages. It is against the law to allow a third party (i.e.: promoter) to run an event on behalf of a non-profit in exchange for a percentage of the profits. Allowing a third party to collect part of the proceeds or take a percentage of the proceeds could prevent your nonprofit from obtaining future Special Occasion Licenses.
  - b. Alcohol beverages to be served and/or sold are limited to beer, wine, and champagne.
    - i. Beer, wine, or champagne may not be sold below cost.
    - ii. Beer, wine, or champagne may not be given as awards or gifts.
- *Park Rental Permit* holder is required to obtain a Banquet Permit from the Washington State Liquor Control Board, post the Banquet Permit during the event, and adhere to all its conditions below.
  - a. Attendance must be by invitation only
  - b. The event may not be open or advertised to the public to include social media
  - c. Liquor must be free of charge, or brought by individuals attending the event. No separate or additional charge may be made for liquor, and donations cannot be accepted
  - d. The event cannot be for business promotions
  - e. Liquor must be purchased from a retail store at full retail price
  - f. Package deals are allowed that may include, for example, the cost of dinner, liquor and entertainment. To ensure participants receive an equal share, tickets exchangeable for drinks may be issued as part of the package price. No profit may be made from the packaged deals
- Secure either "Host Liquor Liability" or "Liquor Liability Insurance" identifying the City of Longview as an additional insured for primary and non-contributory limits of liability of \$1,000,000 commercial general liability insurance per occurrence combined single limits, \$2,000,000 aggregate unless waived by the city.

## SECTION 3: APPROVAL PROCESS

Applicants submit a Parks and Recreation Special Event or Park Rental Application and Request to Serve Alcohol Application explaining the nature of the event, site plan, security plan, and the circumstances in which alcohol is proposed to be served and all applicable fees 60 days prior to the event.

The Department will provide additional feedback, request further information, or provide an approval or denial of the application within five business days.

- **New Special Events** will be subject to recommendation by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – please note the board meets on the third Monday of each month and your organization will need plan accordingly to remain within the timeline needed to secure all permitting.

The Organization or Individual will then obtain the certificates of insurance required for the event, apply for the Special Occasion License or Banquet Permit, and provide all copies to the City 30 days prior to the event.

The Director of Parks and Recreation reserves the right to 1) decline an applicant's request for a Special Event Permit or Park Rental Permit, and 2) limit the number of Special Event Permits issued per site.

Sites may be added to the Special Event Permit list by the Director of Parks and Recreation, only if a request is received from a City Council Member or the public, and only after an open community process (which includes but is not limited to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and registered neighborhood organizations) is performed to introduce the potential new site and solicit feedback and recommendations.

Once all conditions have been satisfactorily met the City of Longview and/or the Parks and Recreation Department will issue a Special Event or Park Rental Permit for the event.

## SECTION 4: EVENT REQUIREMENTS

### **Public Event Requirements:**

Any person, group, or organization seeking to host a public event at City of Longview Parks at which alcohol will be consumed must agree to the following conditions by signing the Agreement to Serve Alcohol Form during the special event unless a permit stating otherwise has been secured from the director:

- The event coordinator (or the person designated in writing by the event coordinator at least two weeks prior to the event) will attend the event for its entire duration, be the designated contact person for City staff, and be responsible for making decisions regarding the operation of the event.
- No one working at the event may consume alcohol. This includes all volunteers or employees of the nonprofit, manufacturers, distributors, caterers, or vendors.
- The City may require the event coordinator to meet with staff on location prior to the start of the event to ensure all conditions of the Special Event Permit and Serving Alcohol Agreement have been met.

- No one under the age of 21 will be allowed in the alcohol permitted area.
- Outside alcohol prohibited except for what is permitted in the Alcohol Request Application.
- Food must be available for free or for purchase during event when alcohol is served.
- Fencing around areas that serve alcohol must be at least 60 inches tall.
- The City requires those serving alcohol to be trained alcohol servers for the event. For the purpose of these Guidelines, “trained alcohol server” means any person holding a valid Washington State Mandatory Alcohol Server Training (MAST) Permit from the Washington State Liquor Control Board.
- The City may provide a facility attendant to be the designated contact person for the City.
- The City requires the event coordinator provides reasonable security measures for the duration of the event agreed upon prior to the event. The event coordinator will be responsible for providing and paying for all security measures required by the City.
- Event coordinators may only serve alcohol during the hours defined on the Special Event Permit and the serving of alcohol must end ½ hour prior to the established end time of your event.
- Event coordinators must publicly display your Special Occasion License during the event and adhere to all its conditions.
- A minimum of two (2) people from your organization will check identification of ALL attendees. No one will be allowed within the event area without identification. A sign should be placed at the entrance that states “Entrance Prohibited to anyone born on \_\_\_\_ or after” to know the birthdate of anyone of legal age.
- There should be one public entrance and egress into the event (excluding emergency exits) to ensure proper requirements are adhered to.
- Attendees into your event (whether a free or paid ticket event) are required to have a non-removable wristband to indicate that their ID has been checked.
- Alcohol is not permitted within the park system and is not allowed to be taken from the alcohol permitted site. A sign posted “NO ALCOHOL BEYOND THIS POINT” must be posted at the exit.
- At least one portable restrooms and one handwashing station must be inside the area serving alcohol. Other requirements may be requested by the Special Event Permit.

#### **Private Event Requirements:**

Any person, group, or organization seeking to host a private event at City of Longview Parks at which alcohol will be consumed must agree to the following conditions by signing the Agreement to

Serve Alcohol Form during the park rental unless a permit stating otherwise has been secured from the director:

- The event coordinator (or the person designated in writing by the event coordinator at least two weeks prior to the event) will attend the event for its entire duration, be the designated contact person for City staff, and be responsible for making decisions regarding the operation of the rental.
- No one working at the event may consume alcohol. This includes all volunteers or employees of caterers or other vendors hired for the rental.
- The City may require the event coordinator to meet with staff on location prior to the start of the rental to ensure all conditions of the Banquet Permit and Serving Alcohol Agreement have been met.
- Outside alcohol prohibited except for what is permitted in the Alcohol Request Application.
- Fencing around areas that serve alcohol must be at least 60 inches tall.
- The City may require trained alcohol servers for the event and may specify a minimum number of trained alcohol servers to work the event. For the purpose of these Guidelines, "trained alcohol server" means any person holding a valid Washington State Mandatory Alcohol Server Training (MAST) Permit from the Washington State Liquor Control Board. The requirement for the trained alcohol servers is at the discretion of the Parks and Recreation Department.
- The City may provide a facility attendant to be the designated contact person for the City.
- The City requires the event coordinator to provide reasonable security measures for the duration of the event agreed upon prior to the event. The event coordinator will be responsible for providing and paying for all security measures required by the City.
- Event coordinators may only serve alcohol during the hours defined on the Banquet Permit and the serving of alcohol must end  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour prior to the established ending time of your event.
- Event coordinators must publicly display your Banquet Permit during the event and adhere to all its conditions.
- There should be one entrance and egress into the event (excluding emergency exits) to ensure proper requirements are adhered to.
- Alcohol is not permitted within the park system and is not allowed to be taken from the alcohol permitted site. A sign posted "NO ALCOHOL BEYOND THIS POINT" must be posted at the exit.
- At least one portable restroom and one handwashing station must be inside the area serving alcohol. Other requirements may be requested by the Special Event Permit.

## **SECTION 5: APPLICATIONS**

### Public Events:

- Longview Parks and Recreation Department Special Event Application
- City of Longview Special Event Application
- Request to Serve Alcohol Application
- Washington State Liquor Control Board Special Occasion License
- Insurance with City of Longview Additionally Insured Private Events

### Private Events:

- Longview Parks and Recreation Department Park Rental Application
- Request to Serve Alcohol Application
- Washington State Liquor Control Board Banquet Permit
- Insurance with City of Longview Additionally Insured