



# Responsible Alcohol Service for Lafayette Parish

## Server Responsibility

As a Server of alcohol in the state of Louisiana, it is your responsibility to adhere to the local ordinance governing the sale and service of alcohol and tobacco. Ordinances may change so check with your local jurisdiction for the most recent ordinances.

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## Lafayette Parish

### Hours of Operation

#### On-Premise License Holders

In Lafayette Parish, businesses with an On-Premise consumption license may not sell beverages of more than 6% alcohol by volume between the hours of 2 a.m. Sunday and 6 a.m. Monday. On Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, no alcohol may be sold between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. Businesses with an On-premise consumption license may not sell beverages of less than 6% alcohol by volume between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. every day. Full-service, sit-down restaurants may apply for an exception that allows them to sell alcohol between the noon and midnight on Sundays. Businesses with an On-Premise consumption license may not allow alcohol to be consumed at the business between the hours of 2:30 a.m. and 6 a.m. any day. Any business where the primary thing sold is alcohol must be closed from 2:30 a.m. on Sunday till 6 a.m. on Monday. and from 2:30 a.m. till 6 a.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

#### Supermarkets and Package Houses

Supermarkets and package houses may not sell beverages of more than 6% alcohol by volume between the hours of 2 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sunday, 12 a.m. and 6 a.m. on Monday and between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Supermarkets and package houses may not sell beverages of less than 6% alcohol by volume between the hours of 12 a.m. and 6 a.m. on Monday and between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. on Tuesday through Sunday.

### Sunday Sales

In Lafayette Parish, there are laws prohibiting the sale of alcohol on Sundays. Please refer to the above section on hours of operation for details.

### Noise Regulations

Lafayette Parish does have laws governing noise created by businesses. Generally speaking, you should not create a level of noise that disturbs your neighbors. For specific requirements of the noise ordinance, you should consult an attorney.





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## ***Litter***

You should always maintain the premises by conducting daily litter pick-ups.

## ***Zoning***

Zoning laws restrict what sort of activity can or can't occur in your establishment. Please review with your manager or owner what is and is not allowed at your particular location.

## ***Leaving premises with alcohol***

In Lafayette Parish, it is legal for customers to leave the premises with open containers of alcohol.

## ***Local Licensing of Servers and Local Server Training***

In Lafayette Parish, anyone who dispenses or serves alcohol must obtain a certificate from the Sheriff's Office to do so, unless they are employed as a waiter, waitress, carhop or bus boy in a business where the main thing sold is not alcohol. Applicants for a certificate must present the sheriff's office with a certificate of health from the parish health unit. The certificate must be obtained prior to beginning of employment. The certificate is good for a period of one year and must be renewed within 30 days prior to expiration. Holders of certificates must notify the sheriff in writing of any change of employment

Lafayette Parish does not require any form of local server training.

The new state law that requires servers to attend this course also says that servers do not have to attend local server training courses if they participate in a state-approved course. By 2000, you will have to participate in state-approved courses.

## ***Other Regulations***

No business may receive a permit to serve or sell alcohol if that business is within 500 feet of a church, synagogue, playground, public library or school except for a school for business education. No business may receive a permit to sell or serve alcohol within 300 feet of a public playground. Permits may be issued when the organization operating a church, synagogue, public library, school or playground agrees in writing to waive opposition to issuance of a permit to sell or serve alcohol to a business. The waiver must be granted by a resolution of the Lafayette Parish Council.

## **Town of Broussard**

### ***Hours of Operation***

In the Town of Broussard, beverages of more than 6% alcohol content by volume may not be sold between the hours of 2 a.m. on Sunday and 6 a.m. Monday. It is also unlawful to sell beverages of more than 6% alcohol content by volume between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. Tuesday through Saturday. It is against the law to sell beverages of less than 6% alcohol content by volume between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. any day of



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the week. On New Year's Eve, alcohol may be sold between the hours of 6 p.m. and 2 a.m. of the following day, no matter what day New Year's falls.

Religious, charitable, fraternal, veterans and other private clubs, restaurants, motels, hotels and convention facilities may receive an exemption that allows them to sell and serve alcohol on Sunday between noon and midnight. Restaurants must prove that their sales are at least 50% food and provided the restaurant facilities are open and in operation during that time.

Hotels, motels and convention facilities may serve legitimate groups and guests at private functions but are prohibited from opening bars and lounges to the general public.

Religious, charitable, fraternal, veterans and other private clubs must present the town tax collector with a charter of the organization, membership roster and proof of tax exempt status to receive the exemption.

It is against the law to consume alcohol in the Town of Broussard between the hours of 2:30 a.m. Sunday and 6 a.m. on Monday and from 2:30 a.m. till 6 a.m. all other days. On New Year's Eve, alcohol may be consumed between the hours of 6 p.m. and 2 a.m. the following day.

Any business where the main thing sold is alcohol must remain closed between the hours of 2:30 a.m. on Sunday till 6 a.m. on Monday and between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. every other day of the week.

## ***Sunday Sales***

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## ***Noise Regulations***

The Town of Broussard does have laws governing noise created by businesses. Generally speaking, you should not create a level of noise that disturbs your neighbors. For specific requirements of the noise ordinance, you should consult an attorney.

## ***Litter***

You should always maintain the premises by conducting daily litter pick-ups.

## ***Zoning***

Zoning laws restrict what sort of activity can or can't occur in your establishment. Please review with your manager or owner what is and is not allowed at your particular location.

## ***Leaving premises with alcohol***

In the Town of Broussard, it is legal for people to have open containers of alcohol in public places.

## ***Local Licensing of Servers and Local Server Training***

The Town of Broussard does not require servers and managers to get local server or "ABO Cards".



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## ***Other Provisions***

It is unlawful to sell alcohol within 300 feet of any school. It is also illegal to sell alcohol within 150 feet of any church.

It is unlawful for anyone under the age of 21 from holding a retailer's license to sell alcohol.