



Responsible Alcohol Service for Rapides 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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Rapides Parish

Hours of Operation

In Rapides Parish, no alcohol may be sold between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on any day.

Sunday Sales

Malt Beverages (beer). The sale of malt beverages is permitted by package (off-premise consumption) on Sundays beginning at 12:00 noon.

Spirituos Liqueurs (liquor). The sale of liquor is prohibited from 2:00 a.m. on Sunday until 12:00 midnight on Sunday night. Exception: When New Year’s Eve falls on a Sunday, liquor may be sold beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Establishments

All bars, saloons and lounges (more than 40% alcohol sales) shall be closed from 2:00 a.m. on Sunday until 12:00 midnight on Sunday night. Exception: When New Year’s Eve falls on a Sunday, these establishments may open at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday night.

Restaurants and cafes. Bona fide restaurants and cafes that have been issued a “R” permit may sell alcohol containing not more than fifteen (15) percent alcohol by volume (beer and many wines) between the hours of 11:00 a.m. Sunday and 12:00 midnight Sunday when such beverages are served in conjunction with meals.

Noise Regulations

Rapides Parish does have laws governing noise created by businesses. Generally speaking, you should not create a level of noise that can be heard by your neighbors in their homes or businesses. 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.





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Zoning

Zoning laws restrict what sort of activity can or can't occur in your establishment. For instance, some businesses may be located in zoning districts that do not permit live entertainment. Please review with your manager or owner what is and is not allowed at your particular location.

Leaving premises with alcohol

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

Local Licensing of Servers and Local Server Training

Rapides Parish does not require servers or managers to get local server or "Bar" Cards.

Rapides 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

Dry Areas: Wards Five, Six, Ten and Eleven are "dry"--the sale of alcohol is prohibited. Ward Nine is also "dry" except that beer containing 3.2% or less alcohol by weight may be sold in accordance with all other applicable laws related to the sale and service of alcohol in the unincorporated areas of Rapides Parish.

Under 21. Persons under the age of 21 are prohibited from entering saloons, bars & lounges. Such persons are also prohibited from holding an alcohol license.

City of Alexandria

Hours of Operation

In the City of Alexandria, it is illegal for any business with a Class A, B or R license to remain open for business between the hours of 3 a.m. and 6 a.m. every day.

Sunday Sales

In the City of Alexandria, there are no laws prohibiting sale of alcohol on Sunday.

Noise Regulations

The City of Alexandria 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.



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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 City of Alexandria, it is illegal to possess or to consume alcohol on the premise of any public park, playground, recreational facility or public building owned by the City of Alexandria; except for authorized functions at the municipal center.

Local Licensing of Servers and Local Server Training

The City of Alexandria anyone who works for a business with a Class A or Class R license as a bartender, barmaid, waiter, waitress, exotic dancer, disc jockey, doorman or bouncer to receive a Classified Employee Alcoholic Beverage Permit from the Alcohol Beverage Control Commission. The cost of the permit is \$15. Waiters and waitresses whose primary job is to sell and serve food along with alcohol may receive a permit for \$10. Retail clerks who work for a business that holds a Class B license must also obtain an Employee Alcoholic Beverage Permit from the Alcohol Beverage Control Commission for a fee of \$10. All permits are valid for the calendar year beginning on January 1 through December 31.

The City of Alexandria does not require any form of local server training.

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Other Regulations

In the City of Alexandria, every business that holds a Class A On-premise consumption alcohol license must post a sign that says, "Warning: Drinking alcoholic beverages during pregnancy can cause severe physical or mental birth defects." The sign is available from the City Clerk's Office.

In the City of Alexandria, you must be 21 years old to enter a business where the main thing sold is alcohol unless that person is with a parent or legal guardian or if that person is employed by the business.

In the City of Alexandria, it is illegal for anyone under the age of 21 to publicly possess alcoholic beverages. The City of Alexandria does not recognize exceptions for possess by people under 21 that are in state law.

Town of Ball

The Town of Ball is dry.

Town of Forest Hill

The Town of Forest Hill is dry.



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City of Pineville

The City of Pineville is dry.