

WAC 314-02-082 What is a beer and wine theater license? (1) A

beer and wine theater is a place of business where motion pictures or other primarily nonparticipatory entertainment or events are shown. The holder of a beer and wine theater license is allowed to sell beer, strong beer, and wine, at retail, for consumption on the licensed premises.

(2) The requirements for the beer and wine theater license are as follows:

(a) The theater has no more than four screens.

(b) All servers of beer and wine are required to attend a mandatory alcohol server training (MAST) program.

(c) The serving size for wine is five ounces. The serving size for beer is twelve ounces.

(d) If the theater premises will be frequented by minors, an alcohol control plan agreement must be signed and submitted to the board during the application process.

(3) The alcohol control plan agreement will be provided on a form by the board and includes the following requirements:

(a) To ensure that alcoholic beverages are not sold to persons under the age of twenty-one, staff will request identification from any patron who appears to be age thirty or under and who is attempting to purchase an alcoholic beverage.

(b) Alcoholic beverages must be served in containers that differ significantly from containers utilized for nonalcoholic beverages.

(c) All alcoholic beverages sold under this license must be sold by the individual drink.

(d) If staff observes a patron who is in the possession of or who is consuming an alcoholic beverage who appears to be of questionable age, staff will request identification from that patron. If the patron is unable to produce an acceptable form of identification verifying their age the alcohol will be confiscated.

(e) Staff will accept only those forms of identification that are acceptable per WAC 314-11-025 to verify a person's age for the purpose of selling, serving, or allowing a person to possess or consume alcohol.

(f) All employees involved in the sale, service and/or supervision of alcoholic beverages will be required to attend MAST to obtain the appropriate permit for their level of service.

(g) Sufficient lighting must be maintained at the point of sale so that identification can be confirmed and patrons observed for signs of intoxication.

(h) To ensure alcoholic beverages are served in a safe, responsible, and controlled manner, sales and service of alcoholic beverages will be limited to one serving per person per transaction.

(i) If a patron is accompanied by another patron who wants to pay for both people's drinks, they may do so, provided that both patrons are of legal age to purchase, and have proper identification, if requested, and are not displaying signs of intoxication.

(j) Alcohol may only be sold, served, and consumed in areas designated in the alcohol control plan agreement and approved by the board.

(k) Staff will refuse to sell an alcoholic beverage to any person who appears to be intoxicated. Alcoholic beverages will be removed from any person who appears to be intoxicated.

(l) This alcohol control plan agreement will be prominently posted on the licensed premises.

(4) Penalties are doubled for a violation involving minors or the failure to follow the signed alcohol control plan agreement.

(5) If a theater premises has a restaurant located outside of the actual theater screening areas, beer and wine may be served and consumed in the restaurant area.

(a) Beer may be sold by the pitcher as well as by individual serving for consumption in the restaurant area.

(b) Wine may be sold by the bottle as well as by the individual serving for consumption in the restaurant area.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 66.24.650 and 66.24.655. WSR 14-03-077, § 314-02-082, filed 1/15/14, effective 2/15/14.]