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## **Special Use Permit – Hotel/Motel Lobby**

*The Alcohol Control Regulations, 2016* (Regulations) have been amended to allow a special use permit to be issued to a commercial establishment whose primary business is providing temporary lodging facilities to the public. Dwellings that are used for rental purposes (e.g. Airbnbs) are not eligible for permitting.

The policy is attached as an appendix to this bulletin.

For further information about Special Use Permit- Hotel and Motel Lobby, contact SLGA Licensing Services at 1-800-787- 5563 or [ll@slga.gov.sk.ca](mailto:ll@slga.gov.sk.ca).

## Appendix – Hotel and Motel Lobby Policy

### a) Eligibility

- i) A hotel or motel lobby permit may be issued to a commercial establishment whose primary business is providing temporary lodging facilities to the public. Dwellings that are used for rental purposes (e.g. Airbnbs) are not eligible for permitting.
- ii) A lobby means a common area inside a hotel or motel, close to the entrance, which may include an area where the guests are checked-in and an area where the registered guests and their visitors may sit and relax.

### b) Additional Facility Standards

- i) The layout of the lobby is not to resemble a tavern. There should be no sale or service of beverage alcohol to persons seated at a bar.
- ii) Beverage alcohol is not to be on prominent display in the area behind the reception counter. Beverage alcohol must be kept in a separate room or in compartments where it is not readily visible to or easily accessible by guests or members of the public.
- iii) There is to be signage placed at the boundaries of the lobby advising patrons that alcohol is not to be removed from the permitted area.

### c) Operating Requirements

- i) Beverage alcohol may only be provided to registered guests (including registered guests that checked out on the same day) of the hotel or motel and to visitors accompanied by a registered guest.
- ii) The hotel or motel is to maintain a guest register which shows the name of the guests and the start and end date of their booking with the establishment. There is no requirement to keep a register of the visitors of registered guests.
- iii) Beverage alcohol may be served to patrons from the reception counter or at their seating in the lobby. Beverage alcohol must be opened by staff prior to serving.
- iv) The lobby is to be monitored at all times by the permittee when beverage alcohol is provided in the permitted area.
- v) All-inclusive packages that include an overnight stay in a hotel or motel are not required to specify a limit on the servings of beverage alcohol. However, minimum pricing requirements must still be met, and Liquor Consumption Tax must be paid on each drink served. For more information about minimum pricing requirements, see Chapter X, Section 12 of SLGA's Commercial Permittee Manual.
- vi) Open containers of beverage alcohol may not be taken out of the permitted lobby to non-permitted areas of the establishments (e.g. elevators, hallways, etc).

vii) The permittee may allow patrons to take open containers of beverage alcohol from a permitted premises (such as a restaurant, tavern, or spa) within the same building to the permitted lobby for consumption, provided it does not require passing through a non-permitted area.

viii) Patrons may take recorked containers of beverage alcohol from the lobby to a guest room. The patron must take a direct path to the guest room. The beverage alcohol may not be opened or consumed on the way to the guest room.

d) Food Requirements

i) Hotel lobby and motel lobby permittees shall maintain a supply of pre-packaged snacks (such as chips, nuts, cheese and crackers, etc.) and non-alcoholic beverages for sale or provision to customers for consumption in the premises.

e) Room Service and Mini-bar Endorsements

i) An applicant for a hotel lobby or motel lobby permit may apply for a room service or mini-bar endorsement for the same hotel or motel premises on which they operate. For more information about endorsements, see Chapter IX of SLGA's Commercial Permittee Manual.